

Meeting June 6, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:02pm 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 and Councilwomen Ruszkowski and Stevenson 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 May 23, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Michelle Sechrist 14 college Avenue, Mount Pleasant PA representing the Food Pantry in Mount Pleasant asked Council for permission to block off the alley that runs between the Mount Pleasant Church of God and the Mount Pleasant Church of God Ministry Center on the end that is on Braddock Road Avenue and the entrance to the parking lot from the West Smithfield Street side on the last Tuesday of each month from approximately 8am until 11:30am.

Sean Thompson, Program Director, Regional Family YMCA reported to Council that today was the first day of the summer program at Frick Park run by the YMCA and 13 kids came and participated in games and activities.

Citation Presentation:

President Bauer and Mayor Lucia presented “Friends of the Library” with a Certificate of Recognition for their continuing efforts to raise funds to help the Mount Pleasant Public Library, especially during these times of state budget cuts.

Speakers:

Mr. Ron Ott, Excela Health, along with the Vice President of Clinical and Nursing Services, and representatives from Community Relations and Marketing and Communications talked to Council about how important a local hospital is to a community. Frick Hospital offers a primary access to health care and they are a major employer in the area. Mr. Ott talked about awards and recognition presented to Frick Hospital, some facts about the facility and plans for improvement.

Mayor's Report:

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

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the Month of May 2011

The Department answered 343 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	96
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	3
Accidents investigated	7
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	11
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 25 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code 23

Crimes Code	1
Borough Ordinance	1
Warning Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	77
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	6
Void / Excused	2
\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2 \$ 4.00
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	51 \$ 204.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	3 \$ 15.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1 \$ 10.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1 \$ 15.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	7 \$ 70.00
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0 \$ -

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$ 366.30
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 76.31
Return from Report Fees	\$ 90.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -
Total	\$ 850.61
1 Meter Collection	\$1,492.14
Total Receipts for the month	\$2,342.75

Mayor Lucia reminded everyone that the Firemen's Fair starts on June 20th and goes through June 25th. The Firemen's Parade will be at 7pm June 21st.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Wolfe said that he received a copy of the signed contract for the demolition of the property on Main Street. According to the court order the demolition must be completed by August 6, 2011.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Property Taxes	\$5,649.00
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 33.00
Total Collected	\$5,682.60

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to donate \$100 to the Mount Pleasant Historical Society for the Community Picnic. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to sponsor a foursome for the Mount Pleasant Area Drug Awareness golf outing on July 8, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

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President Bauer said he received a request from Mr. Lozier of the American Legion for the Borough's endorsement of a program at the Church of God on December 7, 2011, which is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

President Bauer thanked Leo's Grille 31 for providing Veterans with a free meal at the Concert In The Park on Sunday. The concert was very well attended.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following MS4 announcement:

As part of the Pennsylvania DEP'S MS4 Program (Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems), the Borough of Mount Pleasant would like to remind everyone that our storm sewer inlets and drainage swales discharge directly to Jacobs Creek. We are striving to educate the public about the drainage systems and the problems with allowing various items to enter our streams and waterways. Shupe Run and Jacobs Creek bring many benefits to our community. We ask your assistance in educating our community about inappropriate practices that will damage one of our most precious resources.

Mr. Landy asked Council to look at the Profit and Loss Budget Vs. Actual report to determine where each department stands at the half-year mark. Mr. Landy also reminded Department Supervisors to pick up a copy of their department report. Planning for the 2012 Budget will begin in September.

Mr. Landy said he received a request from Westmoreland County Planning and Development to host a meeting to discuss recent and possible future funding reductions, procedures and time frames for submitting funding proposals, the County's priorities for evaluating funding proposals, CDBG Program regulations and to give municipal representatives the opportunity to identify future project. The meeting will be held on June 28, 2011 from 10am to 12 noon and will be held at the Mount Pleasant VFD on Church Street.

Mr. Landy announced that a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, a representative from McCormick Taylor Engineers and Rick Skovinsky of Penn Dot will be held on June 15, 2011 beginning at 10:00am to discuss this years paving projects. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers and members of the Street Committee should attend.

Mr. Landy announced that there will be a meeting on June 8, 2011 at 10am at the Kennedy Avenue railroad crossing with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and representatives from the Railroad to discuss the proposed new signal. A decision will be made whether that project will continue.

Mr. Landy said that Mount Pleasant Township is waiting for Council to make a decision about what alleys we want to tar and chip this summer and if we will need their services. Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza said that he is looking into which alleys will need to be done.

Mr. Landy reported that Mount Pleasant Township will share the cost of paving E. Vine Street because half of the street is in the Township.

Mr. Landy reported that the young people from The Church Of God have started mowing the grass at some of the foreclosed properties in the Borough. They will continue mowing the properties throughout the summer. Mr. Landy said that these young people will also paint the fence at Jack Bobb's Park and the fence at the Bridgeport Street property.

Attorney Randy Klimchock , Solicitor for the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission, addressed Council regarding the motion on the agenda to approve the Wilkins Subdivision Plan. Mr. Scott Wilkins is turning one lot at 303 Summit Street into two lots. The Planning Commission has determined that Mr. Wilkins will not be causing any zoning issues by dividing his property and are approving the subdivision.

