

Meeting May 3, 2010

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, Tabita, Tate, Tucholski and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia And Solicitor Wolfe, Tucker Arensberg Attorneys were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 19, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of April 2010:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of April 2010

The Department answered 334 Calls during the month as follows

Complaints	87
Requests for assistance	2
Assist Other Departments	2
Accidents investigated	3
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	11

The Department made 39 Arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	34
Crimes Code	5
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	1

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	81
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	3
Void / Excused	4

\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	\$ 200.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	\$ 20.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	\$ 30.00
	\$ 30.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,482.56
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 943.13
Return from Report Fees	\$ 30.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ 5.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$2,740.69
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1 Meter Collection	\$1,179.03
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Total Receipts for the month	\$3,919.72
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Mayor Lucia said that he and Borough Manager Landy have been driving around town to see who is in violation of the grass-cutting ordinance. There are a lot of properties where the grass is out of control. Most of the properties are up for sale or in foreclosure. Mayor Lucia asked Council which direction they want to go with this. President Bauer said that the ordinance states that grass can't be higher than 10 inches. Councilman Tabita said that past practice is that the ordinance officer gives a verbal warning the first time he has to stop with instructions that they have 5 days to cut the grass. If they cut the grass within 5 days, but 4 or 5 weeks later the officer has to go back again he will write a citation. Solicitor Wolfe said he will review the ordinance and report to Council.

Mayor Lucia asked Borough Manager Landy to check with Silvis about cutting the grass at the playground area of Frick Park. He also thinks we should have it sprayed for dandelions. Councilman Tate said that the strip of grass along Eagle Street outside Frick Park also needs to be mowed.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said Council has been provided with a copy of his updated report. Solicitor Wolfe said that Secretary Fedorchak has a copy of the Employee Handbook and can make any changes Council designates. He is working on the Police Procedure Manual with Chief Ober. Solicitor Wolfe said he will discuss personnel issues with Council during the Executive Session.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of April 2010:

Real Estate Taxes	\$290,590.03
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 77.00
Total Collected	\$290,667.03

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to approve the Employee Handbook. Motion seconded by Councilman Tucholski. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer said that in the past Council was given a monthly Zoning & Ordinance Report showing Occupancy Permits, Building Permits, Demolition Permits and Questions & Complaints for the month. President Bauer said he would like to see a report again each month. Councilman Tabita said that the Police should be provided with a copy of the report so that they know if a permit has been issued when they see construction.

President Bauer said he, Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy went to the PSAB Annual Conference in Pittsburgh on Monday. President Bauer said he attended a meeting regarding workers compensation for Fire Departments. President Bauer said they brought back information on types of welcome signs that will be turned over to Councilman Tabita.

President Bauer said that the Glass & Ethnic Festival Committee feels the same way that Council feels about the route of the proposed 5K run on the Sunday of the Festival. The streets will be too congested. Council would be willing to look at it again if they provided another route for the race and another date. Mayor Lucia said that St. Pius X and the Knights of Columbus will be having a 5K race on August 28, 2010. Councilwoman Stevenson said that July 3rd may be a better date. It could coincide with the activities the Borough has planned. President Bauer asked Mr. Landy to set up a meeting with Rick Albright and the Recreation Committee to discuss possible dates and routes.

President Bauer said that the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority is waiting for a letter from the Historical Society and then they will move ahead to demolish the Gormley Building. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the letter was faxed to them from the Historical society this morning.

President Bauer said that he attended the Firemen's Banquet on Saturday and the following people were honored for their years of service:

Gerald D. Lucia	35 Years
Richard Pologruto	30 Years
Gerald J. Lucia	20 Years
Donald Fleming	15 Years
William Hare	15 Years
William Kristoff	15 Years

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

Executive Session 7:25pm to 8:12pm

Councilman Bauer said the Executive Session was for personnel.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that he and Councilman McCloy will attend a meeting on Tuesday evening May 4, 2010 about a mandatory ordinance when you have an airport within two miles. The ordinance will address height limitations for buildings.

Mr. Landy said that he will be attending a meeting at the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety with PEMA and FEMA regarding our application for the snowstorm reimbursement. We will submit our costs and will find out how much reimbursement we will actually get.

Mr. Landy said he attended the meeting for Administrators at the PSAB Annual Conference. It was a round-table discussion with everyone participating.

Mr. Landy reported that Mount Pleasant Borough Recreation purchased the bucket truck and it has been delivered to the borough shed. We requested three quotes and received two. One quote for \$6,800 and another for \$7,400. We purchased the truck for \$6,800.

