

**Meeting December 3, 2007**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Tabita at 7:03pm 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 Tabita directed Borough Manager Jeff Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, Tate, Slater, Wiltrout and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Toohey was absent. President Tabita stated we have a quorum.

**Reading of Previous Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 19, 2007. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

Councilman Bauer arrived at 7:05pm.

**Public Comments:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of November 2007:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the Month of November 2007

The Department answered 411 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	124
Requests for assistance	4
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	11
Calls Returned	25
Assist Medic 10	15
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 115 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	101
Crimes Code	14

The Department issued 4 warnings during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	4
Borough Ordinance	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$1.00 Meter Tickets	86
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	7
Void/Excused Tickets	5
Complaints for unpaid Tickets	0

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	98	\$	98.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	6	\$	30.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	5	\$	50.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,904.49
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 126.40
Return from Report Fees	\$ 60.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total \$2,268.89

Meter Receipts 1 Collection \$1,088.52

Total receipts from Mayors Report \$3,357.41

Total Receipts for the month \$3,357.41

Mayor Lucia said that December has already been a busy month. Light Up Night was a huge success. Mayor Lucia thanked Medic 10 for a wonderful Christmas Parade.

Glenn Wolfe from Widmer Engineering was present and Mayor Lucia asked him how the contractor for the CSO Project was going to handle Spring and Eagle Streets. Mr. Wolfe said that is a challenging area because of the intersections and on-way streets. The intersection of Eagle and Spring will be kept open during construction and traffic will be diverted down Spring Street while the sewer line is put in Eagle Street. Mayor Lucia expressed concern that both streets would be shut down and with the school, hospital and funeral home it would cause a problem. Wolfe assured him that would not be the case. Mr. Wolfe said that residents of Eagle Street would have to remove their vehicles during construction. Mayor Lucia asked if the residents have been notified and Mr. Wolfe said that signs have been posted. Councilman Tate said that the posted signs are much too small and no one will see them. It was suggested that Widmer Engineering put a note in the door of every property on Eagle Street regarding moving their vehicles and Mr. Wolfe said that would be doable. Councilman Crivella suggested posting in on the Borough website. President Tabita suggested letting residents of Eagle Street park in the Municipal Parking Lot at no charge during construction. President Tabita asked if this area would complete the project and Mr. Wolfe said there is more to be done but that the project is ahead of schedule. Mayor Lucia asked if the contractor would continue to cold patch the street affected and Mr. Wolfe said that as long as the weather holds they would cold patch, but when it is too cold and the asphalt companies shut down the areas will be filled with stone all the way to the top until spring. Councilman Tate said that the contractor is doing a nice job. When they leave an area and are completely done the residents have been satisfied. President Tabita asked if the asphalt that is being laid now is temporary and Mr. Wolfe said it is permanent.

Mayor Lucia swore in Jonathan Grabiak of Scottsdale PA as a part-time police officer for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Tax Collector's Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following preliminary report for the month of November 2007:

Property Tax:	\$1,649.13
Per Capita Tax:	\$ 200.00
Total	\$1849.13

**President's Report:**

President Tabita said that the year is coming to an end and he feels that Council has been very progressive this year and Mount Pleasant is a nicer community to live in now than what it was a few years ago. President Tabita thanked Medic 10 for the traditional Christmas Parade. The Historical Society had the Log Cabin open and decorated and it made everything very nice.

President Tabita said he would like to draft a letter to the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority asking for a January meeting. The Municipal Authority has a big capital reserve and that money could be spent on making improvements in the Borough, mainly storm water separation.

President Tabita thanked Council for getting involved in looking at the appointments to the Mount Pleasant boards and authorities and making suggestions and improvements. He has never seen Council work like that before. There was not as much attention given to this in the past. With a Council like this one we can really move things forward.

**Citizen of the Month:** Barry B. Premoshis

Mayor Lucia commended Councilman Beranek for all of his work getting the Premoshis displays ready for this Christmas season. Councilman Beranek said that it was very enjoyable and he had a lot of help from the Mount Pleasant Area High School students and Mr. Premoshis.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to open sealed bids for two Power Assisted Ambulance Stretchers for Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried.

