

Meeting May 5, 2008

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by Vice-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. Vic-President Bauer directed Borough Manager Jeff Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, Slater, Tate, Wiltout and Councilwoman Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Toohey was absent. Vice-President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Slater to dispense with the reading of the minutes of April 21, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

Citizen of the Month: John Jack Gulisek

Speakers: None

Public Comments: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of April 2008:

Report of the Mount Pleasant
Police Department for the
Month of April 2008: Police Report for the month of April 2008:

The Department answered 415 during the month as follows:

Complaints	122
Requests for assistance	0
Assist Other Departments	6
Accidents investigated	4
Calls Returned	30
Assist EMS	21

The Department made 72 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	50
Crimes Code	12

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$1.00 Meter Tickets	20
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	3
Void / Excused	0

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	13	\$	13.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid			
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	3	\$	30.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,845.05
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 85.62
Return from Report Fees	\$ 30.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total \$2,003.67

Meter Receipts 1 Collection \$1,034.92

Total Receipts for the month \$3,038.59

Mayor Lucia swore in Michael Whipkey, Acme, PA as a new part-time police officer for the Borough.

Mayor Lucia asked residents of the Borough to display the American Flag during the month of May or even throughout the entire summer. Mayor Lucia said he would also like to see a return of the display of yellow ribbons for our deployed troops. Perhaps volunteers from some of our local organizations could assist putting yellow ribbons on Main Street. Mayor Lucia would also like to see the ribbons at private residences. Memorial Day is a very important day and it would be nice for the Borough to show its support of the troops.

Mayor Lucia said that there was an editorial in the Mount Pleasant Journal regarding enforcement of some of our parks regulations. The problems at the parks in the Borough have risen to the point that we have to assign a part-time police officer to patrol the parks in the evenings. Mayor Lucia said that it is not an attack on the young people in Mount Pleasant but simply an attempt to keep everyone civil. Citizens bringing their young children to the parks and senior citizens are being harassed. Officers of the Girls Softball League have asked that their young girls be kept safe. Councilman Beranek said that he has been present at the park with his children when young adults have been using profane language. Councilwoman Stevenson said that it is necessary for the police to enforce the small things before they escalate. Mayor Lucia and all of Council would like to see our parks as peaceful places for all of our citizens. Vice president Bauer said that Council wants young people to use the parks but they must act responsibly and parents should know what their young adults are doing. Councilman Bauer said that when the shrubbery was trimmed around the park police found numerous drug paraphernalia and there have been a couple of arrests at Frick Park. Borough Manager Landy said that Council has chosen to be proactive instead of doing nothing about the problem.

Councilman Bauer added that cats remain a problem in the Borough and Council is still looking for solutions. He would also like to see dog owners be more diligent about cleaning up after their animals and those who have them leashed on their property should make sure that the leashes are short enough that the dog can not reach the sidewalk where people could get bitten.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following Tax Collector Report for the month of April 2008:

Property Tax:	\$290,333.15
Per Capita:	\$ 22.00

Total:	\$290,355.15
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Presidents Report: None

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported the following:

- Meetings with Widmer Engineering regarding the Main Street Street-Scape Project and show the project to be a little ahead of schedule. There will be a public meeting when the plans are finalized to let everyone know what will be done.
- A meeting with Westmoreland Conservation District regarding the Shupes Run Bank Stabilization Project showed that the project is approximately 50% complete.
- Mr. Landy met with representatives from the DEP regarding future grant money for Rain Gardens in the Borough that will help with some of the flooding problems.

- Mr. Landy would like to see residents in the Borough who are contemplating any sort of construction or repair to contact the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer Mark Stanton before they begin any project. If they explain their project to Mr. Stanton he can tell them what they need to do before there are problems.
- Mr. Landy reminded Council to look at the Profit and Loss Budget Vs. Actual report. Councilwoman Rega will be making a report at the June meeting on the status of the budget for the first half of 2008.
- The first Movies in the Park will be Sunday June 1, 2008 at the Gazebo.
- Concerts In The Park will be as follows:
 1. June 1 Jake Zelmores & his Traveling Show
 2. June 15 Punch
 3. June 29 Steeltown
 4. July 3 Radio Tokyo with the annual Fire Works Display
 5. July 13 Monkey Business
 6. July 27 Kardaz
 7. August 10 The Moonlighters
 8. August 24 Back In Time
 9. September 7 Kourtney Jean & Stampede

Mr. Landy said that donations are still needed for the 2008 Fire Works Display. Anyone wishing to donate can call the borough office.

- There will be three Movies In The Park this year as follows:
 1. June 14
 2. June 12
 3. August 13

People can go online at www.premieravonline.com to vote for a movie they would like to be shown on June 14th. All of the movies will be rated G and be suitable for the entire family.

- There will be an interview for a summer intern at 4:30pm on May 12, 2008 in Chambers.
- The Borough has received a 2008 Smart Growth Award for Veterans Park and will be honored at their banquet on May 28, 2008.
- Westmoreland County has asked if the Borough wants to continue as members of Urban County Block Grant Program. It is a three-year program making us eligible for funds.

Mr. Landy was ill recently and thanked Secretary Fedorchak for "holding down the fort" while he was away.

Waste Water Treatment:

Councilman Tate said that the recent report from Widmer Engineering shows the CSO Project to be approximately 86% complete.

