

**Meeting September 21, 2015**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer led Council in the Lord’s Prayer. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer said that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:**

Mark Brokebeck, Mount Pleasant Soccer League, spoke to Council regarding the issue with the railroad crossing near the soccer field at Willow Park and the issue of the fence that the Railroad has put up. President Bauer said that the County has said that they feel a parking area behind the Third Ward Fire Station is a better option than a railroad crossing. Councilwoman Bailey said that a contractor has told her that there is no feasible area big enough to accommodate the number of vehicles the Soccer League would require. The parking area would have to hold 80 to 100 vehicles and the best place would hold 50 cars at the most. There are also gas, water and sewer lines running through that piece of property. It would require a natural retaining area, guide rail and major excavation. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the best possible solution to the parking issues during soccer games. Manager Landy said that if the Soccer League signs the agreement with the Railroad the parking issue at Willow Park would be solved. Mr. Brokebeck asked Council to make sure that the Railroad is willing to allow the Soccer League to sign the agreement for the railroad crossing. Mayor Lucia suggested another meeting which would include representatives from Council, Westmoreland County, the Railroad and the Soccer League.

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of August 2015:

Mount Pleasant Borough Police Report for the Month of August 2015

The Department answered the following calls:

Complaints	108
Drug Arrests	5
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	56
Parking Tickets Issued (Prkng Auth)	39
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations Issued	31
Assist Other Departments	3
Accidents Investigated	6
Assist Medic 10	7
Income	
Parking Tickets	\$ 351.00
Meter Receipts	\$ 1,802.80
Fees for Police Reports	\$ 60.00
Clerk of Court	\$ 95.17
District Court	\$ 786.08
Total Income	\$ 3,095.05

Police Chief Doug Sam spoke to Council about an issue with house numbers. Patrolmen are unable to find the location of police calls. President Bauer suggested GPS in the patrol cars.

Police Chief Sam said that would require a monthly fee. Councilman Pritts suggested supplying police vehicles with cell phones equipped with GPS. Mayor Lucia said that the ordinance requires properties to display house numbers 3 inches high, visible from the street.

Police Chief Sam reported that the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department is one of the first three municipalities to be certified in the NARCAN program recommended by the District Attorney. District Justice Roger Eckels funded the training of Borough Police Officers.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2015:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Aug-15</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Previous</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2015</b>
		<b>Balance</b>			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	142,126.94	141,004.94	51,122.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	873,038.24	43,302.36	59,573.72	856,766.88
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	566,618.97	48.07	750.00	565,917.04
**Police		30,683.60			
**Streets		110,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		204,881.05			
**Infrastructure		96,588.62			
**BOMP1 Gas Well		11,498.30			
**BOMP2 Gas Well		4,668.35			
**Frick Park Gas Well		28,783.09			
**Levins		970.06			
**Surveillance Cameras		160.00			
**Early Warning Siren Grant		1,300.00			
**Fire		50,000.00			
**K-9		12,772.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13		14,265.02			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	6,102.43	2,153.80	0.00	8,256.23
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	2,203.70	0.00	0.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	88,917.88	1.96	9,280.47	79,639.37
Monument CD	Standard Bank 328188	6,747.79	0.00	0.00	6,747.79
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,804.17	0.08	0.00	1,804.25
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	661.22	50,378.52	50,378.52	661.22
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	6,981.94	0.00	199.98	6,781.96
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.08	0.03	0.00	614.11
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,581,761.76</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	148,421.95	39,027.03	135,966.21	51,482.77
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	159,171.78	1,013.61	0.00	160,185.39
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,885.48	0.25	0.00	5,885.73
Medic 10 Community Trust	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,001.33	0.00	0.00	4,001.33
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>221,555.22</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	389,004.53	55,029.63	59,986.72	384,047.44
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	119,779.53	1,514.43	0.00	121,293.96
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	40,858.87	3.47	0.00	40,862.34
**Contingency		33,389.05			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	51,123.53	1,091.96	6,915.25	45,300.24
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>591,503.98</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,394,820.96</b>
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski					
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak					

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**President's Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hire Mr. Ralph Hribal as Mount Pleasant Borough Zoning Officer to begin October 12, 2015. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried with 7 yes votes and Councilman Wagner abstaining.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that the PSAB Fall Conference is coming up and he would like Council to let him know who wants to attend. The conference will be held at Seven Springs this year.

