

## Meeting April 4, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:05pm 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, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski 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 March 21, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

### Public Comment:

Joe Minyon, Mount Pleasant addressed Council and donated some of his time to help erect the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign. Mr. Minyon also made a donation to the cost of the sign of \$100 and discussed starting on the construction as soon as possible. He brought up the possibility of including some advertising on the sign by local businesses.

### Speakers:

Nino Barsotti, Mount Pleasant thanked everyone who attended the Mount Pleasant Rotary dinner that honored him as Citizen of the Year. Mr. Barsotti showed Council a planter that the BDA would like to put on Main Street. The BDA will purchase the planters and the potting soil for a cost of approximately \$60 each. The BDA will ask businesses if they would be interested in having a planter in front of their business. It would then be the business owner's responsibility to plant and maintain the flowers. Mr. Barsotti asked Council's approval of the plan. Council agreed that it was a good plan and added that the Mount Pleasant Street Department should bolt the planters to the sidewalk to prevent them from being stolen.

### Mayor's Report:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the month of March 2011

The Department answered 301 calls during the month as follows:

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| Complaints               | 70 |
| Requests for assistance  | 6  |
| Assist Other Departments | 6  |
| Accidents investigated   | 5  |
| Calls Returned           | 20 |
| Assist Medic 10          | 8  |
| Assist Mutual Aid        | 0  |

The Department made 33 arrests during the month as follows:

|                   |    |
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| Vehicle Code      | 28 |
| Crimes Code       | 5  |
| Borough Ordinance | 0  |
| Warnings Issued   | 0  |

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| \$4.00 Meter Tickets        | 23        |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets  | 24        |
| Void / Excused              | 6         |
| \$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid | 1 \$ 2.00 |

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|-------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| \$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid   | 13 | \$ | 52.00 |
| \$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid   | 1  | \$ | 5.00  |
| \$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid  | 1  | \$ | 10.00 |
| \$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid  | 1  | \$ | 15.00 |
| \$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd | 9  | \$ | 90.00 |
| \$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd    | 0  | \$ | -     |

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| Return from Magistrate Eckels  | \$1,089.15 |
| Return from Clerk of Courts    | \$ 437.70  |
| Return from Report Fees        | \$ 60.00   |
| Return from Parking Permits    | \$ 10.00   |
| Return from Soliciting Permits | \$ -       |
| Return from Restitution        | \$ -       |

Total \$1,770.85

1 Meter Collection \$1,170.18

Total Receipts for the month \$2,948.03

Mayor Lucia asked if local churches need a solicitation permit to go door to door in the Borough. Borough Manager Landy said that they still need to apply for a permit but are exempt from the permit fee.

Mayor Lucia swore in Vincent Zaccaria and JoAnn Prosnik to the board of the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Fred Wolfe said that he as reviewed the rental inspection agreement with B.I.U. that Council is voting to adopt and feels it can be adopted in the format presented.

Solicitor Wolfe reported that the revised rules and regulations of the Mount Pleasant Police Department is complete and he asked Police Chief Ober to review it one more time to make sure it accurately reflects the procedures of the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Each police officer will sign an acknowledgment that they have received a copy.

**Tax Collector Report:**

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

Property Taxes: \$129,932.78  
Per Capita: \$99.00  
Total Collected: \$130,031.78

Ms. Yancosky reminded everyone who wants a receipt when they mail their payment to include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ms. Yancosky asked Council to sign a petition against privatizing tax collectors. President Bauer said we would lose a valuable asset to the Borough if the position of Tax Collector were privatized.

**President's Report:**

President Bauer said that he attended a meeting with Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy about handling blighted properties.

President Bauer said he attended the meeting of the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. The Westmoreland County Commissioners attended the meeting and discussed the county budget and how it is affected by the state budget.

President Bauer said that Concerts and Movies in the Park will begin soon and volunteers from Council are needed. President Bauer said he would volunteer for June 5<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said he has been attending meetings with Luanne Houe of the BDA to discuss how the BDA and Council can work together.

Mr. Landy said that he and Street Supervisor Fontanazza inspected the property on Bridgeport Street after Kriebel Resources reclaimed the property after drilling the well. There are some issues that need to be addressed and Mr. Landy suggested that Council meet with representatives from Kriebel to discuss them.

Mr. Landy said that he received more information from Mr. Doug Hauser regarding a community garden and what property could be used. Mr. Hauser said he would like Council to decide how to proceed and take over management of the project.

Mr. Landy said he spoke to the representative from the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball League regarding the cost of electricity at Frick Park based on 2010 figures.

Mr. Landy said he spoke with NLC regarding the service line agreement. At the last council meeting Council said that they did not want NLC to use the Borough's logo on their marketing letter. NLC has since said that if that is the Borough's position they have decided not to pursue agreements in the borough.

Mr. Landy reported that the street paving estimates have been given to the engineers and they are preparing the bid documents.

Mr. Landy said that Westmoreland County Commissioners has denied the request from Ridgeview Apartments to have Westmoreland Transit provide service to the Ridgeview Apartment parking lot. Mayor Lucia suggested a letter signed by all of Council asking the Commissioners to reconsider the request.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to send a letter from Council to the Westmoreland County Commissioners requesting that Westmoreland Transit change their route to include pulling into Ridgeview Apartments. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Mr. Landy said that Council received an invitation from Mayor Chuck King to attend a "Get to know Scottdale" day on April 15, 2011 from 4pm to 8pm at Stoner Street.

Mr. Landy reported that opening day for the Soccer League was canceled and rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am and all of Council is invited to attend.

