

Meeting September 4, 2012

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 led by Cub Scout Pack #135 and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops and borough residents we have lost in the last couple of weeks. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilman McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Erin Conlin, Tucker Arensberg 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 August 20, 2012 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Speaker:

Mr. Don Cedar, Cub Scout Pack #135 told Council that members of Cub Scout Pack #135 will perform litter cleanup detail at Veterans Park before the 9/11 Tribute and once a month during the year. President Bauer thanked the Cub Scouts for their service.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of August 2012:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of August 2012

Complaints	89
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	5
Accidents investigated	8
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	10
Assist Mutual Aid	

The Department made 26 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	17
Crimes Code	9
Borough Ordinance	
Warning Issued	

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$1.00 Meter Ticket			
\$4.00 Meter Tickets			
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	5		
Void / Excused	1		
\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
		\$	
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	3	30.00	
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-

	\$
Return from Magistrate Eckels	577.27
	\$
Return from Clerk of Courts	331.04
Return from Report Fees	\$

	105.00
	\$
Return from Parking Permits	75.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -
	\$
Return from Fence Permits	98.00
	\$
Total	1,216.31
1 meter collection / July 2012	n/a
	\$
Total Receipts for the month	1,216.31
	\$
Meter collection / July 2012	1,024.05

Mayor Lucia reminded residents that the 9/11 Tribute will be at Veterans Park on September 11th beginning at 6:30pm.

Mayor Lucia said that September is a busy month in the Borough with a lot of visitors coming into town. He encouraged property owners to clean up their yards and sidewalks so that Mount Pleasant is well represented.

Solicitor's Report:

Attorney Conlin said that the Borough is still waiting to hear the determination from the Judge in regards to the landlord lawsuit.

Tax Collector Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Tax Collector Report for the month of August 2012:

Property Taxes:	\$3,263.20
Supplemental:	\$ 195.61
Per Capita:	\$2,249.10
Total:	\$5,707.91

President's Report:

President Bauer spoke about the program for the Borough's 9/11 Tribute. Lt. John Rock will be the main speaker. Lt. Rock is the former Commander for the Somerset State Police Barracks and was one of the first responders at the crash of Flight 93. President Bauer asked everyone to attend. Mount Pleasant continues to have the best local attendance at their 9/11 Tribute.

President Bauer said he is talking with a company who builds storage sheds about putting some on the Bridgeport Street property for the Borough to operate. The plan is to have manufacturing on the site, but these could be affordable storage sheds for borough residents.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session 7:20pm to 7:50pm

President Bauer reported that the Executive Session was to discuss personnel.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked committee chairman and department supervisors to look at the current Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report to see how the year is progressing since we are

into the third quarter. A lot of the numbers from this report will be used to project the 2013 Budget.

Mr. Landy said that the CDBG Grant application is due by October 26, 2012. President Bauer said he would suggest requesting funding for the parklet at 100 W. Main Street.

Mr. Landy said that it is time to look at producing a new map with updated information. The map is funded by ads on the map. Mr. Landy said that he would work with Councilwoman Stevenson on this project.

Borough Manager Landy said that he has been working with Christine Barnhart on the Gingerbread Contest for the holiday season. There has been very good reception from businesses. The information for entering the competition is on the borough web-site.

Borough Manager Landy reported that due to property reassessments the Borough will see approximately \$4,000 less property tax revenue in 2013. Combined with rising costs, this decrease in revenue will affect how we balance the budget.

Borough Manager Landy said he would like to see banners of borough events in the middle of the sign at the old PNC drive-thru until Council decides what to do permanently. Mayor Lucia said that there is no better way to inform residents of borough news than with an electronic sign.

Borough Manager Landy informed Council that the 2013 Pension MMO will be \$52,560.00. The Borough receives State Aid to cover most of this cost.