Public Safety, Zoning & Ordinances:

Vice President Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of April 2008:

Total Calls for the Month:	131
Medical	102
MVA	10
Fire	13
Transfer	0
Standby	6
In Town	82
Out of Town	49
Members Per Call	3.3

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the following Amendment to the Bylaws of the Mount Pleasant Emergency Medical Service (Medic 10): Article X, Section 10.01 is amended by adding a new subsection (A) (3), which shall read as follows: (3) To

hire employees and/or to engage independent contractors to perform functions or duties relating to MEDIC 10's operations and to terminate the employment of such employees or the engagement of such independent contractors. Motion seconded by Councilman Wiltrout. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Crivella asked who would make hiring decisions for Medic 10 personnel and Vice President Bauer read the ordinance that states that Medic 10 employees can be hired by Borough Council only.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to install 2 handicap parking spaces in the Memorial Square area with the location to be determined by Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to close Main Street from Eagle Street to Diamond Street and Diamond Street from Washington Street to Main Street on May 26, 2008 from 10:30am to 11:30am for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for a motion to suspend issuance of licenses under Ordinance #613. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend all issuances of licenses under the Transient Retail Business Ordinance # 613 pending approval of a fee structure in a resolution attached to the agenda at the next Borough Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Councilman Crivella asked if this was a vote to have a fee for the Boy Scouts and Fire Departments selling hoagies in Mount Pleasant. Borough Manager Landy said that it is just a motion to suspend issuing licenses until Council can vote on any fees. The groups who already have permits can continue their activities for the next two weeks until Council makes its decisions. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Landy said that Council has been provided with a copy of a fee schedule from another municipality that they can look at to see what other towns are charging before they make any decisions.

Councilman Tate said that he and Mr. Landy met with representatives from Kriebel Resources and residents from Summit and Spruce Street who had damage to their properties when drilling rig vehicles drove through their neighborhood. Kriebel Resources agreed to repair the damage.

Vice President Bauer said that he attended the Borough's Association Annual Banquet on April 25, 2008 and reported that it was a success. He gave Mr. Landy a booklet from the banquet for the Borough's library. He also brought a pamphlet for Councilman Slater on playground safety.

Vice President Bauer reported that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday May 26 at 10:25 with a ceremony at Veterans Park at 11:00.

Street Report:

Councilman Crivella provided Council with a report on the CSO Project prepared by Street Supervisor Fontanazza.

Vice President Bauer asked if Mr. Fontanazza is inspecting the paving being done by the contractor. Councilman Crivella said that if Mr. Fontanazza can get a schedule from the contractor he will be there to inspect the paving.

Councilman Crivella asked if anyone responded to the help wanted ad for a part time street summer street worker. Mr. Landy said that the deadline for applications is May 15th and as of today we have not received any applications.

Councilman Crivella said that he and Supervisor Fontanazza will have a list of some alleys that the Borough can pave this summer and Council can decide which ones they want to have done.

Mayor Lucia said that there is a manhole at the intersection of Mullin and Joseph Streets that is in danger of collapsing.

Mr. Landy reported to Councilman Crivella that the paperwork to register the Borough Logo has been filed with the State.

Finance: None

Property:

Councilman Beranek said that the Boy Scouts are working on designs for improving the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign on Rte 31 for Council's approval. A discussion ensued regarding what can and should be done to improve the appearance of the sign.

Business/Economic Development & Contracts Report:

Councilman Wiltout reported that Leo's Grille 31 had a very successful grand opening on Saturday May 3rd.

Councilman Wiltout said that the recycling bins are in place at N & N Store on Church Street, the Borough maintenance shed on Depot Street, Willows Park and the parking lot of the Municipal Building. If anyone has any questions regarding recycling in the Borough they can send a postcard to his attention at the borough office and he will have a response at the next televised council meeting.

Councilman Wiltout said he spoke to the state representative for recycling regarding grant money for the curbside recycling bins. The Borough should be able to begin curbside recycling by January 2009.

Councilman Slater expressed concern that people would put non-recyclables in the bins we are using now. Mr. Landy said that Allied Waste has agreed to put labels on the bins regarding what can be put in them. Allied Waste will put flyers in their invoices regarding the recycling in Mount Pleasant.

Councilman Wiltout announced that garbage pick up on May 26 and 27 will be delayed for one day due to Memorial Day.

Human Resource / Employee Contracts:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she will have the Employee Handbook ready for the June work session meeting.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she attended the annual Firemen's Banquet and she was impressed by the number of long-term volunteer fire fighters and the dedication that goes into sustaining a volunteer fire department.

Recreation Report:

Councilman Slater said that trees will be planted at Veterans Park and that the flagpoles have been fixed.

Councilman Slater said that the wall in the alley between the basketball court and Frick Park in coming out and Council may have to look into fixing it sooner than anticipated.

Mayor Lucia said that the Street Department should use the street sweeper in the alley and in front of the Municipal Building on a regular basis.

Councilman Slater said he has received requests that the police not park the cruisers in front of the steps to the Municipal Building because it makes it difficult for vehicles to make the turn from the alley.

Mr. Landy asked Councilman Slater when and where he would like the meetings for the Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilman Slater said he will make a decision this week.

New Business:

Councilman Crivella said that the new email address for the Street Department is mpborostreets@zoominternet.net. If residents want to send messages or pictures of problems that the Street Department can fix they can send them to this address.

Mr. Landy said that he spoke with representatives from Frick Hospital regarding the Health Appeals Board and they have agreed to have one doctor and one nurse sit on the board.

Reading of Communications:

Mr. Landy read the following communications:

- Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce is having their annual Golf Classic on June 9, 2008.
- Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce is having the Senior Recognition Banquet on May 15, 2008.
- PMAA Region 9 and 10 will have their Spring Dinner at Seven Springs on June 28, 2008.
- Westmoreland County Borough's Association will have their monthly meeting on May 22, 2008 at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.
- The Historical Society requested sponsorship from the Borough for the Annual Community Picnic.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all approved and authorized bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Motions from May 5, 2008 Meeting

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