President Tabita opened one sealed bid from Stryker EMS in the amount of \$10,495.00 each. The total for both stretchers would be \$20,990.00.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to turn the bid over to Medic 10 for award. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wiltrout to open sealed bids for the Garbage Contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

President Tabita opened the following sealed bids for the Garbage Contract:

Allied Waste: \$32.82 for residential with \$3,000 per month Franchise Fee or 5%.  
Waste Management: \$42.51 for residential with %5 Franchise Fee.  
Fayette Waste: \$37.08 for residential with \$3100 per month Franchise Fee or 5%.

Councilman Wiltrout said that the current garbage collection rate in the Borough is \$28.36 per quarter.

A motion was made by Councilman Slater to turn the bids over to committee for award. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltrout. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to approve the 2008 Schedule for Council Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

President Tabita said that Council had a meeting with the BDA regarding their 2008 budget and selling the building housing the Incubator. President Tabita said the BDA will pursue selling the property.

President Tabita requested that Council approve the BDA 2008 budget with revenues of \$42,750 and expenses of \$42,750 so that they can mail out their tax assessments.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to approve the 2008 Mount Pleasant Business District Authority budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried with Councilman Crivella casting the only no vote.

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### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy thanked WWT personnel and the Street Department for their help in erecting the Premoshis displays. Mr. Landy then thanked Klocek Burial Vault Co. and the Mount Pleasant VFD for putting up the Christmas decorations in the Borough this year. This year poinsettias were added to the lighted fountain to try to keep improving the Veterans Park area.

Mr. Landy said that tonight's agenda included opening bids for the sale of the property at 416 Smithfield Street but no bids were received. Council will have to decide whether to rebid the property.

Mr. Landy reported that the Borough had productive meetings with the Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors regarding sewage billing and a possible inter-municipal agreement. The Township has agreed to hold quarterly meetings with the Borough.

Mr. Landy said that he, President Tabita and Mayor Lucia met with Senator Bob Regola and talked about grant money for rain gardens in the Borough and we have been approved for the first grant. We would like to move on the to second grant to expand the project to include putting the rain gardens on residential property in the Borough. The grant is due in April 2008 and Council should start looking for matching funds.

On Thursday December 6, 2007 a dedication will be held for Frank Colello Way which is the road between Burns Drug Store and Levin Furniture Store. The dedication will be at 12:00 noon and all of Council is invited to attend.

Mr. Landy presented his State of the Union Address for 2007 and previewed 2008. He wanted everyone to understand that this report is uncensored and no one but himself has any knowledge of what he will report. He hopes to include all of the highlights and not leave anything out.

Mr. Landy recapped the following in his 2007 State of the Union Address:

#### January

- For the first time members of council remained going into the new year which gave continuity to Council.
- President Tabita started talking about investing in infrastructure including road maintenance and sewage lines. All of these plans have been addressed throughout the year.
- President Tabita brought up the subject of rezoning and expanding the R1 Zoning. This process was started in July.
- Council was excited about the vision and focus meetings with the BDA but those meetings stalled. Those meetings focused on what we would like to accomplish during the year.
- The Property Maintenance Code has helped with some of the problems on Main Street but still has a long way to go as far as demolition of some properties.
- Gas wells are scheduled to be drilled late this year. The Borough will be able to see the benefits of these wells next year.
- Calls were coming in to use the Gazebo for a variety of reasons. Council decided to establish ordinances to handle these requests and issues that were sometimes controversial. Some of these requests were never handled before by the Borough.
- Discussion continued on the CSO Project and a quagmire of confusing information. A 2.5 million dollar loan was in the future with no concrete way to pay for it.
- Council began communications with Boards and Authorities. Some council members did not have an understanding of how Council works with Boards and Authorities. For years the relationship was overlooked.
- President Tabita began talks with Westmoreland County about the Main Street Street-Scape Project. This project will be funded by CDBG money from the County.
- Meetings continued regarding the drilling of gas wells in the Borough and Council did not compromise on what Council had voted on and what was promised to the public.
- Council was informed that the Premoshis Christmas displays would be given to the Borough.
- Two months after the expiration of the current contract, a motion was made to accept the 2007 Street Department Contract after lengthy meetings with the United Steelworkers Union.

