

**Meeting October 4, 2010**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:02pm 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 Councilwoman Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. 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 September 20, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of September 2010:

Report of the Mt. Pleasant Police Dept for the month of September 2010

The Department answered 376 calls during the month as follows

Complaints	97
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	5
Accidents investigated	13
Calls Returned	20
Assist Medic 10	4

The Department made 68 arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	61
Crimes Code	7
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	39
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	25
Void / Excused	3

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	35	\$	140.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	5.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	10.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	15.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	13	\$	130.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$2,324.47
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$1,399.63
Return from Report Fees	\$ 165.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ 30.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -
Total	\$4,191.10

1 Meter Collection	\$1,693.11
Total Receipts for the month	\$5,884.21

Mayor Lucia said that it is National Fire Prevention Week this week and reminded borough citizens to do what they can to prevent fires and to check the batteries in their smoke detectors. Families should go over an escape plan in case of a fire.

Mayor Lucia thanked residents of the Borough for their support of the Glass and Ethnic Festival and for their patience over the weekend. Borough Manager Landy and the Festival Committee did another great job this year.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to close Main Street on October 27, 2010 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for the 2010 Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 7-0.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor Wolfe reported that his firm presented Council with a draft to amend the Sign Ordinance and is working on an amendment to the Flood Plain Ordinance as well as litigation matters that he will discuss with Council in an executive session this evening.

**Tax Collectors Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following tax report for the month of September 2010:

Property Taxes	\$2,274.62
Supplemental	\$ 27.96
Per Capita	\$2,381.40
Total	\$4,683.98

**President’s Report:**

President Bauer said that the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be in Gettysburg on October 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. President Bauer suggested sending Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy to the conference. Council agreed.

President Bauer said he is going to talk with other boroughs about how they handle their Junior Council Person program.

President Bauer said that he understands that the Borough may not be able to afford a full comprehensive plan at this time, but should look into doing a corridor plan. President Bauer said he would like the Community & Economic Development/Grant Committee to look over the proposal from McCormick Taylor Engineers.

President Bauer said that there was an issue with parking in front of McCali Manor over the weekend. Cars and trucks were parked right up to the intersection of Main Street and Diamond Street making it difficult for cars to turn and restricting the flow of traffic. President Bauer suggested eliminating the last parking space or allowing only compact vehicles to use it.

President Bauer said that Council received a letter from a citizen about not being allowed to get a Yard Sale Permit during the Glass and Ethnic Festival. President Bauer said that some residents of the Borough were inconvenienced, but the festival brings a lot of visitors to the Borough and he received a lot of positive feedback from visitors. The ordinance restricting yard sales during special events was enacted for safety reasons because of so many people visiting the Borough and parking issues.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

**Executive Session 7:18pm to 7:35pm.**

President Bauer said the executive session was to discuss personnel and property.

President Bauer said that there is a street in the Borough that needs to be named because townhouses have been constructed and are in need of mailing addresses.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Mr. Landy asked Council to look closely at the current Profit and Loss Budget Vs. Actual report to see if there are any line items over budget for 2010 and to make suggestions for the 2011 budget.
- Mr. Landy presented Council with a preliminary 2011 budget.
- Bomp2 Gas Well at the Bridgeport Street Property is up and running and the report from Kriebel Resources is saying that this is a gas well that was done without fracking. The depth of the well is 3,970 feet. A fence will be erected around the well. Revenues from the well will be determined when we reach the end of the first quarter of 2011.
- Ed Howley from B.I.U. said he is sending out violations for property maintenance violations.
- FEMA has confirmed that the Borough will receive \$37,799.00 from the winter storm application. We applied for approximately \$46,000.
- A meeting should be scheduled soon between the Borough Street Department, WWT, Medic 10 and the Police to come up with a plan in case we have another bad winter.
- The Intern from California State University is currently updating the web site and she will be updating the Landlord Registration spread sheet.
- Congressman Critz attended the Glass & Ethnic Festival and asked Mr. Landy to send him a letter requesting a meeting to discuss projects the Borough would like to do in the next couple of years.
- Architect Jim Gayton looked at the site on Route 31 for the planned Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign and will have a drawing for Council to look at.
- Westmoreland County has a web site up and running featuring properties for sale and rent in the Borough. Go to the Westmoreland County web site and type in keyword “downtown” and click on the map of Mount Pleasant.
- Westmoreland Transit has indicated that our community local share assessment for 2011 is \$1,230.
- Relay For Life is working on its program for 2011. The kick off party will be at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Camp.
- St. Pius and Visitation Churches are asking us to look at our Concert In The Park Schedule for 2011 to avoid conflicts with their church festivals.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made to open bids for two (2) new electrical pump control panels. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer opened the only bid from Schultheis Electric in Latrobe, PA in the amount of \$26,740. President Bauer turned the bid over to the Waste Water Treatment Committee for review.

**Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Tate read the following Fire Report for the month of September 2010:

Total Calls	46
In Town	7
Out of Town	39
In Town 10-45’s	13
AFA’s	5

Turnpike Calls	5
Fires	16
Stand By's	2
Ambulance Assist	1
Public Service	4
Total Men	617
Total Calls	46
Average Men per Call	13
Total Men Hours	347

Councilman Tate read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of September 2010:

Total Calls for the Month	140
Medical	110
MVA	12
Fire	7
Transfer	0
Standby	11
In Town	64
Out of Town	76
Members per Call	2.6

Mayor Lucia asked Councilman Tate to have the Street Department make sure that there is a yellow curb painted to 15 feet from a corner on the Borough streets. Drivers are parking their vehicles too close to the intersection. Even the ones that are painted have faded. Councilman Tate said he would like to see the Borough paint parking spots when the funds are available.

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Residential Rental Property Ordinance 626 that adds a fee for the initial inspection of residential rental property. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise an amendment to the Sign Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Tate voting no.

Councilman McCloy asked Solicitor Wolfe to finish work on the Flood Plain Ordinance so that he can file it with the DCED. Solicitor Wolfe said he will check to see where his firm is with that ordinance.

**Streets Report:**

Councilman Tate said that he received information on a seminar about managing winter road and street operations. Councilman Tate said he will meet with Borough Manager Landy and Street Supervisor Fontanazza to see which members of the Street Department and Administration can attend.

**Parks & Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to hold a "Night at the Races" fund raiser on March 2, 2011 to raise money for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks and band. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said that there is money from the Frick Park Gas Well revenue to be spent on Frick Park for lights or to update the equipment.

**Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Tate said that a Veterans Park Committee meeting was held before the Glass Festival and they discussed some sort of recognition in the park for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of 9/11. There will be another meeting of the Veterans Park Committee on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

### **Finance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize Borough Manager Landy to sign the 2010-2011 Local Share Assessment Agreement with Westmoreland Transit in the amount of \$1,230. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said that there are problems with the roof at the Street Department facility that will require a temporary fix.

President Bauer said he would like to meet with Councilman Pritts to discuss possible updates to the electric in the municipal building. Borough Manager Landy said that replacement of the carpeting in the common areas on the second floor was budgeted for 2010 and should be done before the end of the year.

### **Sanitation and Recycling Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said she thought the reception and tour of Allied Waste that she attended was very informative. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she was unaware of how involved the process is and how many regulations are in place.

Councilman McCloy said that since we are a community adopted by Westmoreland Cleanways we are supposed to have a community clean up day once a year. Councilman McCloy said it may be a good idea to involve residents as well as the Senior High School students and organize something for the spring. Councilwoman Stevenson said she will read the literature and look into the possibility.

### **Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilman Tabita said that the Mount Pleasant videos were very well received and were sold out at the booth at the Glass and Ethnic Festival.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for a motion to purchase more Mount Pleasant videos. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to purchase 100 more Mount Pleasant videos. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Tabita said he is working on the 30-second advertisement video that will be made available to businesses. Councilman Tabita said that the video was made using borough tax revenue and he feels that Mount Pleasant businesses should have priority.

Councilman Tabita said he attended a Frick Communities meeting. Councilman Tabita said that with Council's permission he will inform the Frick Communities that we will be making a commitment in 2011. There may be only two communities involved. The next Frick Communities meeting will be Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Tabita said that he will present a Facebook template at the next meeting. Councilman Tabita said that he feels it will be an asset to the community and will require very little involvement of borough administration.

Councilman Tabita said he is interested in purchasing an app for the i-phone, Droid and other devices that would direct users to Mount Pleasant services and businesses. The cost of the app would be approximately \$595 initially and \$10 per month after that. Councilman Tabita said he will look at getting local businesses to donate the initial \$595 so that the Borough would only have to pay the \$10 per month.

Councilman Tabita talked to Council about organizing community block parties at the borough parks. If a group of people wanted to reserve one of our parks they could organize a block party. Councilman Tabita said it may be worth it for the Borough to invest some money for larger grills to rent. Mayor Lucia said that work needs to be done at Willows Park soon if we will be having more activities there. Councilman Tabita said that there will be money from the gas wells to be used for that purpose. President Bauer suggested organizing a community yard sale.

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that on Saturday October 16, 2010 from 8:00am to 12:00 noon the Historical Society will be having a pancake breakfast at the Log House on Washington Street. The cost for a ticket is \$6.00 for an adult, \$3.00 for children 12 and under, and they can be purchased at locations around town.

Councilwoman Stevenson thanks the Glass and Ethnic Festival Committee on behalf of the Historical Society and the Cat Committee for the opportunity to participate in the festival this year. Both organizations got a lot of traffic and a lot of positive feedback.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she and another member of the Mount Pleasant Library Board attended a meeting with one of the trustees who administer the Library trust funds.

Councilman Tate said that the Assunta Club in Mount Pleasant will donate \$200 to the K-9 Fund.

President Bauer reported that the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and on September 1, 2010 the Mount Pleasant VFW celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce is having their annual banquet on October 9, 2010.
- St. Pius and Visitation Churches submitted the dates of their 2011 festivals.
- The American Cancer Society will hold its 2011 Kick Off Party at Laurelville Mennonite Church Camp on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 7-0.

**Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.**

### **Motions from October 4, 2010 Meeting**

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