

## Meeting November 21, 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, McCloy, Pritts, Tabita, and Councilwomen Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was absent and Solicitor Wolfe was 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 November 7, 2011 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None

### Speakers:

Mr. Nino Barsotti, Mount Pleasant BDA, presented Council with the BDA's 2012 budget for their approval. One item added to the budget this year is a Sidewalk Program. This program will assist business owners who would like to repair the sidewalk in front of their business.

Attorney Randy Klimchok presented Council with subdivision plans for property owned by Regis and Jody Kraisinger. The Kraisingers are proposing to change the lot line of two properties to make the properties more equal in size. Both lots will be well within the R1A Zoning requirements. All of the members of the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission have given their approval of the proposed subdivision.

### Mayor's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to close Main Street for one block at the Diamond for Light Night on November 27, 2011 from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. and Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia said that a letter should be sent to Penn Dot to have Main Street resurfaced in 2012. If they are unable to resurface all of Main Street it is important that they at least do the areas at traffic signals where the blacktop is rolled. President Bauer said Borough Manager Landy should take some photos to send with the letter showing the problem areas.

Mayor Lucia warned senior citizens about telephone scams and to be very aware of anyone asking for money and to notify the Police Department immediately.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

Ms. Carol Yancosky presented Mayor Lucia with a cake expressing our pride in him and his accomplishments as well as our gratitude that he remains the Mayor of Mount Pleasant.

### Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Oct-11			
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2011
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	174,681.98	148,816.98	75,865.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	834,540.92	32,878.04	104,763.68	762,655.28
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	PNC 102-457-4388	63,187.93	8.05	0.00	63,195.98
**Fire		30,000.00			
**Police		0.00			
**Streets		10,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		23,195.98			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	\$	312,568.89	86.50	0.00	312,655.39

**Police		50,000.00				
**Streets		70,000.00				
**Contingency Fund		65,699.74				
**Infrastructure		80,000.00				
**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				
**K-9		5,991.65				
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	95,280.75	1.23	4,636.99	90,644.99	
Monument CD	Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23	
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,800.71	0.08	0.00	1,800.79	
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	1,344.39	50,443.87	50,443.94	1,344.32	
Veterans Park Fund	First Niagara 981293700	4,734.79	50.00	100.99	4,683.80	
Veterans Park Fund	PLGIT 5698025	11,259.14	0.15	0.00	11,259.29	
Police Drug Enforcement	PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50	
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	612.91	0.02	0.00	612.93	
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	69,846.02	5,959.58	32,818.86	42,986.74	
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	94,441.50	26.14	0.00	94,467.64	
Storm Water Retrofit Phase I	PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3388-4556	46,344.49	0.00	0.00	46,344.49	
K-9 Unit	PNC Bank 10-3388-5954	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>						<b>1,515,106.37</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	239,253.82	58,844.96	95,766.16	202,332.62	
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	50,142.11	1,518.21	0.00	51,660.32	
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	179,125.66	49.57	0.00	179,175.23	
**Contingency		128,900.55				
**Infrastructure		50,000.00				
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>						<b>433,168.17</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>						<b>1,948,274.54</b>

Respectfully Submitted:  
Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

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

### President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve the 2012 schedule of Council Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Crivella suggested changing the Street Department Martin Luther King holiday to another day when the weather is better because it's usually snowing in January.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to participate in the 2012 "G" Conference. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

President Bauer said that the dinner celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival was held on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Guests viewed the Glass Festival DVD which was very entertaining and interesting.

President Bauer said that he, Mayor Lucia and Police Chief Ober attended the banquet celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Slovak Club. It is quite an accomplishment for a club to celebrate 100 years.

President Bauer announced that Light Night in Mount Pleasant will be held at on November 27, 2011 and the Braddock Trail Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Gala Opening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Lights will be held Friday November 25, 2011 beginning at 7pm.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- There will be another meeting with the Street Department union officials and council members regarding the negotiations of the new contract tomorrow at 4:00pm.
- He and Councilman Pritts will be ordering the podium Council discussed for Chambers and it should be delivered by the end of this year.
- Westmoreland County Conservation District shot a video about what rain gardens mean to Western Pennsylvania and he and Mayor Lucia participated in the video. The video will be sent to other municipalities in the country who are interested in putting rain gardens in their community.
- Council has been provided with the proposed 2012 budgets for General Fund, WWT and Liquid Fuels.
- Plans are underway to put up Christmas decorations in the Borough along with the Premoshis Christmas displays.
- The annual Christmas Parade will be held at 11:00am on December 3, 2011 followed by cookies and hot chocolate at the Knights of Columbus. Santa will be at the In-Town Shops. The BDA is working to have Santa Sales at businesses on Main Street. The Historical Society will be hosting Christmas at the Cabin. All of these activities should last until approximately 1:30pm. Then there will be a Candlelight Procession at 6:30pm beginning at Central Fire Station on Church Street.
- Council received a zoning request from Ridgeview Apartments and Mr. Landy gave the request to the Borough Solicitor for his opinion.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:** None

**Street Report:** None

**Public Safety Report:**

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

Total calls	42
In-Town calls	5
Out of Town calls	37
10 45’s	15
10 45’s w/entrapment	2
Fires	9
AFA’s	4
Public service	11
Turnpike calls	5
Standbys	2
Total men answering calls	604
Average men per call	14
Total hours	516

**Zoning and Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise Ordinance #633 setting the 2012 millage rate at 16.00 mills. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to approve a donation of \$1,500 to the Coal & Coke Trail. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to approve the Mary Johanna Kraisinger plan of subdivision dated September 19, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella.