#### February

- Work continued from the busy January meetings.
- Widmer Engineering was retained to do work on Phase II of the Main Street Street-Scape Project.
- A Grant was confirmed from Congressman Murtha's office for surveillance cameras.
- Meetings were held with the DEP about flooding in the Borough and possible help coming from installations of rain gardens.
- Confusion continued regarding the CSO Project and sewage rates.
- Discussion began on the subject of naming alleys in the Borough.
- The Veterans Park Committee was dissolved and managing of the park was turned over to the Recreation Committee. This caused some tension among some council members.
- WWT funds were transferred to a higher yield account.
- Council approved an Eagle Scout project to show their commitment to young people in the Borough.
- The battle over road repairs continued with Penn Dot. We are at their mercy when we request repairs to state roads in the borough.
- The HUD Grant for Veterans Park was closed out.

- Vision meetings continued with the BDA and a lot of excitement was generated.
- Pritts Feed Mill caught on fire and the Mount Pleasant VFD along with Medic 10 and neighboring fire departments brought it under control quickly and safely. It could have been a disaster for Mount Pleasant.
- The CSO Project Penn Vest loan talks continued and meetings were to be scheduled with Mount Pleasant Township about how to pay for this project.
- A Landlord Ordinance was discussed.

#### March

- The Historical Society provided progress reports regarding the Log Cabin which has since been completed.
- A very productive meeting was held with Mount Pleasant Township and a 50/50 split of the CSO Penn Vest loan was agreed upon. This agreement enabled the project to go forward. It also continued a productive relationship between the Borough and the Township.
- Meetings continued with Kriebel Gas regarding the proposed gas wells. They were pushing Council to change their decision on some things but Council held tight on their original decisions.
- Council passed the Skateboard Ordinance banning skateboarding in the Borough.

#### April

- The first topic of discussion was the Police Department. Council finally started getting reports on what was going on. Accolades were given for burglaries solved at Levins and skateboard citations were being given.
- A report was received from Jim Pillsbury of the DEP on the proposed rain gardens and the grant application was completed.
- Council extended the life of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority until December 2030.
- Medic 10 began regularly dispatching Medic 930 so they could help answer calls.
- For the first time Council discussed contracting a Health Officer to provide inspections of homes in the Borough and special events.
- The Recreation Committee accepted a bid for resurfacing the Frick Park basketball court.
- A motion was made to have the Governor's Center provide technical assistance for our police department. This has not been done yet.
- BDA presented Council with a map outlining the Business District.
- Meetings continued to discuss roads, sewage and storm water lines.
- It was announced that construction would begin on the Barlock-Sheffler building and Mayor Lucia complimented Council for the Property Maintenance Ordinance that helped get the project moving after 10 years.
- The Borough adopted the 2006 Edition of the Property Maintenance Code because it was the most current.
- Two claims filed against the Borough were resolved. This was brought about by a unified Council and funds available.
- The Gormley property remains a problem. The Borough has been trying to resolve this issue for 30 to 40 years and it is now stalled in the legal system.
- Demolition of the DiNicola building is also at a stand still.
- Council agreed to honor Levin's request to rename the alley between Smithfield Street and Main Street Colello Way.
- The Landlord Ordinance was discussed further.
- A grant for a street sweeper was discussed.
- Police presence at the parks was an issue.

