

**July 6, 2010**

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, and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia arrived at 7:41pm and Solicitor Robb Gavin from Tucker Arensberg was 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 June 21, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Gavin asked if Council had any questions regarding his report. Council had no questions.

**Tax Collector's Report:**

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

Real Estate Taxes	\$43,522.24
Supplemental Taxes	\$148.82
Per Capita Taxes	\$836.00
Total Taxes Collected	\$44,507.06

**President's Report:**

President Bauer said that he met with Solicitor Fred Wolfe on Friday to address some of the on-going issues in the Borough.

President Bauer said he liked the idea concerning grass cutting presented by Councilman Crivella and he forwarded it to Solicitor Wolfe regarding the legality.

President Bauer said that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks were a great success again this year. Everyone liked the vendors and it's something we could do every year. But next year we will have to plan on a cleaning crew for after the event. President Bauer thanked Borough Manager Landy for all of his hard work planning the event. He also thanked the Fire Department for standing by in case of fire. Medic 10 also had their post in case anyone got sick.

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that during the meeting on Friday with Solicitor Wolfe they discussed protocol for sewer infiltration. After the property is dye tested and found to not be in compliance, what is the next step. Solicitor Wolfe is looking into the issue and will report back to Council.

Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia met with Mr. Bob Ott, who is the CEO of Excelsa Health. Some of the things discussed were the tennis court, rain gardens and a walking trail on the Frick Hospital campus. Mr. Ott requested a copy of the Mount Pleasant DVD, which they will use to recruit employees.

Mr. Landy said that he showed the Mount Pleasant DVD at the Rotary lunch today and everyone agreed it was very well done. The DVD's will be for sale at the borough office for \$3.00 each.

The workers from P.I.C. have started and will work until August. The young people coming from Tennessee and sponsored by The Church of God will be arriving soon. Mr. Landy said that he and Councilman Tate have a wish list for these young people to work on.

Mr. Landy said that demolition of the Gormley building is back on track. The demolition bids may go out the beginning of August 2010. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if any of the building could be salvaged and Councilman Beranek said that any salvageable material would go to the demolition company.

Mr. Landy said that each committee should look at their budgets since we are half way through the year to determine if any adjustments need to be made or spending has to be curtailed.

Mr. Landy reported that on July 16, 2010 "Sea To Shining Sea Bike Ride" sponsored by State Farm Insurance Co. will be coming through Mount Pleasant. This will be a bicycle ride by disabled veterans who will ride from San Francisco to Virginia Beach. They should arrive in Mount Pleasant approximately 1:00pm. Mr. Landy said he has requested that business owners welcome the riders on the street with flags and signs.

Mr. Landy said that there is a tax assessment appeal scheduled for July 21, 2010 in the Westmorland County Board of Assessment Appeals Hearing Room, Suite 440, Courthouse extension, Greensburg PA at 10:45am.

Mr. Landy said that there was an inspection performed on the Town Clock today and the inspector reported that it is so hot in the tower that he is concerned that some of the dials may start to warp. Mr. Landy said he will contact the church regarding ventilation.

Mr. Landy read the following:

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 said he Street Supervisor gave him a priority list of streets that need to be paved. These streets will be sealed this year and will be on next years paving project. Councilman McCloy said that he has received calls about Yoder Avenue needing paved also.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:** None

**Public Safety Report:**

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

Total Calls	38
In Town	12
Out of Town	26
10-45's In Town	2
10-45's Out Of Town	5
Fires	11
AFA's	7
Turnpike Calls	4
Public Service	3
Ambulance Assist	2
Standby's	2
Assist Police	1
Air/Truck	1
Total Men Answering	543
Ave. Member Per Call	14

Councilman Beranek said he did not receive a monthly report from Medic 10.

Councilman Beranek said he has received requests from people who live above businesses on Main Street for a resident parking permit for Washington Street. President Bauer said that permit parking is limited to residents who live on that particular street. They can get permit parking for the parking lot by Leo's Grille 31 as well as Levin's parking lot. The Mount Pleasant Parking Authority issues these parking permits.

### **Zoning and Ordinance Report:**

Councilman McCloy said that there are some ordinance changes to be made. In the Zoning Ordinance under Special Exceptions the Accessory uses need to be deleted.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and submit changes to the planning bodies. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman McCloy said that the inspection fee in the Landlord Ordinance needs to be changed from \$35 to \$50. A resolution to the fee schedule will be made at the next meeting to change the fee.

Councilman McCloy said that a fee must be added to the Landlord Ordinance for the initial rental inspection.

A fine of \$300 if a landlord does complete a landlord registration must be added to the Landlord Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise changes to the Landlord Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Gavin said his office will put together a draft ordinance and submit it to Borough Manager Landy.

Councilman McCloy outlined changes that need to be made to the Sign Ordinance. Council discussed the proposed changes. Council agreed to review the changes until the next work session.

Councilman McCloy said that he met with a councilman from Latrobe regarding the grass-cutting problem in both communities. Latrobe has a part-time Code Enforcement Officer and uses a private contractor to mow the grass at cited properties. Mr. Landy said that Solicitor Wolfe is going over a proposal and talking to Magistrate Eckels on how to handle grass-cutting issues.

