

Meeting February 6, 2012

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, McCloy, McFeaters, Pritts, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruzzkowski were present. Mayor Lucia 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 January 23, 2012 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruzzkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Joseph Zemen, a member of the Mount Pleasant American Legion presented Police Chief Stephen Ober and the Mount Pleasant Police Department with a framed copy of the insert that was in the funeral card of slain Police Officer John David Dryer from East Washington PA.

Amy Felentzer, 806 James Way, Mount Pleasant updated Council and residents of Mount Pleasant on the date of her husbands return. At an earlier council meeting Ms. Felentzer asked that the Borough and borough residents leave their Christmas decorations up until her husband returns from active duty. Ms. Felentzer said that he will be arriving home sometime between February 15th and February 25th. Mayor Lucia asked Ms. Felentzer to call him when she knows the exact date he will be returning.

James Rega, Church Street Mount Pleasant spoke to Council about the property next door to his. Mr. Rega said that the condition of the property is deplorable and wants to know what Council is doing about it. President Bauer said that Council is aware of the problem and will discuss it during the Executive Session on tonight's agenda. Mr. Rega said he would like some action taken as quickly as possible because he feels the situation is becoming a danger to his property. President Bauer assured Mr. Rega that Council will act as soon as possible.

Mayor's Report:

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

Report of the Mt. Pleasant Police Dept for the month of January 2012.

The Department answered 286 Calls during the month as follows:

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| Complaints | 52 |
| Requests for assistance | 4 |
| Assist Other Departments | 4 |
| Accidents investigated | 1 |
| Calls Returned | 10 |
| Assist Medic 10 | 7 |
| Assist Mutual Aid | 0 |

The Department made 35 arrests during the month as follows:

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| Vehicle Code | 27 |
| Crimes Code | 8 |
| Borough Ordinance | 0 |
| Warning Issued | 7 |

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

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| \$4.00 Meter Tickets | 37 |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets | 3 |
| Void / Excused | 3 |

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| \$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 1 | \$ | 2.00 |
| \$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 27 | \$ | 108.00 |
| \$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 2 | \$ | 10.00 |
| \$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 1 | \$ | 10.00 |
| \$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 9 | \$ | 135.00 |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd | 2 | \$ | 20.00 |

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| \$3.00 Meter Ticket Paid | 1 \$ | 3.00 |
| \$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd | 0 \$ | - |
| Return from Magistrate Eckels | \$ | 485.04 |
| Return from Clerk of Courts | \$ | 944.02 |
| Return from Report Fees | \$ | 75.00 |
| Return from Parking Permits | \$ | - |
| Return from Soliciting Permits | \$ | - |
| Return from Restitution | \$ | - |
| Total | | \$1,792.06 |
| 1 Meter Collection | | \$1,180.41 |
| Total Receipts for the month | | \$2,972.47 |

Mayor Lucia said the committee planning the Volunteer Fair for the spring of 2012 will be meeting soon and he will have more information for Council after the meeting. Mayor Lucia said he will also be meeting with a representative from WCCC who handles volunteerism for the college.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said his firm is attempting to collect damages from Integrated Production Services for the damage done to the traffic signal and pole at the Diamond on December 13, 2010. Integrated Production Services is trying to have the Borough pay 25% of the damages done to the traffic signal caused by their truck. Solicitor Wolfe said that his firm has sued the company on behalf of the Borough and prepared a letter to be signed by Borough Manager Landy and sent to their corporate offices.

Solicitor Wolfe also addressed the issue regarding fees for certain hearings being charged by the C.O.G. Mr. Wolfe said he has sent two letters requesting information about the basis of these fees. Mr. Wolfe has not received acknowledgement that his correspondence has been received by the C.O.G. Mr. Wolfe said he feels it is important for the Borough to understand these fees and that they are reasonable in comparison to the cost.

Tax Collector Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky gave the following report for the month of January 2012:

Per Capita Taxes = \$148.50

Total = \$148.50

President’s Report:

President Bauer said he would like to meet with members of every Mount Pleasant Board and Authority sometime in the near future to discuss their plans for 2012. Council members are invited to attend and ask any question they may have.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Executive Session 7:20pm to 8:12pm

President Bauer stated that the Executive Session was to discuss property complaints.