Mr. Landy said that on May 21, 2011 the Girls Softball League will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and all of Council is invited.

Mr. Landy said that Council has received a request for a street sign on Mercurio Way. Council instructed Street Supervisor to erect signs on Mercurio Way.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to open the bids for the WWT pump control systems. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer read the following bids:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Rath Construction, Mount Pleasant PA | \$72,996.00 |
| T.P. Electric, Acme PA               | \$38,000.00 |

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to turn the bids over to committee for review and award. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

**Street Report:**

Councilman Tate said that the contractor is going to begin installing the playground equipment at Jack Bobbø Park on April 5, 2011 weather permitting.

Borough Manager Landy said that work on the Levin Monument at Willows Park is complete.

Councilman Crivella said he would like to meet with Councilman Tate to go over what needs to be done in the parks before summer using Street Department personnel.

**Public Safety Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adopt resolution 2011-03 approving a revised manual of rules and regulations for the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adopt Resolution 2011-02 suspending and revoking the by-laws of the Mount Pleasant Borough Emergency Medical Unit. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to hire Christopher Kubasky, Mount Pleasant as a part-time police officer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Beranek reminded Police Chief Ober and Street Supervisor Fontanazza that a stop sign needs to be put up behind Independence Apartments.

Councilman Beranek showed Council the T-shirt that is being sold as a fundraiser for the K-9 Unit. The t-shirts are \$12.00 each and can be purchased by calling Officer George Grippo at the Mount Pleasant Police Department after 3:00pm.

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

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|----------------------|-----|
| Total calls          | 46  |
| In town              | 12  |
| Out of town          | 34  |
| 10-45ø               | 14  |
| 10-45ø/Entrapment    | 1   |
| Fires                | 19  |
| AFAø                 | 5   |
| Standbyø             | 3   |
| Public Service       | 5   |
| Turnpike calls       | 3   |
| Total men answering  | 830 |
| Avg. member per call | 18  |
| Total hours          | 945 |

Councilman Beranek read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of March 2011:

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| Total calls | 177 |
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**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to sponsor a community yard sale, one day, Saturday June 11, 2011 from 8am to 5pm. Not permit is required for this event. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman McCloy said there will be notices about the community yard sale on Armstrong Cable, the Mount Pleasant Borough web site and in the newspapers.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt a Rental Inspection Program utilizing Option #1 of the proposal from BIU of PA as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to change the Fee Schedule for Rental Inspection to include:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Inspection ó Free of charge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Inspection and any thereafter - \$35.00

Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

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

Councilman Tabita said he has been receiving good response from the public regarding businesses on Main Street staying open later one evening a week.

Councilman Tabita asked anyone who has a suggestion about where to locate the community garden to call the borough office. A discussion ensued about different options.

Councilman Tabita said that there will be a meeting of The Frick Communities with the County tonight and he will meet with members of The Frick Communities on Wednesday April 6, 2011. The County is eliminating Main Street and Elm Street programs and combining them into a Keystone Communities Program.

Councilman Tabita said that The Frick Communities are working on coordinating the Bike Trail between Mount Pleasant and Scottdale as well as trying to have uniform hours for the Historical Societies.

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilman Tabita said that July 4<sup>th</sup> is the first possible date for dedication of the Veterans Park Video Wall and the committee is looking for a software vendor.

### **Parks and Recreation Report:**

Councilman Crivella reported that his committee met with President Bauer, Borough Manager Landy and Steve Simons about a summer playground program from June 6, 2011 until July 29, 2011. The age group would be from 6 to 12 years old from 10:00am to 12:00noon. The cost to the Borough would be \$2,000. The proposal should be formalized by the next council meeting.

Councilman Crivella said he received the 2011 Girls Softball League schedule which runs until June 26<sup>th</sup> and all-star games during the month of July. Councilman Tate said that the menø league is asking to use the field on Fridays in June, July and August. Councilman Crivella said he and Councilman Tate would look over both schedules and get in touch with the menø league.

Councilman Crivella said he would like to have a representative from the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service come to a meeting and give Council information on the Young Lungs At Play Initiative and forming a smoke free zone in the park.

**Finance Report:** None

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Pritts said that he is getting quotes on reupholstering the council chairs.

Councilman Pritts said that he has received the list of streets that the Knights of Columbus will use for their race on August 20, 2011 from 8am to 11am.

Councilman Pritts said that the spec sheet for the surveillance cameras on Main Street is in the borough office for anyone interested in providing a quote to the Borough.

Councilman Tate said Council should look into using solar lights on the welcome signs.

**Sanitation and Recycling Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that her committee is working on getting recycling bins in Mount Pleasant parks for people to use when they visit. Also, Allied Waste is putting together a proposal for businesses in the Borough who want to recycle.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Westmoreland Cleanways will be offering the opportunity to recycle certain items such as tires, computers, cell phones, vcr's, scrap metal, car batteries etc. in Delmont on Saturday May 7, 2011. More information is available at [www.westmorelandcleanways.org](http://www.westmorelandcleanways.org).

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Senator Kim Ward will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Friday April 8, 2011 at the American Legion 752 West Main Street Mount Pleasant PA 15666
- The Mount Pleasant Slovak Club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on Saturday November 12, 2011 and sent an invitation to advertise in the booklet.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to place a full-page ad in the Slovak Club commemorative booklet for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at a cost of \$100.

Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

- A letter from Diana Lucia, Secretary, Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society stating that the Historical Society would like to have some sort of involvement in the preservation of the coke oven memorabilia that will be donated to the Borough.

**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 9-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting adjourned 8:15pm**

## Motions from April 4, 2011 Meeting

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