A motion was made by Councilman Tabita to accept the recommendation of the Mount Pleasant Borough Planning Commission approving the Wilkins Subdivision Plan dated April, 2011, and to authorize the Borough Council President and Secretary to sign the said Subdivision Plan, indicating Council's approval of the same.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Mayor Lucia asked that the Waste Water Treatment personnel to finish cameraing the area behind S. Geary Street and Joseph Street.

Streets Report: None

Public Safety Report:

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

Total Calls	28
In Town	8
Out of Town	20
10-45's	8
Fires	9
AFA's	4
Public Service	7
Turnpike Calls	3
Total Men Answering	414
Avg. Member Per Call	14
Total Hrs.	162

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A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to approve Resolution #2001-04 to accept the sum of \$1,496.90 from the Westmoreland County District Attorney's Office to be utilized for the enforcement of the Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act and to open a separate bank account for these funds. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia said he is working on getting quotes for the Warning Siren that we received a CDBG Grant for. Mayor Lucia said that there will be information of the proposed siren available at the Firemen's Fair.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said that Officer George Grippo will handle code enforcement for the remainder of 2011.

Councilman McCloy said the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday June 11, 2011 from 8am to 5pm. No permit is required. Yard sale maps will be available at the Cat Committee sub sale at the Diamond and at their sale table in the parking lot behind Levin's. They will also be available at the Log Cabin as well as on the Mount Pleasant web site.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that it is time to put signage at the head of the Bike Trail. The Railroad has given permission to cross the tracks at the Bridgeport Street property to get to the trail and the parking lot. Councilman Tabita said that the Railroad will put in a crossing signal and the Borough will have to take care of the parking area. Councilman Tabita said that we are close to completing the Bike Trail to Veterans Park. Solicitor Wolfe said he has received a contract from the Railroad. The contract is very much in favor of the Railroad but Mr. Wolfe doesn't feel it is a danger to the Borough.

Councilman Tabita said he feels the Borough should put some bike racks at Veterans Park and on Main Street.

Councilman Tabita commented on some articles in the newspaper. Especially the comments make about George and Cunninghams Hardware Store closing. Some people have said, "it is another nail in Mount Pleasant's coffin". Councilman Tabita took exception to that comment and reiterated that Mount Pleasant is a prospering community and will continue to be.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tabita said that it is time to start getting the word out about the Veterans Park Video Wall. Maybe it would be possible for Premier Video to put a power point presentation in the window of their business. When people start seeing what it will be they will be interested in having their veterans included on the Video Wall.

Parks and Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to approve the Soccer League Recreation Grant Application project reimbursement in the amount of \$4,950 from Line Item # 460.04. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Crivella said that the Soccer League will use the grant money to purchase a lawn tractor, grass seed, topsoil, fertilizer, soccer nets and goals.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to approve the Little League Recreation Grant Application project reimbursement in the amount of \$3,750 from Line Item # 460.04. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 8-0.

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A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to request quotes for Frick Park flag pole lighting and electrical panel work. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Crivella added that as a real estate agent he feels Mount Pleasant, with its proximity to the Laurel Highlands and Greensburg, its low tax rate and excellent school system is a great place to live and have a business. Mount Pleasant has its own Police Department, Fire Department Library, Hospital and zoning along with all of the planned activities at the parks.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept the proposal from Higbee Insurance for VFD Insurance for July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from Graybar in the amount of \$7,799.64 for the surveillance camera project. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Pritts said that anyone interested in helping with the Welcome to Mount Pleasant signs or would like to make a donation should call Jeff Landy at the borough office. Councilman Bauer said that it might be difficult to get volunteers now since it is the height of the construction season. The Borough may have to advertise for bids.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson informed residents that if they have a large item to put out in the trash, Allied Waste can take it on the regular garbage day if it will fit in the large bucket on the front of the truck. Otherwise they will have to call for help and they will have to come back later. President Bauer said that Allied Waste informed him that they will gladly pick up grass clippings but they would like them to be in clear plastic bags.

New Business:

President Bauer said that it is important for Borough officials to have NIMS Training in order to be prepared for any emergency. Council should find out who needs training and certification.

Borough Manager Landy said that the July 3rd Celebration will start at 5pm this year. There will be more vendors, more family activities, Jeff Jimerson & Airborne Band along with D.J. "Ready Freddy", Councilman Fred McCloy.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that The Cat Committee will be running the fireworks tent in the Wal Mart parking lot and would like people who are buying fireworks this year to come there.

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Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communication:

- Warren Turner, 715 W Walnut Street requested permission to block the small alley between his property and the DAR House from 4pm to 9pm on Friday June 10, 2011 and from 8am to noon on Saturday for safety reasons. Council agreed to grant permission.

Councilman Beranek said he received a request from the Knights of Columbus for support for their 5K Walk/Run scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2011. They would like our Police Department to provide traffic control and our Street Department to position barricades at hi-traffic intersections.

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 Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

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