Mr. Landy said that the Concert In The Park schedule is complete and Council has been provided a copy of the schedule. This year the concerts will revolve around themes.

June 6 (Sunday) U.S.O. Show
Music by "Harmony Scott" (from 40's to present)
Including a car show

June 20 (Sunday) Family Fun Nite
Music By "Back In Time", Variety
Including Kids Games and Fire truck Rides

America's Birthday Celebration
July 3rd (Saturday) Music by "Switch"
Band Special Time 7-10 pm Including Vendors
Hot Dog Eating Contest
Watermelon Eating Contest
Pet Costume Contest
Fireworks 10:00pm

July 11 (Sunday) Polish Day
Music by "PA Express", Polka
Includes Car Show, Polka Dance Contest

July 25 (Sunday) Classic Rock Nite
Music By "Tim Scott Bank"
Including Motorcycle Show

August 8 (Sunday) Italian Day
Music By "Jimmy Sapienza And 3 Guys Named Guido"
Special Activity T.B.A.

August 22 (Sunday) Mardi Gras Nite
Music by "Coffe's Love Trane", Blues, Soul & Funk
Including Mardi Gras Theme Decorated Car Show

September 5 (Sunday) Country Jamboree
Music by "The Kortney Jean Band"
Pickup Truck and Tractor Show

September 19 (Sunday) October Fest
Music By "The German Band"
Special Activity T.B.A.

Any help with the concerts that council members can give will be appreciated.

The Kids Movies In The Park will be Friday June 18th, Friday July 9th and Friday August 13th. The rain day will always be the next evening (Saturday) after the scheduled date. We are still looking for sponsors for the Kids Movies In The Park. The cost of each movie is \$125 which covers the royalty for the movie.

Mr. Landy said he will attend a meeting on May 5, 2010 to finalize the G3 Conference.

The following is the agenda for the conference:

Monday – Public Works hosted by Connellsville

Tuesday – Waste Water Treatment hosted by Mount Pleasant

Economic Development hosted by Connellsville

Wednesday – Police hosted by Scottdale

Volunteer Fire Department hosted by Mount Pleasant

Thursday – Managers and Clerks meeting hosted by Scottdale

Mayor's Meeting hosted by Mount Pleasant

Council roundtable discussion with council members from all municipalities hosted by Alex Graziano, Smart Growth.

Friday – Buffet reception for participants to end the conference.

Mr. Landy said that if anyone on council has suggestions for discussions at the G3 Conference please call the borough office.

President Bauer said there will be a fireworks test shoot on May 23rd to test different sites.

Councilman Tucholski urged Council to volunteer to handle at least one Concert In The Park to take the burden off of himself and Borough Manager Landy.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that the sewage line on Depot Street is complete except for some blacktop.

Councilman Tate said that Waste Water Treatment personnel will do some cameraing at the Frick Park concession stand to see where they will be able to run a sewage line for the concession stand. WWT Supervisor will report to Council on the cost of the sewage line at the next council meeting.

Councilman Tate reported that there will be a liquidation auction on May 8, 2010 in West Elizabeth that may have items that could be used at the WWT Plant. Councilman Tate said that WWT Supervisor Norm Stout would like permission to attend the auction and use the borough credit card to make any purchases.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of April 2010:

Total Calls for the month	177
Medical	149
MVA	10
Fire	8
Transfer	0
Standby	10
In Town	84
Out of Town	93
Members per call	2.4

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2010:

Total Calls	35
In Town	5
Out of Town	30
10-45's In Town	1
10-45's Out of Town	11
Fires	14
AFA's	04
Stand By's	2
Ambulance Assist	2
Turnpike Calls	1
Total Men Answering	509
Average Member per call	14
Total Hours	294

A discussion ensued regarding the tree at Hitchman Street & Main Street that may need to be removed.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that there was a meeting at 6:30pm this evening of the Zoning & Ordinance Committee to discuss amending some of the ordinances.

Streets/Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilman Tucholski reported that Street Department personnel will attend training on sealing the roads on May 5, 2010 to make sure that we are doing it properly and not wasting material.

Councilman Tucholski said that the Recreation is waiting on a plate for the newly purchased bucket truck and there are some safety issues that need to be addressed before they take the truck on the road.

Councilman Tucholski said that Farrell Electric will provide a quote on the cost of putting a timer on the lights at the Frick Park Basketball Court so that they will not be left on all night. Councilman Tate said that it was his understanding that the lights shut off every hour until 11:00pm and if someone was using the court they had to turn on the lights. But the lights would not come on after 11:00pm.