### **Streets, Parks and Recreation Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to pay \$300 to Liberty Flagpole Co. for labor, materials and concrete foundation for the new flagpole at Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to sell the old tar buggy and roller "as is" to Donegal Construction for \$1,500. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to accept Genesis Construction Group quote in the amount of \$675 to relocate the traffic signal and all other wires from existing pole to the new pole installed at the corner of Eagle & Main Streets. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Beranek said that there has been a street light burned out on Willow Street for a couple of weeks now. The borough office and Street Department have called Allegheny Power several times. Street Supervisor Fontanazza said he will contact Allegheny Power again to try and get the matter resolved.

President Bauer said that he has had complaints regarding a manhole cover on W Vine and Rega Way. The road is gravel and when we plowed it this winter we plowed away a lot of the gravel, leaving a manhole cover sticking up. President Bauer asked Street Supervisor to lay some gravel on this road.

**Veterans Park Report:** None

**Finance Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked all Department Supervisors to get a copy of the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report to determine how each department is doing after the first six months of 2010. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said she will discuss any line items over-budget or that she feels may go over budget before the end of the year at the next work session.

**Mayor’s Report:**

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

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the month of June 2010:

The Dept answered 403 calls during the month as follows

Complaints	115
Requests for assistance	11
Assist Other Departments	11
Accidents investigated	9
Calls Returned	10
Assist Medic 10	9

The Dept made 62 arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	56
Crimes Code	6
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	4

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	68
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	16
Void / Excused	6

\$1.00 ark Ticket Paid	1	\$	1.00
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	45	\$	180.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	6	\$	30.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	20.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	8	\$	80.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,669.93
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 148.72
Return from Report Fees	\$ 90.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ 55.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total \$2,274.65

1 Meter Collection \$1,506.76

Total Receipts for the month \$3,781.41

Mayor Lucia said that a resident from Orchard Avenue reported that fireworks shot off on Broad Street landed on the roof of his home. Mayor Lucia said he will have more police officers patrolling the Borough during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Lucia said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with residents of Warden Street regarding problems caused by Clay Avenue being renamed Warden Street Extension and having the same house numbers as Warden Street. Warden Street Extension is in Mount Pleasant Township and Supervisor

Duane Hutter showed Mayor Lucia a letter the Township sent to Westmoreland County 911 changing Warden Street Extension back to Clay Avenue. This matter should now be resolved. Borough Manager Landy said that he has had complaints about a section of S. Gear, N. Geary and Joseph Streets.

Mayor Lucia said that he feels that one part-time police officer should be designated as a code enforcement officer or that we should hire an individual to enforce the ordinances in the Borough. Borough Manager Landy said he had a form made so that each officer would know what to look for during their shift. Mr. Landy said no forms have been turned in yet. President Bauer said that he feels there would be more accountability if one person were in charge of enforcing Borough Ordinances.

### **Property Report:**

President Bauer said he will meet with Councilman Crivella to discuss how the bricks donated from the Bryce Mansion can be used to make welcome signs for the Borough.

### **Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilwoman said she received a report from Allied Waste on how much recycling is being picked up in the Borough. In the first six months of 2010 118 tons have been recycled in the Borough. That means 118 tons did not go into the landfill.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that Allied Waste said anyone involved in running a social club or bar in the Borough should give them a call regarding recycling. It will not be part of the regular recycling program in the Borough but they could get another dumpster for their business that is used strictly for recycling. Another dumpster may be expensive, but could reduce the amount in the garbage dumpster and eventually reduce the total cost.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that it might be a good idea to set up a recycling station at Frick Park. There are a lot of activities that generate recyclables at the park. Mr. Landy said that Westmoreland Cleanways might be able to help by providing recycling containers.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to adopt Resolution # 2010-03 authorizing the transfer of a Liquor License owned by Carson's Place, LLC 1900 Leishman Avenue, Arnold PA to Joseph Minyon to conduct business at 200 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant PA 15666. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Crivella said that there will be a Frick Communities meeting tomorrow at West Overton beginning at 7:30pm.

### **New Business:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Cat Committee ran the fireworks stand at the Wal Mart parking lot this last week. It was an opportunity to raise some money for the Cat Committee and to meet people who may be interested in getting involved.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Monday July 12, 2010 is the Mount Pleasant Community picnic and hopes everyone comes out for it.

### **Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- An invitation from Westmoreland County to participate in the downtown inventory web site that would show case properties in the Borough on Thursday July 8, 2010 at 10:00am. Mr. Landy said that he will attend the session with LuAnn from the BDA
- The Second Annual VFD Golf Outing will be held on July 17, 2010 at Timber Ridge Golf Course. Council agreed to sponsor a foursome again this year at a cost of \$240.00. Registration begins at 7:00am.
- Jacobs Creek Watershed Association is having its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Riffle Run Scramble golf outing on Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Donegal Highlands Golf Course.

- Smart Growth Partnership has been designated Power of 32. It is an outreach program in Westmoreland County and 32 other counties in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland. The program will create a shared vision for the future. There will be a session on July 27, 2010 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. Mr. Landy, Mayor Lucia, Councilman Crivella and President Bauer said they will attend.

**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 6-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.**

### **Motions from July 6, 2010 Meeting**

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