

Meeting October 3, 2011

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 there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, 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 19, 2011 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Mark Krystyniak spoke to Council regarding a project to build apartment units and storefronts on Main Street. Mr. Krystyniak said that the project has been dropped because he was unable to get a lease from the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority on a parking lot to be used for private parking.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of September 2011:

Report of the Mt Pleasant Police Dept for the month of Sept. 2011

The Department answered 347 calls during the month as follows

Complaints	52
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	5
Accidents investigated	4
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	7
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 19 arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	13
Crimes Code	3
Borough Ordinance	0
Warning Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	48
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	29
Void / Excused	4

\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	32	\$	128.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	5.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	20.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	7	\$	105.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	16	\$	160.00
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,033.18
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 202.59
Return from Report Fees	\$ 30.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$1,578.77
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1 Meter Collection	\$1,265.65
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Total Receipts for the month \$2,844.09

Mayor Lucia brought up the subject of changing the time for Trick Or Treat in the Borough from 2pm to 4pm to 4pm to 6pm, which would take it closer to the evening hours. Council agreed to keep the time 2pm to 4pm, which coordinates with surrounding municipalities.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to close Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Center Avenue from 6pm to 8pm on October 26th for the Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Lucia thanked everyone on Council who helped during the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of September 2011:

Property Taxes =	\$2,186.96
Per Capita =	\$ 2,205.00
Total =	\$4,391.96

President's Report:

President Bauer also thanked everyone on Council who helped with the Glass & Ethnic Festival. President Bauer said he received a lot of positive feedback from residents of the Borough as well as out-of-town visitors about the Glass Festival this year.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy also thanked everyone who helped out at the Glass & Ethnic Festival this Year. Mr. Landy also talked about how our council meetings are run and how he is asked by other municipalities how our Council is able to accomplish so much.

Mr. Landy reported that the Christmas Parade and programs will be on the first Saturday in December 2011 beginning at 10am and ending with the candlelight procession in the evening. Mr. Landy said that some decisions have to be made regarding the Premoshis Christmas Displays.

Borough Manager Landy said he spoke to Councilman McCloy about meeting to discuss amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Building Permit Ordinance.

Borough Manager Landy said that information about getting help from the County with winterization will be available on the Mount Pleasant Borough Web-site as well as information on shelters available in the area.

Mr. Landy said it is time to schedule the Emergency Snow Meeting in the Borough to plan and coordinate borough departments for this winter and any emergency that may come up.

Mr. Landy said that the Flagger Training is not scheduled yet because we need participation from neighboring municipalities in order to have enough people attending. They require a minimum of 10 people before they will schedule a class.

Mr. Landy said that it is important for Council to look at the budget and begin preparing for the 2012 budget. Mr. Landy presented a preliminary 2012 budget to Council and anyone who has input into the budget should see him. Mr. Landy reported that the borough may not be able to put any funds into Budgetary Reserve this year. There were projects this year that were not budgeted and it will be important to make sure any projects for 2012 are in the budget.

Councilwoman Stevenson thanked the Glass & Ethnic Festival for the opportunity to showcase the Log Cabins during the Festival. Councilman Pritts said he as asked if there are any plans for a glass museum in the Borough. Councilwoman Stevenson said that there will be items on display at the second log house when it is completed. Mr. Landy said that another alternative would be to have displays in some of the Main Street businesses.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate reported that a pump went down at the WWT Plant and the cost to repair the pump will be \$2,500.

Street Report:

Councilman Tate said that the first meeting with union officials was held to discuss the upcoming contract. The meeting went well and we are only waiting for numbers from insurance companies.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of September 2011:

Total Calls	31
In Town	5
Out of Town	26
10-45's	9
10-45's W/Entrapment	1
Fires	8
Public Service	7
AFA's	6
Stand-Buy's	1
Turnpike Calls	2
Total Men Answering	421
Avg. Member Per Call	13
Total Hours	289

Councilman Beranek reported that he, Councilman Pritts and Councilwoman Stevenson attended the monthly Westmoreland County Boroughs Association and the subject was landlord ordinances. The Westmoreland County Borough Association is in favor of landlord ordinances and Jeff Heishman, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs, provided a lot of useful information.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants:

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to award the bid for Phase B of the Ramsay Terrace rain gardens to Jupina Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$44,411.03 using funds from the Storm Water Retrofit Project Phase II Grant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Tabita said he met with the borough engineer regarding the bike trail and we are ready to move forward. The cost to complete the trail and signage will be approximately \$7,000 to \$10,000 that will come from the balance of the Levin donation.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to finish the bike trail. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to move forward with bidding the materials and securing the signage and other necessities to complete the Coal and Coke Bike Trail up to Veterans Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

The sign for the parking lot on Main Street is ready to be erected. The Street Department will lay the cement and then the sign will go up.

Councilman Tabita said that Industry Weapon, the company who is providing the software for the Video Wall at Veterans Park would like a letter from the Borough stating that we would like the video wall to be configured 2X2 in a landscape mode, 4 feet high, 8 feet long screen and will be 3 feet off of the ground. The podium will be in front. The podium will require a computer to operate the menu screen. Mr. Tabita said he would like Council to authorize the Veterans Park Committee to send a letter to Industry Weapon.

Parks & Recreation:

A motion was made to approve and additional \$1,250 from BOMP1 Recreation Grant funds Line Item #460.04 to be paid to the Mount Pleasant Little League for batting cages at the Little League Field. These funds were originally allocated to the Soccer League, but not used. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Finance Report: None

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that he worked on the security camera project the last two weekends and the camera at the In-Town-Shops is installed. Warren Turner who has a shop at the In-Town-Shops donated some cable to the Borough and the BDA was very helpful. Mr. Landy said that Warren Turner has been very helpful on a number of projects in the Borough.

Councilman Crivella said that he and Councilman Pritts met at the Medic10 Property on Bridgeport Street that the Borough has for sale. Councilman Crivella said that the property should be sold for \$15,000. It's a double lot and is zoned B1 with 100 feet of frontage with a side and rear alley.

Mayor Lucia said that the heating unit in the meeting room at the Third Ward Fire Station needs looked at. Councilman Pritts said he would get someone to look at it.

Sanitation and Recycling Report: None**New Business:**

President Bauer said that there will be an Executive Meeting after the regular meeting in adjourned to discuss several legal issues with Solicitor Wolfe.

Mayor Lucia said he would like to remove the metal bollards from the Freedom of Speech Area at Veterans Park.

Councilman Crivella said he would like to see the stop sign on Eagle Street at the Walker residence lowered so that it is more visible. President Bauer asked the Street Department to look at the sign and see what can be done.

Mr. Landy said he would like to see signage on Eagle Street in front of the Galone Caruso Funeral Home. Council discussed other traffic problems on Eagle Street.

Reading of Communications:

Mr. Landy read the following communications:

- The Westmoreland County Conservation District would like to have a bus tour of the rain gardens in the Borough on October 20th. They would like to see someone who will represent the Borough on the bus during the tour. They would also like the Borough to do some maintenance on the rain gardens so that they are presentable.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 7:51pm

Motions from October 3, 2011 Meeting

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