

Meeting April 18, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:04pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Crivella, McCloy, Pritts, Tabita, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and the Solicitor was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 4, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Peter Marshala 328 W Main Street addressed Council regarding a problem he is having with the property next door to his house. Mr. Marshala said that he has complained numerous times and nothing has been done. There is debris in the yard as well as an uprooted tree that Mr. Marshala believes is dangerous. Mayor Lucia said that he informed the neighbor that he must remove the tree immediately. Mayor Lucia and President Bauer said that they will follow up with Officer Grippo and will have our Code Enforcement Officer look at the property.

Speakers:

Ann Lail, Penn State Cooperative Extension spoke to Council about a public health policy initiative entitled Young Lungs at Play. It is a program designed to help community leaders develop a policy, ordinance or resolution that prohibits the use of tobacco in playgrounds, recreation and athletic fields or where children play. The program will provide signs if the Borough adopts a resolution. Ms. Lail informed Council of the dangers of smoking and of second hand smoke and the products targeting young people.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that the Borough sustained approximately \$150,000 worth of damage from the storm this weekend. The roof at a WWT building was blown off and a lot of homes lost siding and portions of their roofs.

Mayor Lucia said that there is a problem in the Borough with trees that are so tall that they have the potential to cause serious damage or injury.

Mayor Lucia said that he is in favor of adopting an ordinance banning tobacco in borough parks. A discussion ensued regarding an ordinance and the ability to enforce it.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2011:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Mar-11			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2011
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	363,890.16	363,890.16	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	575,448.52	138,888.20	168,291.43	546,045.29
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,111.12	13.40	0.00	63,124.52
**Fire	30,000.00				
**Police	0.00				
**Streets	10,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	23,124.52				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	230,963.64	105,108.17	0.00	336,071.81
**Police	50,000.00				
**Streets	70,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	89,116.16				
**Infrastructure	50,000.00				

**BOMP1 Recreation Fund		7,000.00			
**Frick Park Recreation Fund		9,964.00			
**Levins		10,000.00			
**Surveillance Cameras		9,000.00			
**Fire		5,000.00			
**Infrastructure		30,000.00			
**K-9		5,991.65			
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	31,321.89	0.84	4,785.24	26,537.49
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.19	0.07	0.00	1,800.26
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,081.95	77,881.86	77,808.10	1,155.71
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	5,542.40	170.00	0.00	5,712.40
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,256.93	0.31	0.00	11,257.24
	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.73	0.02	0.00	612.75
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	46,598.44	21,691.61	33,669.58	34,620.47
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	83,680.06	35.55		83,715.61
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	948.00	0.00	0.00	948.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	63,066.66	0.00	1,068.88	61,997.78
Total General Fund Balance					1,230,189.06
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	327,320.42	30,204.40	105,162.80	252,362.02
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	38,000.80	3,025.47	0.00	41,026.27
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	128,708.31	50,059.46	0.00	178,767.77
**Contingency		128,767.77			
**Infrastructure		50,000.00			
Total WWT Balance					472,156.06
Total Borough funds					1,702,345.12

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay \$20 each for Council Member to attend the Westmoreland County Borough Association 2011 Annual Banquet. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer said there will be Grant and Resource Seminar on Tuesday April 26, 2011 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Community Center Building at the Penn State Fayette Campus. There will be representatives there from state and county governments. President Bauer said Borough Manager Landy will attend this seminar.

President Bauer said that Lynn Huggins, Food Services Director for Southmoreland School approached him to see if the Borough would be interested in participating in a "Meals in the Parks" program this summer. In this program children 18 and under can receive free food. The program would be held at Frick Park, would run from June 28, 2011 thru July 29, 2011 and there would be no cost to the Borough.

President Bauer said that our Solicitor said that legally the Borough cannot let the Ministerium use the Gazebo for the National Day of Prayer, but that they can still use the Freedom of Speech Area and it may be possible for them to use the terrace area at Frick Park. A discussion ensued regarding the use of Freedom of Speech Area. Any group is allowed to use the Freedom of Speech Area after obtaining a permit, or have a gathering at any park in the Borough without a permit. The Ministerium would like to use Frick Park on May 5th beginning at 7:00pm to commemorate the National Day of Prayer.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:55pm to 8:40pm.

President Bauer said the Executive Session was to discuss legal issues.

Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy said that the roof that was damaged at the WWT Plant is covered under the Borough's insurance and they gave the go-ahead to get a dumpster for the debris and quotes to replace the roof.
- Mr. Landy said that he and Councilman Beranek attended the PSAB Annual Conference in Hershey. The value of rain gardens, which Mount Pleasant Borough has already implemented, was discussed. Mr. Landy said he brought back information on poles to display decorative signs. Mr. Landy said that there are new statutes for lettering on signs. Signs are supposed to comply with the new statutes by 2014.
- Mr. Landy said that Medic 10's checking account is solvent and we should be able to pay all Medic 10 bills out of that account.
- The schedule for Concerts In The Park is complete and Council will get a copy at the next meeting.
- Council has been provided with a report on 2010 gas well revenues.
- Kriebel Resources would like the Borough to find a non-profit organization to clean up the bricks etc at the Bridgeport Street gas well property and Kriebel will pay them a donation.

Borough Manager Landy reported that he received a sample Shade Tree Ordinance that regulates the height and maintenance of trees. Mr. Landy said that the Borough already has an Airport Ordinance that regulates the height of trees in the approximate area from Frick Hospital to CVS.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that T.P. Electric was awarded the bid for the pump system at the WWT Plant. They submitted the lowest bid at \$38,000. Work on the pump system should begin soon.

Street Report:

Councilman Tate reported that the Borough was awarded a grant to purchase a wood chipper and he will start looking at CoStars, the state contract, to see if any are available through them.

Mr. Landy said the young people from The Church of God are going to be available to do work in the Borough again this year. Mr. Landy said he will get a list from Mario Fontanazza of what the Street Department needs help with this summer.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to add the following volunteers to the Medic 10 roster: Adriana Leeper and Beth Webber. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 8-0.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Borough Manager Landy asked how Council they would like to proceed with appointing a police officer to enforce ordinances in the Borough.

Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that The Frick Communities was denied funding again. The Frick communities may be able to do one marketing campaign with funds from the three communities.

Veterans Park Report:

The Veterans Park Video Wall will entail three scopes of work. It's Enclosures will supply the monitor and the housing for the monitor. The software is supplied by Industry Weapon. The third part of the project will be the Congressman Murtha video. After that we can begin adding veteran's names and pictures.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to authorize payment of \$4,000 to It's Enclosures for engineering for Veterans Park Video Wall. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to authorize Veterans Park Committee to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$12,300 to Industry Weapon for software for Veterans Park Video Wall. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to authorize McCormick Taylor Engineers to prepare bid specs and site requirements for Veterans Park Video Wall. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Councilman Crivella said a meeting is being scheduled with the borough engineers to look at how the contractor is putting in some of the equipment at Jack Bobb's Park.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to accept the proposal from the Regional Family YMCA of Laurel Highlands for a Summer Recreation Program for ages 6-12 years, June 6, 2011 to July 29, 2011 from 10:am to 12:00pm at a cost of \$2,000. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to suspend the rules for the purpose of making a motion for a summer food program at Frick Park from June 28, 2011 to July 29, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

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Councilman Crivella said the Soccer League would like to purchase a piece of equipment that would mow both the soccer field and the Little League field at Willows Park for a cost of \$4,749.00 and they would like to know if the Borough would contribute money for the purchase. President Bauer said that they should apply for a Recreation Grant from the Borough.

President Bauer said he has been getting complaints about Satcho's Park. It has been neglected for a few years and needs to have some of the equipment replaced.

Finance Report: None

Property Report:

A motion as made by Councilman Pritts to allow the Mount Pleasant Knights of Columbus to use Borough streets for a 5K Race on August 20, 2011 between 8am and 11am. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to purchase council chairs. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to purchase 12 chairs from Office Max for council Chambers at a cost of \$149 each. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Pritts said he received two quotes for the surveillance cameras on Main Street and his committee will review them and make a decision.

Plans for the Welcome to Mount Pleasant signs were discussed along with asking looking for volunteers to help with the project.

Mayor Lucia said he received a request from the Girl's Softball League to set fireworks off on the 21st. After some discussion Council agreed to deny the request.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said she has made contact with all parties regarding recycling in the parks and the recycling receptacles should be in place by the next council meeting.

New business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A letter from the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival asking for permission to use Frick Park on for the annual Mt. Pleasant Cruise Night on August 19th beginning at 6pm. They would need to use the park August 18th through August 10th and the rain date would be August 25th through August 27th.
- The 2011 West Penn Power Smart Growth Partnership Annual Awards Dinner will be May 26, 2011.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm

Motions from April 18, 2011 Meeting

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