

Meeting May 2, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:04pm 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, Tate and Councilwoman Ruszkowski were present. Solicitor Wolfe was present and Mayor Lucia arrived at 7:06pm. President Bauer stated we have a quorum. Councilman Tabita arrived at 7:20pm

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 18, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Peter Marshala, 323 W Main Street, Mount Pleasant thanked Council for their swift action in sending the Ordinance Officer to their neighbor's property. Council informed Mr. Marshala that a registered letter went to the property owner today.

Speaker:

Leo Wisniewski, Grille 31 presented Council with a check in the amount of \$5,000 for the July 3rd Fireworks. The money was raised during The Night At The Races fundraiser that was sponsored and organized by Grille 31.

Mayor's Report:

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

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

The Department answered 368 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	79
Requests for assistance	10
Assist Other Departments	10
Accidents investigated	6
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	4
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 41 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	28
Crimes Code	13
Borough Ordinance	1
Warnings Issued/Traffic	1

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	44	
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	6	
Void / Excused	1	
\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$ 2.00
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	34	\$ 136.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	4	\$ 20.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	3	\$ 30.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$ -
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	6	\$ 60.00
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd		

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,685.94
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 371.73
Return from Report Fees	\$ 135.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ 5.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -
 Total	 \$2,445.67
 1 Meter Collection	 \$1,128.12
 Total Receipts for the month	 \$3,573.79

Mayor Lucia congratulated Police Chief Ober on becoming a Grandfather and on solving a recent robbery in the Borough.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Property Taxes:	\$224,011.03
Supplemental:	\$ 26.53
Per Capita:	\$ 55.00
 Total:	 \$224,092.56

Ms. Yancosky said that the April report is incomplete because she received a bank payment today that was too large to completely process.

President's Report:

President Bauer congratulated Borough Manager Landy on his birthday today and invited everyone to stay after the meeting for a piece of cake.

President Bauer said he would like to honor Friends of the Library with a Citizen Of The Month award in June.

President Bauer said he found another company offering utility line warranties and he asked Borough Manager Landy to get in touch with them to find out about their program.

President Bauer said that Concerts In The Park are beginning soon and we still need volunteers from Council.

President Bauer said that he and members of Council attended the 61st Annual Boroughs Association Banquet on Friday.

President Bauer said he received a flyer about a seminar for Municipal Secretaries and said he would like Beverly Fedorchak to attend the one being held in Greensburg.

President Bauer said that the annual Ramsay Terrace yard sale will be held this coming weekend and he asked Police Chief Ober to block off parking on one side of each street for safety reasons.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:22pm to 7:43pm.

President Bauer said the Executive Session was to discuss legal and personnel issues.

President Bauer said that the Ministerium will have a program on Thursday May 5th at Frick Park for the National Day of Prayer and everyone is invited to attend. President Bauer asked Police Chief Ober to have a police officer in the park during the program.

Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy asked council chairmen to look over the Budget Vs. Actual report and asked Department heads to get a copy as well.

Borough Manager Landy said they Concerts In The Park will begin soon with lots of new bands and activities this year. The schedule is as follows:

June 5th Sunday

“USO Show” Tribute to Vietnam Veterans

6:30pm to 9pm.

June 19th Sunday

“Country Jamboree” Music by Sugar Mountain Band

6:30pm to 9pm.

July 3rd Sunday

“Independence Celebration” Music by Jeff Jimerson & Airborne Band

7pm to 10:15pm.

Fireworks, games and food vendors plus Oldies D.J. “Fast Freddy”

July 17th Sunday

“Family Night” Music by Renewed Memories Band

6:30pm to 9pm.

Including a Car Show

July 31st Sunday

“Rock Night” Music by Bad Boy Blues Band

6:30pm to 9pm.

Including a Motorcycle Show

August 14th Sunday

“Polish Day” Music by Mon Valley Push Band

6:30pm to 9pm.

August 28th Sunday

“German Night” Music by The German Band

6:30pm to 9pm.

September 11th Sunday

“911 Ceremony” Featuring speaker from New York City

Begins at 6:30

Kids Movies In The Park will be held on the following dates:

June 10th with a rain date of June 17th

Movie T.B.A.

9pm

July 8th with a rain date of July 15th

Movie T.B.A.

9pm

August 12th with rain date of August 19th

Movie T.B.A.

9pm

Borough Manager Landy said that the Firemen's Fair will be held on June 20th to June 25th and the 25th Anniversary of the Glass and Ethnic Festival will be held on September 25th thru September 24th.

Borough Manager Landy said that the location for the Community Garden still has to be chosen and we should advertise it.