Borough Manager Landy said that Honeywell is reviewing their energy audit of borough facilities. Right now the savings would not be enough to justify a loan for the program. Mr. Landy said that when Honeywell completes the review he will bring it to Council and if they choose not to move ahead Honeywell will let us out of the agreement.

Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia met with Armstrong regarding new FCC regulations. Right now Armstrong offers some services to the Borough at no cost and the new regulations do not allow them to continue to offer these services at no cost. The franchise agreement allows for a discount to the Borough and in the future we may be able to negotiate to offset the costs.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to sign the new Armstrong Franchise Fee Agreement eliminating free services to the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried with 7 yes votes and Councilman Pritts abstaining because he is employed by Armstrong.

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Borough Manager Landy said that Chris Drum from the Mount Pleasant Area YMCA has requested permission to use the basketball court for dance classes twice a year. Ms. Drum has provided a certificate of insurance and stated that she will give the Borough plenty of notice before holding the class.

Mr. Landy said that county land bank officials have spoken to three potential buyers for the R & R Restaurant location. The property should be sold relatively soon. County officials are making a stipulation of the sale that the property is not to be torn down.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Borough Manager Landy reported that he and WWT Superintendent Larry Hague along with borough engineers met with East Huntingdon officials. The DEP has stated that Mount Pleasant WWT Plant must eliminate the overflow from the plant. East Huntingdon has agreed to accept overflow from the Mount Pleasant WWT Plant into their system on a trial basis. They have asked the Borough to draft an agreement. As part of the agreement East Huntingdon officials have stated that they will not absorb any fines from the DEP because of this overflow. Mr. Landy said that the Borough will absorb the cost of tying into their system.

**Veterans Park Report:** None

**Streets Report:** None

**Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:** None

**Parks & Recreation:**

Councilman Wojnar said that he was told by a contractor that it would not be feasible to use the volleyball court fencing at Jack Bobb's Park. Councilman Wojnar said that he received a quote of \$15,000 to put a fence up at Jack Bobb's Park.

Councilman Wojnar said that he will be coordinating a Student Council visit to the Municipal Building. Any Council person who wants to participate is welcome.

Councilman Pritts brought up the subject of the signs at Frick Park that say “Before you complain, have you volunteered?” Councilman Pritts said that he would like to see the name of the organization that put them up on the signs, so that residents don’t think the Borough did it. Council agreed that the name of the organization should be on the sign or they should be taken down.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reminded council members that it is time to start thinking about the 2016 Budget. There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on October 6th at 2pm to go over the health care options for borough employees.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that the 2015 Christmas ornaments will be available at the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival this weekend. Councilwoman Ruszkowski thanked everyone who got back to her about volunteering at the Glass & Ethnic Festival.

**Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said he would like to see the trees along the wall at Frick Park trimmed so that there is better visibility. He would also like someone to replace the light under the pavilion at Frick Park that is not working. Councilman Pritts asked Borough Manager Landy to get a quote on replacing the light with something more secure.

Councilman Pritts thanked the Mount Pleasant VFD for traffic control at the recent 5K Run in the Borough.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Caruso said that trash and recycling pickups this week were much better and hopefully Republic Services has solved its problem with personnel.

**New Business:**

Councilman Wagner asked Borough Manager Landy for an update on payment from Mount Pleasant Township for the bio-tower replacement. Borough Manager Landy said there has not been a payment yet and our Engineers met with the Township and their Engineers on Friday to relay to them that the Borough is getting impatient to have this resolved.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- New Hope Community Church, Bridgeport PA will be holding a prayer time on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in their pavilion and they are inviting everyone to attend.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm**

**Executive Session 8:50pm to 9:22pm.**

### **Motions from September 21, 2015 Meeting**

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