Mr. Landy said that this year will be the 26th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival. The Glass Festival has done a lot for community and all of the donations and programs can be viewed on the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival web-site. This year the Glass Festival will feature a Beatle Tribute Band, an Eagles Tribute Band and a lot of fun things for families to enjoy. This year the festival will be held on September 28, 29 and 30.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Streets Report:

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Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to approve Mount Pleasant EMS hiring the following: Bryan Fitch, New Kensington PA and Julie Deramo, Irwin PA. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to suspend the rules for the purpose of hiring a part-time policeman for the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

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Councilman McCloy read the following Fire Report for the month of August 2012:

Total Calls	55
In Town	10
Out of Town	45
10-45's	22
10-45's W/Entrapment	2
Fires	11
AFA's	17
Public Service	5
Standby's	2
Turnpike	1
Total Men Answering	782
Avg. Member Per Call	14
Total Man Hours	854

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he attended meetings with the Mount Pleasant Police Department regarding the contract. There are further meetings scheduled.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Veterans Park Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman McFeaters reported that Mr. Ed Malone from the Girls Softball League requested that the league be allowed to use the Frick Park Ball Field for tournaments. Council agreed to allow them to use the field on the dates requested and to coordinate these dates with Mr. Landy.

Councilman McFeaters reported that the quote to replace the swings at Frick and Satcho's Parks came in at \$1,578.00. Council originally approved \$1,500.00.

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Councilman McFeaters said that everything is scheduled for Frick Park on Saturday with the volunteers from the Greater Mount Pleasant Landlord Association to paint and make other improvements to the park. Anyone else wishing to volunteer is welcome. President Bauer said that he thought a church organization was volunteering and that he is not comfortable with the Landlord Association do it because the Borough is currently in litigation with the Landlord Association.

A motion was made by Councilman McFeaters to allow the Mount Pleasant Area Landlord Association to volunteer in the parks on September 8th beginning at 8:00am. The motion died for lack of a second.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to take \$19,946.25 from General Fund Budgetary Reserve, contingency line item at PNC Bank to cover the cost of the tax refunds to Greenwood and Independence Apartments. Greenwood = \$9,897.39 and Independence = \$10,048.86. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Property Report:

A motion was made to accept the quote from Signs & Signals LLC in the amount of \$574.99 to put lettering on the Municipal Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said that the sign that is currently on the lawn in front of the Municipal Building will be removed and may be used at another location in the future.

Councilman Pritts said that the cost of a digital sign to put in the center of the sign at the old PNC Drive-thru would be \$10,886.00 for a double-sided color measuring 24 inches by 80 inches. The cost of a monochrome single-sided sign would be approximately \$3,000.00. Mayor Lucia said that the advantage of a digital sign is the ease in which it can be changed and will last for many years. Council discussed the possibility of local clubs advertising their meetings etc. and if that's the case, they may be willing to help fund the sign.

Sanitation & Recycling: None

Communications Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she gave Council a copy of the letter that would inform Mount Pleasant residents about the Residential Rental Property Ordinance and the reasons Council enacted it. Councilwoman Stevenson said she sent it to Solicitor Wolfe who made some changes and sent it back. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is happy with what it says and if Council has any input they can let her know. Council discussed putting a packet together to hand out that included a copy of the new Residential Rental Property Ordinance as well as the previous Certificate of Occupancy Ordinance. Councilwoman Stevenson said that she would like to make a packet for each council person who is interested in taking the packets door to door in the Borough.

Councilwoman Stevenson said she met with a graphic designer and came up with some ideas for the proposed newsletter. Councilwoman Stevenson said she will get an approximate printing cost and hopes to have something ready around Thanksgiving.

New Business:

President Bauer said that because of the new census numbers it may be necessary to reapportion the borough wards.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Patrick Brien, College Avenue requested that permit parking on College Avenue extend all the way to Main Street. Right now there is permit parking only from Church Street To Walnut Street.
- Pleasant Visions is a new business in Mount Pleasant and will have a grand opening on Saturday September 8th from 4pm to 9pm at 401 W. Main Street.
- Westmoreland Conservation District is having its Annual Award Banquet on September 13th at Westmoreland County Club in Export PA
- Westmoreland Co Borough's Association will hold its monthly meeting and dinner at 6:30pm September 27th at the Conservation Office on Donohoe Rd in Greensburg.

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 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:29pm

Motions from September 4, 2012 Meeting

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