#### May

- New Pedestrian Crossing signs were installed and the public expressed approval.
- Council approved the BDA Main Street Project, but that project has not gone forward.
- Council decided to do an environmental study on the Levin property on Bridgeport Street that will be donated to the Borough pending the results of this study.
- Discussions began on three landmark ordinances for special events, use of our parks and transient businesses.
- Council approved codification of Borough Ordinances for the first time in 20 years.
- A Street Department worker was hired on a probationary period for the first time in a long time.
- Phase II of Veterans Park was nearing completion.

- The Borough worker's comp provider held a meeting and reported declining workmen's comp rates for the last four years. This is partly due to the Borough's commitment to worker safety.
- Council adopted an Ordinance authorizing a 2007 Penn Vest loan for the CSO Project.
- Councilman Snyder resigned his seat to pursue a new career.

#### June

- The Mount Pleasant Police Department spearheaded a major drug bust along with the Drug Taskforce just outside the Borough lines.
- Resealing of the basketball court was completed and the court started being used more.
- The 2007 Concert In The Park Series began.
- High grass and cats in the Borough continued to be an ongoing problem.
- Ken Wiltrout was sworn in as 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman.
- Mullin & Lonergan gave a presentation for updating the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and Council approved their plan.
- The Treasurer's Report showed funds at good levels.
- Meetings began with Medic 10 to see how to handle lack of volunteers and where the organization was headed.

#### July

- After some disagreement among Council on naming procedures, a roll-call vote was taken and it was decided to name the alley between Smithfield and Vine parallel to Shupe, Rega's Way.
- Mount Pleasant Borough hosted the grand opening of the Coal & Coke Trail between Scottdale and Mount Pleasant.
- Council approved a new 50-year tennis court lease with the Mount Pleasant School District.
- The July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration was the largest ever.
- The Frick Park basketball court was closed for several days because of littering.
- It was defined that scooters do not fall under the Skateboard Ordinance.
- Park vandalism was on the rise and talks about surveillance cameras increased.
- Council made a commitment to solve major flooding in the Borough.
- A meeting was held with the Pennsylvania State Police to discuss out of town calls and the issues were resolved.
- The Mount Pleasant Auxiliary Police force was disbanded.

#### August

- There was a short presentation about the only three Mayors in the history of Mount Pleasant. Sam Etze, William Potoka and our present Mayor Gerald Lucia. Families of all of the Mayors were in attendance.
- A ceremony with county officials was held for the Phase II Project of the Main Street Street-Scape Project.
- A new Per-Capita Tax form was introduced and there is now a payment plan for the School Tax.
- Mayor Lucia voiced his disapproval about the appearance of Main Street. A motion was made to have the Street Department trim weeds and grass.
- Ned Franks approached Council for a repeal of the Full-Service Gasoline Ordinance.
- Council accepted a donation of property at 416 Smithfield Street.
- The Street Department picked up the Premoshis displays and students from the Mount Pleasant High School began helping to restore them.
- Citizens of Mount Pleasant attended a ceremony in Gettysburg for the John Geary Monument dedication.
- A special meeting was held to discuss the proposed Parks Ordinance, Special Events Ordinance and Transient Business Ordinance but no one from the public attended.

#### September

- The Borough auditor gave Council a report on the 2006 General Fund and WWT budgets. Mr. Sarp commended the borough administration office of its financial management of the Borough. Mayor Lucia added that this is the best financial report he has heard in 27 years and the Borough's finances are better now than ever.
- The subject of repealing the Full-Service Gasoline Dispensing Ordinance came up again.
- Mayor Lucia, President Tabita and Mr. Landy attended a meeting with Congressman Murtha to discuss future projects for the Borough. This is a top priority for 2008.

