

Meeting January 3, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm 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 Beranek, Crivella, Pritts, Tabita and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Ken Scholtz 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 December 6 and December 13, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

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

Report of the Mt Pleasant Police Dept for the month of December 2010

The Department answered 314 calls during the month as follows:

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| Complaints | 91 |
| Requests for assistance | 3 |
| Assist Other Departments | 3 |
| Accidents investigated | 6 |
| Calls Returned | 15 |
| Assist Medic 10 | 6 |

The Department made 17 arrests during the month as follows:

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| Vehicle Code | 14 |
| Crimes Code | 3 |
| Borough Ordinance | 0 |
| Warnings Issued | 0 |

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

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| \$4.00 Meter Tickets | 0 |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets | 2 |
| Void / Excused | 0 |

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| \$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 2 | \$ | 4.00 |
| \$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 1 | \$ | 4.00 |
| \$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 1 | \$ | 5.00 |
| \$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 0 | \$ | - |
| \$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 0 | \$ | - |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd | 2 | \$ | 20.00 |
| \$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd | 0 | \$ | - |

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| Return from Magistrate Eckels | \$1,856.44 |
| Return from Clerk of Courts | \$ 610.09 |
| Return from Report Fees | \$ 60.00 |
| Return from Parking Permits | \$ - |
| Return from Soliciting Permits | \$ - |
| Return from Restitution | \$ - |

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| Total | \$2,559.53 |
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| 1 Meter Collection | \$ 397.74 |
| Total Receipts for the month | \$2,957.27 |

Mayor Lucia said that the meter collection is so low because of the free parking during the holiday season.

Mayor Lucia said that Bonnie Barber’s family is in everyone’s thoughts and prayers as well as Kristen Zawacki who passed away December 26th.

Mayor Lucia reminded residents that there is a borough ordinance requiring house numbers to be 3 inches in height and posted where they can be seen so that emergency services can locate a call.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Sholtz said that his firm is working on a number of issues and Attorney Fred Wolfe will give a report to Council at the next meeting.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky gave the following report for the month of December 2010:

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| Property Taxes | \$8,300.16 |
| Per Capita | \$ 297.00 |
| Total Collected | \$8,597.16 |

Ms. Yancosky said that this ends property tax collection for 2010 and per capita taxes will continue to be collected until March 2011.

President’s Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the revised Employee Handbook. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer asked Councilman Crivella if his committee is any closer to forming a Recreation Board. Councilman Crivella said that his committee is still working on forming a board.

President Bauer said he would like Council to put together a list of streets they would like to see paved by the next council meeting on January 24th so that it can go out to bid.

President Bauer said that he would like to see Council recommend that groups who come under the control of the Borough use the Borough Solicitor to perform their yearly audits. That will make it much easier to obtain copies of the audits.

President Bauer said that Council needs to get a report from the Code Enforcement Officer on the status of properties in the Borough who have received citations.

President Bauer thanked Council for their services in 2010 and for working together for the betterment of the Borough.

President Bauer said that he would like to see the Property Committee look into getting the cost to redo council chambers and update the wiring.

President Bauer said that “Mount Pleasant Up Close”, featuring Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy aired on the radio for the first time this weekend and was very informative. President Bauer said he feels the radio show will help residents to keep up to date on what’s going on in the Borough.

President Bauer said that the National Day of Prayer for 2011 is on May 5, 2011. He would like the Ordinance Committee to look into allowing a service to be held at the Gazebo on that day. President Bauer asked for recommendations from Council and our Solicitor. Solicitor Sholtz said that if we offer a group the use of the Gazebo for National Day of Prayer we have to offer any other group the same opportunity. President Bauer said that he will talk to Solicitor Wolfe to see if it would be possible to let them use another park.