Borough Manager Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Budget Vs. Actual Report to see how their departments are doing in the beginning of 2012.

Mr. Landy reported that the 2012 G5 Conference is scheduled for March 22nd through March 24th. Each community will host a meeting and attendance will be important.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Foundation has \$1,000 grant money available and applications are available to anyone who qualifies.

Mr. Landy said he spoke with a representative from Columbia Gas and they are offering a heating evaluation for any Columbia Gas customer who is looking to lower their heating bills. The phone number to call is 866-956-0308.

Mr. Landy said work is beginning on the Night At The Races fundraiser for the July 3rd fireworks and anyone who wants to sit on that committee is welcome.

Public Works Report:

Councilman Tate reported that the new chipper has been delivered to the Street Department and it is being put to good use. Also, since there has not been a lot of snow this winter so far, Street Department personnel have been able to do some work on the bike trail.

Councilman Tate said that he is getting prices on a tailgate for the dump truck so that the Street Department can our own tar and chipping this year.

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Councilman Tate said that Rumbaugh Avenue does not need milled, but College Avenue will need to be milled.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of January 2012:

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| Total calls | 51 |
| In town | 8 |
| Out of town | 43 |
| 10-45's | 13 |
| 10-45's w/entrapment | 2 |
| Fires | 9 |
| AFA's | 13 |
| Public service calls | 11 |
| Stand bys | 4 |
| Turnpike calls | 7 |
| Total men answering | 656 |
| Average member per call | 13 |
| Total calls | 510 |

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that the ordinance fee schedule has not been updated for many years and the fees are very outdated and do not reflect the current costs. Councilman McCloy explained some of the fees that would be changed.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Resolution 2012-03 amending the Ordinance Fee Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman McCloy said that he spoke to Health Inspector Rita Borenstein regarding the 540 Walnut Street and a letter will have to be sent to the owner outlining the Borough's position that the structure must be demolished. The property owner will have 30 days to respond to the letter.

Councilman McCloy reported that the tentative date or the 2012 Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale is Saturday May 12, 2012 8am to 5pm. No permit will be required to hold a yard sale on this date.

Councilman McCloy explained that when someone is on the Mount Pleasant Borough web-site looking at the borough ordinances, in order to see the newly adopted ordinances you must to the section entitled "Ordinance Adopted Since The Last Update" and the new ordinances will be shown there.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Mayor Lucia said he would like the Grants Committee to look into a grant for a concrete apron at the Fire Department. Council discussed whether a grant application would have to include engineering specs.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that a meeting of the Veterans Park Committee will be held on Wednesday February 8, 2012 to discuss the proposed Video Wall. The committee will discuss downsizing the original plans.

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to upgrade Frick Park electrical panel in the amount of \$6,352.45 by Genesis Construction Group from quotes received using funds in line item #450.16. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Council discussed spending money to light the flagpole at Frick Park and agreed that the money could be better spent on other park improvements at this time.

Councilman Crivella said that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00pm.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Committees to look at their budgets to see what impact the first two months of the year had in order to better plan for the rest of this year.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts introduced Mr. Bill Kelly from B & K Electric. Mr. Kelly is going to volunteer his services to help install the surveillance cameras on Main Street. Council thanked Mr. Kelly for his generosity.

Councilman Pritts talked about looking into putting something to fill in the middle of the Mount Pleasant sign at the old PNC drive thru that could inform residents and visitors about borough events. Councilman Pritts said he is also looking to lighting for the sign.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she has received the 2011 recycling report from Allied Waste and they collected 167 tons of recyclables in the Borough which amounts to 8 ½% of total pick up which is a substantial amount.

New Business:

President Bauer said he has received the 2010 census report and it does show that the borough wards are not proportioned correctly and the map is not correct. President Bauer said he will meet with Mayor Lucia to discuss corrections.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- A letter from the Westmoreland C.O.G. with a schedule of meetings for the year 2012.

Mr. Landy reminded Council to let the borough office know what days they wish to attend the PSAB Spring Conference at Seven Springs. President Bauer said that the first day of the conference falls on a Sunday and he recommends that all council members attend that day.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Motions from February 6, 2012 Meeting

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