- Meetings were held with Senator Regola and Representative Kula. This Council has a policy that no stone will be left unturned when looking for grant money.
- The CSO Project got under way and several complaints came into the borough office which were directed to Widmer Engineering.
- The Parks Ordinance, Special Events Ordinance and Transient Business Ordinance were passed.
- Owners of three gas stations in the Borough once again asked Council to repeal the Full-Service Gasoline Dispensing Ordinance.
- President Tabita called on the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority to release some of their funds to help the Borough improve its infrastructure water and sewage lines.
- Meetings with Penn Dot finally resulted in prohibiting large trucks from turning at certain intersections in the Borough. This has been a problem for many years causing major traffic tie-ups.
- The grant was approved for the surveillance cameras and Council is working on this project.
- One of the controversies of 2007 occurred on 9/11 regarding the ceremony at Veterans Park. Comments made the newspaper commentaries and letters to the editor.
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> Glass and Ethnic Festival was held with beautiful weather and the largest crowds we have ever had. The Log Cabin was a major attraction suggesting that we now have what might be called “The Old Town Mount Pleasant”.
- Construction on the Barlock-Sheffler building was finally completed.

#### October

- Council had many requests from citizens during the Public Comment section of the council meetings. Bamboo at a property on College Avenue was complained about again and there were complaints about the paving of streets during the CSO Project. Also the Gasoline Dispensing Ordinance discussion continued.
- President Tabita shuffled names and duties of some of the Council Committees hoping to stream line and identify needs.
- Councilwoman Rega resigned due to her work schedule.
- The newly appointed Health Inspector inspected booths at the Glass and Ethnic Festival and was given an assignment to inspect a residence that is overridden with cats. There seemed to finally be an answer to this problem.
- Council adopted Ordinance 614 approving the Borough’s entry into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Mount Pleasant Township concerning financing of the CSO Project.
- The 2007 Borough road-paving project was completed and projects should be bid again in January 2008.
- Specs were drawn up for the new garbage contract bid and included volunteer recycling for the first time.
- An employee handbook was discussed and should be a top priority.
- The Glass and Ethnic Festival hosted a volleyball tournament for the first time at the under utilized Volleyball Courts.
- A public meeting was held to allow another liquor license into the Borough and Council received no public dissent. The motion passed during the regular meeting.
- Solicitor Toohey discussed the Borough’s responsibility regarding paper alleys.
- The subdivision of the Lutz property was approved.
- Council for the first time advertised for possible appointments to Borough boards and authorities.
- Executive sessions continued to discuss the police contract.
- Council members were reminded not to sign off on bills when line items are over budget.
- Susan Ruszkowski was appointed to the open 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward council seat.
- President Tabita expressed concern over the importance of our Coal & Coke Trail representation.
- President Tabita reported to Council that the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority again did not respond to Council’s request for funds to help the Borough infrastructure problems.
- The CSO Project continued and there were numerous discussions about raising sewage rates in the Borough. The increase will be kept to a minimum.
- Councilman Bauer asked Council’s help with the preliminary ordinance codification. Council still has a lot of work to do on this project.

- Preliminary 2008 budgets were introduced and for the first time the General Fund was over budget. Also, budgetary reserve line items were passed allowing money for future planning.
- Council received updated reports on the progress of the refurbishing of the Premoshis Christmas Displays.

#### November

- President Tabita apologized for all of the construction in town involving the CSO Project and the storm line replacement.
- Another motion was made to repeal the Gasoline Dispensing Ordinance but before it went to vote another motion was made to table that motion. A roll call vote took place to table that motion and was carried 5-2. It will require a 2/3 vote of Council in order for it to be brought to the floor again.
- After meetings with Medic 10 Council made a motion to have Solicitor Toohey prepare an amendment to Ordinance 470 allowing Medic 10 to have paid employees.
- Dye testing will be performed in-house by WWT personnel bringing added revenue.
- After committee meetings in November a balance budget was presented to Council. Declining real estate values in the Borough was discussed as something to be watched. The plan to rezone more of Mount Pleasant to R1 seems to be an answer.
- The BDA budget was presented to Council and Council did not pass the budget.
- Meetings were set up with the BDA to discuss their budget including the incubator property on Main Street.
- Large crowds attended Light-Up-Night which celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Nativity Scene. The Christmas Display celebrated 10 years and 3 of the Borough unveiled 3 Premoshis displays bringing to mind Macys on Main Street.
- Meetings about real estate acquisitions and police contract continue with deadlines nearing. Another example that this council does not rubber stamp issues brought before them.
- A motion was made to hire full-time the Street Department worker who completed his probationary period.
- Line item adjustments were made. Council members need to look a lot closer at their line items next year.