Borough Manager Landy said he met with representatives from Frick Hospital and our Code Enforcement Officer regarding building permits and Frick Hospital is now up-to-date with their building permits.

Mr. Landy said he attended the seminar hosted by Congressman Mark Critz and brought back some information from Penn Dot for the Street Department and information regarding Pedestrian Crossing indicators for the Police Department. It does seem that we will see less grant opportunities in 2011.

Mr. Landy said he picked up a master copy of the Mount Pleasant DVD and we can now have more made.

Mr. Landy said he and Police Chief Ober looked at some properties that we have received complaints about in regards to Property Maintenance.

Mr. Landy said that he is working with WWT Plant Superintendent Stout and the insurance company regarding the roof that was damaged at the WWT Plant during the storm. We still have to get one more quote, but that issue seems to be resolved.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that work on the pumping system will begin soon.

Street Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to award the Center Avenue Paving Project to Victor paving Construction Inc for the amount of \$36,428.00 from CDBG Funds pending county review and approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for a motion to advertise for bids for resurfacing of E. Vine Street and Yoder Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

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Councilman Tate said he would like the Street Department to borrow the chipper from Connellsville and mulch the trees that were cut down by workers last year.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek reminded everyone that K-9 Officer George Grippo has K-9 Unit t-shirts on sale for \$12.00 each.

Councilman Beranek said he attended the PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey with Mr. Landy and felt it was very informative.

Zoning and Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said he and Borough Manager Landy have meetings set up on Thursday to discuss code enforcement and he will give a report at the next meeting.

Councilman McCloy said that the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 11, 2010. If residents call the borough office and register for the yard sale, we will put a map on the website showing which streets will be participating.

Councilman McCloy said he is already starting to get complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs when they walk them. He reminded everyone that there is a borough ordinance stating that you must clean up after your animal.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that there are more stores staying open late on Main Street. If the public responds to it favorably, it can only go in a good direction. By supporting Main Street businesses residents support the Borough.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that the software for the Veterans Park Video Wall will be purchased from Industry Weapon from Pittsburgh. They have a lot of good ideas to bring to the table. The target date to have the wall up and functional is September 11, 2011. Councilman Tabita said that we are working on putting more information about the Video Wall on the web-site.

Parks and Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to approve the Girls Softball League 2011 schedule for Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Crivella said that he has informed the Girls Softball League that they will not be able to use the field this Thursday because the Ministerium is having a service for National Day of Prayer.

Councilman Crivella said that there will be a summer recreation program beginning June 6, 2011 and running through July 29, 2011. The Mount Pleasant YMCA will be running the program.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that the check for the Veterans Park Video Wall engineering fee has been sent to ITS Enclosures.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that the new council chairs should be here for the next meeting.

Councilman Pritts said that there does not seem to be any volunteers for the Welcome sign. He will look at getting a list of material costs for the next meeting and possible donations.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that there will be a collection of hard to recycle materials this Saturday 7, 2011 in Delmont. For more information you can go to Westmoreland Cleanways web-site.

New Business:

President Bauer said that volunteers are needed to put flags on the graves of Veterans. Thursday May 26th they will be at Transfiguration Cemetery and Friday May 27th they will be doing St. Pius X and Visitation Cemeteries. On Saturday May 28th they will be doing the Mount Pleasant Cemetery and will begin at 8:30am. Councilman Bauer said that Westmoreland County cut back money to the Veterans Association by 15%, which means that WW1 and Korean Veterans may not have the correct marker.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Relay For Life is requesting the use of the Borough Command Trailer on July 23rd and 24th . In exchange, they will offer us a \$1,000 Sponsorship which entitles us to a logo on the back of the event t-shirt, a track sign with our name on it, free registration for one team to register for the Relay and recognition at the event.
- There will be a course on Zoning offered by the Municipal Planning and Education Institute held in Ligonier Township in the evenings on May 11, 18 and 25. Councilman McCloy may be interested in attending this seminar. It will cover some of the administration and monitoring of ordinances. There is a fee of \$95. Mayor Lucia said that the police officer in charge of ordinances should also attend.
- Westmoreland County Annual Emergency Management Seminar will be held on June 1st from 9am to 3pm at the WCCC Commissioners Hall.
- The Mount Pleasant Parking Authority sent a letter stating that they have accepted a request to lease the parking lot on Smithfield Street.
- The Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce will host the Student Banquet on May 18th at 6:00pm at Bell's Steak House. They would like the Borough to place an ad in the program.
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A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to purchase a one-half page ad in the Student Recognition Banquet on May 18, 2011 for \$50. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 8-0.

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 McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:14pm

Motions from May 2, 2011 Meeting

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