President Bauer said he would like Mount Pleasant to have a community yard sale this summer and now is the time to start working on it. He would also like Council to review the Yard Sale Ordinance regarding the prohibition of yard sales during Borough events.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Most of the projects for 2010 were finalized before the end of the year so they will not impact our 2011 budget. We will look into putting monies in one of the Budgetary Reserve Accounts for any projects that carry over into 2011. And then in March we will do the regular Budgetary Reserve transfers.
- Revenue from the BOMP 1 Gas Well was committed to Soccer and Little League projects for three years. This is the third year and we should be able to provide the same amount of money to these projects as last year.
- The PSAB is having its 100th Anniversary Conference in April 2011 at Hershey PA. They suggest registering early for this conference.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that there are some electrical problems at the WWT Plant and he will have projects ready to go out to bid by the January 24, 2011 council meeting.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that he received a letter from the Diamond Karate School on Diamond Street regarding the need to pave North Alley. A discussion ensued regarding how to solve the problem with water running down North Alley. Councilman Tate said he would like to consult the borough engineers for a solution.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of December 2010:

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| Total Calls | 42 |
| In Town | 12 |
| Out of Town | 30 |
| In Town 10-45's | 2 |
| Out of Town 10-45's | 10 |
| AFA's | 5 |
| Turnpike Calls | 4 |
| Fires | 6 |
| Public Service | 6 |
| Wires Down | 4 |
| Stand by's | 2 |
| Total Men Answering | 730 |
| Total Calls | 42 |
| Average Men Per Call | 17 |
| Total Men Hours | 503 |
| Total Calls for 2010 | 531 |

Councilman Beranek read the following medic 10 Report for the month of December 2010:

Total Calls for the Month 153

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| Medical | 128 |
| MVA | 10 |
| Fire | 6 |
| Transfer | 0 |
| Standby | 9 |
| In Town | 82 |
| Out of Town | 71 |
| Members per Call | 2.5 |

Councilman Beranek read the following Medic 10 Report for 2010:

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| Total Calls for 2010 | 1816 |
| Medical | 1460 |
| Fire | 140 |
| Transfer | 94 |
| Transfer | 6 |
| Standby | 116 |

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to request quotes for purchase and installation of surveillance cameras. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to advertise for a public meeting at 6:15pm on January 24, 2011 before the regular council meeting to discuss the transfer of a liquor license owned by 46 SWS, Inc., 207 Clay Avenue Jeannette, PA 15644 to Ebony K-9, Ltd., 120 Main Street Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0 with Councilman Crivella casting the only no vote.

Zoning and Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that ordinance 626, 627, 628 and 629 have been sent to Keystate Publishers and will be printed and put on the internet.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize President Bauer to sign the agreement to participate in the Main Street Manager Program. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

Veterans Park Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Crivella announced that anyone who would like to be on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to please contact the borough office. Councilman Crivella said he would like to see a year-round recreation program in the Borough and a comprehensive plan of our parks to ensure they are meeting all of the needs of the community.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski requested all departments to keep an eye on their spending during the first quarter of 2011 until tax revenues start coming in.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that the carpeting has been replaced on the second floor of the Municipal Building and looks good.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to sign an agreement with Industrial Appraisal for an appraisal of machinery and equipment. The cost of the appraisal will be \$3,895.00. \$1,947.50 will come from WWT Line item #840.06 and \$1,947.50 will come

from General Fund Line Item #400.36. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Christmas trees can be put out at the curb and the Street Department will pick them up or they can be taken to the Street Department compost pile on Depot Street.

New Business:

President Bauer said that a letter was received from Penn Dot regarding speed limits on state roads in the Borough and their decision not to reduce these limits. The letter went on to clarify the speed limits and instructed the Borough to post correct speed limit signs.

Councilman Crivella said that noise on Main Street caused by vehicles is excessive at times and asked if there was a noise limit in the Borough. Mayor Lucia said that a decimeter would determine the level of noise, but that it would be very difficult to prosecute most of the cases.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Westmoreland County Historical Society sent an invitation to their Winter Frolic on January 29, 2011 from 6pm to 9pm at the Westmoreland County Courthouse. Tickets are \$70 each.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm

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