When you balance out all of the happenings since January this has been a good year for council and the citizens of Mount Pleasant Borough. A lot was accomplished and Council seemed to be able to come together as a unified team. But questions are still there.

Can this Council use the momentum of 2007 for 2008 and keep moving forward. Can this Council finish some of the items that they let fall through the cracks. Each Council member has to know that the bar is raised high here. A Council position is a working position not just to meet twice a month without doing something throughout the month leading up to the meetings. If there is a priority, it is with grants. All of Council is responsible but nothing seems to be in the works.

Some of your committees are in need of a kick in the pants after a year of below par achievements. Remember, this council will eventually have to look in the mirror and judge yourselves because the bar is raised so high here.

I personally will commit to bring to your attention what I just reviewed about you and help you any way I can. The Borough administration can also improve by bringing to you new ideas, helping you facilitate items you're working on and providing you with information upon your request. When I commented on items falling through the cracks I take as much or more of that blame as you.

Something else worth mentioning is that 2007 saw many meetings occur which helped Council understand different issues, make better decisions and get a better overall feeling for what's happening in the Borough. These meetings proved worthy of time spent and should continue.

So what does 2008 bring. No increase in taxes by the Borough. Taxes are still 16.0 mills and the EMS Tax is still \$10. 2008 brings improvements in our infrastructure and no cut in services.

2008 brings a budget that has a vision for the future for the first time in many years. 2008 brings a Council that is aggressive and should be excited that each year history can



be made by your decisions. 2008 brings leadership by Council to the residents of Mount Pleasant. That leadership has passion that should make Mount Pleasant citizens appreciate what they have and make other towns envy us.

Projects like sewage and storm water separation, paving and sealing projects on our roads. A new comprehensive plan for the Borough. Contract with unions in the Borough that the Borough can live with and not be hindered by outrageous commitments. New ordinances that bring us up to date. 2008 brings better communication with boards and authorities and a commitment that those boards and authorities must step up to the plate. Also, commitment for better communication with Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors and East Huntingdon Supervisors who touch our borders should continue.

2008 should include a renewed commitment to a revitalized Main Street including an effort for a Retail Trade Division to strengthen our Business District. Special events second to none and new Christmas displays that will be unbelievable, kick started by the Premoshis Christmas displays. The new Christmas display idea will be previewed at the Glass and Ethnic Festival.

Finally, my favorite part is this year's nickname for our Mayor who has the longest mayoral tenure in Mount Pleasants history. In 2005 he was "The Glue" that held Mount Pleasant together. In 2006 he was "The Godfather" that everyone went to. In 2007 he was "The Heartbeat" who worked endless hours and knows everything that goes on in the Borough.

#### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Tate said WWT personnel are working on the truck acquired from the County.

#### **Public Safety Zoning and Ordinances:**

Councilman Bauer said that on October 22, 2007 he made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Plan and would like it noted in the minutes that it was Resolution 2007-04.

Councilman Bauer read the following Fire Report for the month of November 2007:

Total Calls	49
In Town Calls	10
Out of Town Calls	39
Total Members Attending Calls	761
Average Members Per Call	15

Councilman Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of November 2007:

Total Calls for the Month	115
Medical	90
MVA	14
Fire	5
Transfer	1
Standby	5
In Town	64
Out of Town	51
Members Per Call	4.0

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to ratify free meter parking in the Borough for the Holiday Season from November 23, 2007 to January 2, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to sign the 2008 contract with Hoffman Kennels for animal control at \$125.00 per month for 12 months and the calls will be \$50 per call. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

Councilman Bauer said that the Historical Society has asked Council for permission to erect an 8-foot fence around the Log Cabin on Washington Street. The purpose of this fence is to preserve the historical appearance of the Log Cabin. Councilman Bauer said that he is o.k. with the fence at the Log Cabin but feels Council should look at an ordinance regulating the height of fences in the Borough.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to allow the Historical Society to erect an 8foot decorative fence at the Log Cabin property on Washington Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer for an Executive Session to discuss the police contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session 8:24pm to 9:24pm.**

President Tabita reported that an Executive Session was held on November 28, 2007 to discuss real estate.