Councilman Tucholski said that he got quotes for a 30-foot flagpole for center field at Frick Park. The best price is \$600.00. This cost would not include installation. Councilman Tabita said that we should get the ones with the mechanism inside the flagpole that cannot be tampered with. Borough Manager Landy said that there is still a flagpole at Veterans Park that is leaning. Councilman Tate suggested calling Liberty Flag Poles to come and reinstall the pole.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said that when Liberty Flag Poles comes to look at the flag pole at Veterans Park that is leaning we should have him look at all three of the poles.

Councilman Tate said that the Veterans Park Committee met with R. K. Shumaker Monument Company who gave them some very good suggestions for expanding our Veterans Wall. The company will need an aerial shot and a close up of the existing wall. This company will do the architect work also, so we will not have to hire an architect.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said she will do a report on the electric bills for the borough buildings to see if they are cost effective.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that in July 2010 she will have a warning report on line items that are heading for overages.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to open a joint account with the City of Connellsville labeled the "G" Account for funds pertaining to the G3 Conference. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Crivella reported that he attended a workshop on April 28th on Parking Solutions. At the meeting they talked about handicapped parking being general and specific. On the specific handicapped parking sign it would say "Handicapped Parking For (license plate number). Councilman Crivella asked Solicitor Wolfe if that is something that the Borough should look into.

Councilman Crivella said he has asked Borough Manager Landy to get quotes on pest control for the Municipal Building and should have those for the next meeting.

Councilman Crivella said that the BDA has requested that the Police Department take steps to slow down traffic on Main Street.

Councilman Crivella reminded everyone that May 18, 2010 is Election Day and encouraged everyone to come out to vote in the primaries and also to return their census forms.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that we received an Intergovernmental Cooperation award from the DCED for The Frick Communities. There were only four communities in the state who received this award. Councilman Tabita said that in a couple of weeks we should know more about the organization of the Frick Communities. Mount Pleasant is ready to move forward.

Councilman Tabita said he is working on making the Mount Pleasant DVD available to everyone for a cost of \$5. The video can be viewed on You Tube. To see the video go to the search box on You Tube and enter Mt Pleasant PA. Our video will be the first one to pop up. There have been over 1,400 hits on the site to view the video. Councilman Tabita said there are several businesses interested in buying a 15 second ad inside the 30-second Mount Pleasant video ad at a cost of \$1 each. With all of the interest for the video on You Tube it would be beneficial to have a link to the video from our website. Councilman Tabita said he is also working on a Facebook site for the Borough where we could post the Concert In The Park schedule, street cleaning schedule etc. Councilman Crivella said that it would be beneficial for real estate agents selling property in the Borough to include the link to the video on You Tube with their listing of the property. Councilman McCloy said it may be beneficial to have the DVD available for sale at the Glass & Ethnic Festival.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for a motion to purchase Mount Pleasant DVD's. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to purchase 50 Mount Pleasant DVD's for a cost of up to \$3.00 each. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

New Business:

President Bauer said he has drawings of the proposed rearrangement of Chambers.

President Bauer thanked Council, the Mayor, Borough Manager, our Solicitor, and everyone for making his new job as President as easy as possible.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that this Saturday, May 8, 2010 the Historical Society and Cat Committee will be holding a joint yard sale in the parking lot behind Levin Furniture from 7am to 2pm.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Borough has received numerous emails thanking us for the producing the Mount Pleasant DVD.
- A request to advertise in the program for the Laurel Highlands Chamber Student Recognition Dinner.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to place a half-page \$50 ad in the program for the Laurel Highlands Chamber Student Recognition Dinner. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

- The Packers Cheerleader Squad is asking permission to use the location between the Municipal Building and the Tennis Courts for practice from 6pm to 8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 29th to August 19th.
- The 5th Annual Emergency Management Seminar For Elected Officials will be held May 26, 2010 from 9am to 3pm in the Commissioners Hall Auditorium at WCCC.
- Don Fleming sent a thank you letter to the Borough for the recognition paid him at the Annual Firemen's Banquet.
- The Mayor of New Stanton sent a note thanking us for inviting us to the April 1st council meeting honoring Mayor Lucia's 25 years as Mayor of Mount Pleasant.

President Bauer asked citizens to please be generous during the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department fund drive.

President Bauer also wanted to make residents aware that Medic 10 is not currently doing a fund drive, so any solicitation for that purpose is fraudulent.

Discussion and Payment of Bills

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm

Motion from May 3, 2010 Meeting

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