**Parks and Recreation Report:**

Councilman Crivella reported that the Borough received a Certificate of Appreciation from Young Lungs At Play for contributing to the health of the community by enacting a tobacco-free policy at Jack Bobb’s Park.

Councilman Crivella said that the Mount Pleasant Recreation Advisory Committee met on November 15, 2011. The committee is in the process of putting together their by-laws and are looking at what recreational activities are available in the Borough.

**Finance Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski explained some of the line items on the preliminary 2012 budget. Right now the preliminary budget is over by \$6,295. Council discussed the Parks and Recreation preliminary budget and some of the line items Councilman Crivella wants to add in 2012. Councilman Crivella is proposing a six-week program for the summer of 2012. The Borough would hire a Summer Playground Leader and an assistant. The morning program would be for ages 5-11 and the afternoon program would be for ages 11-15. There would be weekly themes and planned field trips. President Bauer said that field trips may pose too much of a liability to the Borough and said he feels money would be better spent on upgrading the existing playgrounds. Borough Manager Landy said that the largest expense that was added to the recreation budget is the tennis courts. Mr. Landy asked Councilman Crivella if there is a signed agreement with the School District to partner on repairing the tennis courts. A discussion ensued regarding where the money for repairs to the tennis courts would come from. Councilman Crivella said that the money would come from gas well revenue. Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough saved approximately \$20,000 by switching to a different health insurance policy for the employees. Council agreed to leave the line items for the tennis courts and the playground leaders in the budget. After reviewing the rest of the budget Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Crivella eliminated one of Councilman Crivella's proposed line items that wasn't needed and adjusted another of his line items to balance the 2012. Other line items were discussed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise the 2012 General Fund, WWT and Liquid Fuels budgets. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival 2012 Budget with revenues of \$83,790 and expenses of \$74,500. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise Ordinance #632 increasing the LST Tax to \$52.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following transfers in the General Fund:

- \$317 from 405.05 to 400.20
- \$60 from 403.70 to 403.60
- Borough Manager's Office
- \$650 from 405.22 to 405.24
- \$387 from 405.50 to 405.45
- Public Safety
- \$55 from 410.22 to 410.25
- Fire
- \$2500 from 412.07 to 411.11
- \$114 from 412.07 to 411.12
- \$150 from 412.05 to 411.24
- Building Regulations
- \$25 from 412.08 to 414.11
- \$200 from 412.04 to 414.12
- \$954 from 412.04 to 414.31
- Holiday Property
- \$900 from 415.01 to 416.01
- Streets
- \$2,900 from 437.01 to 430.19
- \$137 from 432.00 to 430.24
- \$1,476 from 412.05 to 430.25
- \$29 from 432.00 to 430.25
- \$171 from 412.04 to 430.26
- \$68 from 412.04 to 431.00
- \$422 from 412.04 to 437.00
- \$500 from 430.20 to 437.20
- \$257 from 420.16 to 437.20
- Culture & Recreation

\$445 from 450.07 to 450.02  
\$3500 from 450.15 to 450.03  
\$2372 from 450.16 to 450.03  
Miscellaneous  
\$3625 from 433.00 to 486.50  
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\$479 from 437.30 to 486.75  
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\$5,800 from 486.60 to 408.31  
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Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following transfers in the WWT Fund:

\$4,000 from 860.35 to 860.10  
\$1,000 from 842.50 to 860.70  
\$250 from 840.29 to 850.04  
\$150 from 840.29 to 860.70  
\$100 from 840.29 to 860.10  
\$1,150 from 840.28 to 860.13  
\$500 from 840.39 to 840.58

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to transfer \$41,500 from WWT Budgetary Reserve Contingency Line Item to WWT Fund the balance line Item 860.39. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

**Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said he would like to see the For Sale Sign at the property on Bridgeport Street include the asking price of \$15,000.

Councilman Pritts said he received three quotes for the new furnace at the Third Ward Fire Station and we should be able to get it installed before the end of the year.

Councilman Pritts said that we are required to have emergency lighting in the Municipal Building as well as lighted exit signs. Councilman Pritts said we will get three quotes for this upgrade.

Borough Manager Landy said he spoke to a representative from Laurel Fencing and he will give a quote to repair the fence at the volleyball court and to install a door so it can be used as a dog park.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson reminded residents that the Borough has an ordinance that states garbage can be put at the curb 24 hours before pick up by the garbage company and not before.

**New Business:**

Borough Manager Landy said that the second phase of Phase II of the Rain Garden Project has been postponed because of the wet weather. Also, there is a water meter at the Eicher residence at 620 N Geary Street that needs to be raised. The Westmoreland Conservation District is asking our Street Department to do the work required to raise the meter. Council agreed that our Street Department can do the work.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she spoke to a resident who has an old house on their property that has not been occupied for several years and does not require a rental inspection. Mayor Lucia said to tell the property owners to write a letter to B.I.U. stating that the house is not a rental.

Mayor Lucia said that he conducted a brief survey of Main Street and Washington Street and of 19 rental units on Washington Street, only 1 property is registered. On Main Street, out of 18 properties 7 are not registered. President Bauer said he has received complaints about some of the rental on Washington Street and told the people who complained to come to a council meeting and voice their opinions in favor of the Landlord Ordinance.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A letter from St. Vincent College asking us to participate in a seminar on how to access and analyze 2010 census data. The seminar will be held on December 7, 2011 and the cost is \$69 per person. Mr. Landy said he would like to attend this seminar.
- An invitation to a Christmas party being held by B.I.U. on December 16, 2011 from 6pm to 11pm in Avalon PA.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:36pm**

## Motions from November 21, 2011 Meeting

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