### **Street Report:**

Councilman Crivella reported that the Street Department has 350 ton of salt for the streets.

Councilman Crivella said that the Street Department put up signs to slow traffic at the school bus stop on Diamond Street, painted the walkways up near the hospital and put up crosswalk signs.

Councilman Crivella said that when drivers see the 35MPH sign across from Goo's they hit the accelerator. If Penn Dot would allow the Borough to move that sign a little further down the road it may stop people from picking up speed going down the hill where the bus stop is. Police Chief Ober said that a speed limit sign has to be posted at the beginning of each speed zone. Mayor Lucia said Borough Manager Landy should have Penn Dot come out and review moving the sign. Councilwoman Stevenson suggested asking Penn Dot to make the speed limit there 25MPH. Mayor Lucia said that was done on Church Street and Penn Dot received complaints and it was changed back to 35MPH. President Tabita asked Police Chief Ober to heighten patrols in that area.

Councilman Bauer said that he would meet with Police Chief Ober to discuss the duties of the Assistant Police Chief beginning in 2008.

Councilman Bauer said that he would try to fill out the ordinance codification book and have it for Council to review at the December 19, 2007 meeting.

Councilman Bauer said that he would like a meeting with the Landlords on January 22<sup>nd</sup> before the regular meeting so that work can start on the Landlord Ordinance. President Tabita said a meeting can be scheduled.

President Tabita said he would like Council to meet with the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority also. It was decided that a meeting will be scheduled with the Municipal Authority at 6:00pm on January 22, 2007 and a meeting with the Landlords at 6:30pm the same evening before the regular council meeting. Councilman Bauer said he would like to see the Landlord Ordinance in effect before spring.

Councilman Bauer said that he would like to clarify that Council enacted the Skateboard Ordinance because of the damage being caused to public property. Insurance costs prohibit a skateboard park. Council gave the parents an opportunity to form an association and build their own park on a parcel of land donated by the Borough and not parent has gotten involved. It is still an option if parents are interested.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of making a motion to have the Safety Committee review and award the bid for the surveillance cameras. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to have the Safety Committee review and award the bid for the surveillance cameras and report to Council at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

### **Finance Report:**

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

\$200 from 403.70 to 403.21  
\$1,000 from 409.27 to 409.37  
\$400 from 409.27 to 409.38  
\$750 from 411.25 to 411.11  
\$500 from 411.38 to 411.24  
\$1,275 from 411.25 to 411.24  
\$750 from 412.05 to 412.07  
\$3,500 from 430.17 to 430.15  
\$2,000 from 430.17 to 430.19  
\$400 from 430.17 to 430.16  
\$750 from 430.17 to 430.20  
\$1,000 from 433.10 to 432.00  
\$1,000 from 433.10 to 433.00  
\$300 from 450.03 to 450.02  
\$2,000 from 450.03 to 450.05  
\$1,000 from 450.03 to 450.07  
\$200 from 450.03 to 450.10

Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following line item transfers in the WWT Budget:

\$5,500 from 860.43 to 850.04  
\$3,100 from 860.06 to 860.36  
\$1,750 from 860.06 to 860.35  
\$750 from 860.14 to 840.30  
\$250 from 860.14 to 840.52  
\$1,500 from 860.06 to 840.52  
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Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to adopt the 2008 WWT Fund Budget with total revenues of \$811,636.86 and total expenses of \$811,210.46 leaving a net income of \$426.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltrout. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to adopt the 2008 Liquid Fuels Budget with total revenues of \$101,942.51 and total expenses of \$157,864.00 leaving a negative income of \$55,921.49 with a total other income of \$69,000.00 leaving a net income of \$13,078.51. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried.

Borough Manager Landy said that the other income in the Liquid Fuels Budget is carry over money from 2007. This is acceptable to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

#### **Property Report:**

Councilman Beranek thanked everyone again for all of their help on the Premoshis Christmas displays. Especially Diane, all of her students from the Mount Pleasant High School and Mr. Premoshis. The displays will be in the windows of Levin Furniture, RGE Wireless and Maricondia's. The WWT and Street Department personnel put the displays together. Computer Master provided the personnel to set up the computer equipment. Work is continuing on the remaining displays. The Mount Pleasant High School loaned the Borough the computers and the High School Shop Department made the antlers, legs and other things that had deteriorated.

#### **Business/Economic Development & Contracts:**

Councilman Wiltrout said that his committee will review the bids for the Garbage Contract and the recycling program and report at the next meeting.

#### **Human Resource/Employee Contracts:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said she will meet with Borough Manager Landy regarding 2008 employee contracts.

#### **Recreation:**

Councilman Slater said that there are trees that need to be cut down at Frick Park. There are three dead ones in danger of coming down.

**New Business:**

Borough Manager Landy reminded Council that the next council meeting will be on December 19, 2008.

Mr. Landy said he was contacted by an individual who would like to sit on Mount Pleasant boards. He asked him to be present at the council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Council can ask him some questions. President Tabita also has some individuals he is going to contact.

**Reading of Communications:**

Mr. Landy read the following communications:

- Central Westmoreland Council of Governments will hold their Christmas party on December 14, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm at their offices in Jeannette.
- The BDA will sponsor downtown promotions December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check the Mount Pleasant Journal weekly for updates.
- Jacobs Creek Faith In Action invited Council to an open house Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at their church on the corner of Mulberry and Chestnut in Scottsdale. Mayor Lucia encouraged Council to attend.
- Mr. Landy has information on Newly Elected Officials courses for anyone wishing to attend. There are two more courses on Tuesday January 8 and January 22 at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that the Mount Pleasant Historical Society will be doing its annual Tour of Homes on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Tickets are being sold at a variety of locations. Call the Historical Society at 547-9115 for information.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54pm.

### **Motions from December 3, 2007 Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 19, 2007. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to open sealed bids for two Power Assisted Ambulance Stretchers for Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to turn the bid over to Medic 10 for award. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wiltrout to open sealed bids for the Garbage Contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Slater to turn the bids over to committee for award. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltrout. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to approve the 2008 Schedule for Council Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to approve the 2008 Mount Pleasant Business District Authority budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried with Councilman Crivella casting the only no vote.

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A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to sign the 2008 contract with Hoffman Kennels for animal control at \$125.00 per month for 12 months and the calls will be \$50 per call. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to allow the Historical Society to erect an 8foot decorative fence at the Log Cabin property on Washington Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer for an Executive Session to discuss the police contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Councilman Tate to have the Safety Committee review and award the bid for the surveillance cameras and report to Council at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

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

\$200 from 403.70 to 403.21  
\$1,000 from 409.27 to 409.37  
\$400 from 409.27 to 409.38  
\$750 from 411.25 to 411.11  
\$500 from 411.38 to 411.24  
\$1,275 from 411.25 to 411.24  
\$750 from 411.05 to 412.07  
\$3,500 from 430.17 to 430.15  
\$2,000 from 430.17 to 430.19  
\$400 from 430.17 to 430.16  
\$750 from 430.17 to 430.20  
\$1,000 from 433.10 to 432.00  
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\$300 from 450.03 to 450.02  
\$2,000 from 450.03 to 450.05  
\$1,000 from 450.03 to 450.07  
\$200 from 450.03 to 450.10

Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following line item transfers in the WWT Budget:

\$5,500 from 860.43 to 850.04  
\$3,100 from 860.06 to 860.36  
\$1,750 from 860.06 to 860.35  
\$750 from 860.14 to 840.30  
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