

## Meeting August 3, 2009

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. Vice-President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Crivella, McCloy, Slater, Tate and Councilwomen Ruskowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Toohey were present. 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 July 20, 2009. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

### Public Comment:

Jason Depta, 644 W Main Street Mount Pleasant PA asked Council when the streetlights will be turned back on. His business is open until 11:00pm and he is concerned about the safety of his customers and employees. Mr. Glenn Wolfe, Widmer Engineering said that the new ballasts for the lights should arrive on August 14<sup>th</sup> and they will be installed immediately.

Mark Krystyniak, Mount Pleasant who is the owner of property on Main Street that was formerly the Silver Penney Restaurant told Council that he will be erecting a chain link fence with slats at the property and will clean up the grass in front. Mr. Krystyniak asked for the phone number of the demolition company that tore down the DiNicola building next door because there is still some debris that needs removed.

Mr. Krystyniak said he is in negotiations to purchase property in the Borough and do development work which may be retail or senior citizen housing. He has concerns regarding the inspection process. Mr. Krystyniak would like Council to allow landlords to use a state certified inspector of their choice for projects over \$500,000. If Council does not give him this option he will go outside of Mount Pleasant for the development. Mr. Krystyniak would like an answer from Council and its solicitor by the beginning of December. Vice-President Bauer said that by the August 24<sup>th</sup> council meeting he should have an answer to Mr. Krystyniak's question.

Dan Topley, 145 Quarry Street Mount Pleasant asked Council if they have made a decision on the proposed Quarry Street Project. Councilman Tate said that WWT Supervisor Norm Stout is doing some further inspections and Council will have more information on the project at the next work session.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of July 2009:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the Month of July 2009

The Department answered 380 calls during the month as follows

Complaints	131
Requests for assistance	3
Assist Other Departments	3
Accidents investigated	14
Calls Returned	25
Assist Medic	10

The Department made 50 arrests during the month as follows

Vehicle Code	35
Crimes Code	15
Borough Ordinance	0

Warnings Issued	0	
Parking Tickets issued are as follows:		
\$1.00 Meter Tickets	26	
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	0	
Void / Excused	4	
\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	19	\$ 19.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$ -
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$ 10.00
	Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$2,008.20
	Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 147.03
	Return from Report Fees	\$ 120.00
	Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
	Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
	Return from Restitution	\$ -
	Total	\$2,304.23

Mayor Lucia reminded residents to lock their car doors and their homes to prevent theft. Senior Citizens should always be mindful of scams. Police Chief Ober will make a visit to the Senior Citizen Center to educate citizens.

Mayor Lucia asked Street Supervisor Fontanazza to catch up on line painting in the Borough, especially yellow curbs.

Mayor Lucia said there will be a 5K walk in Mount Pleasant on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Mount Pleasant Police and Fire Departments will handle traffic control.

**Solicitors Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

**Executive Session 7:20pm to 7:49pm.**

Vice-President Bauer said the Executive Session was to discuss litigation.

**Tax Collectors Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky made the following report for the month of July 2009:

Property Taxes = \$3,728.40  
Total = \$3,728.40

Ms. Yancosky reported that the 2009/2010 Taxes were mailed today along with the School Per Capita taxes. This year some residents may be getting two envelopes because of a coupon that was included and the Homestead Exclusion. Ms. Yancosky reminded taxpayers who are paying by mail to return the whole statement. If individuals would like a receipt they can keep the bottom statement or mail everything with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**President's Report:** None

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the Profit & Loss Budget Vs. Actual report. He and Councilwoman Ruszkowski will be starting on the budget in August so now is the time for Council to make any recommendations for the 2010 Budget.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the list of Building and Occupancy Permits provided to them.

Mr. Landy said that he and Mayor Lucia have been looking at properties that we have received complaints about in regards to the Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Landy said he deposited the check for the Storm water Retrofit Project Phase I in a separate bank account.

Mr. Landy said he feels the Property Maintenance Code Ordinance in the Borough seems to be working. There seems to be a lot of construction and outside remodeling in the Borough.

Mr. Landy said the Concert In The Park on August 9<sup>th</sup> will be a special Kids Koncert with lots of activities for children of all ages. There will be a Pet Parade starting at the National City parking lot and going to the Gazebo. The kids can decorate their bikes for a Bicycle Show and there will be a Water Balloon Toss, A Watermelon Eating Contest and a race with Marshmallows on a Spoon for the younger kids. There will be a small cash prize for the winners.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> we will have another "Smooth Sounds of Summer" which is a Jazz Concert. The last one was on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Council received a petition from residents wanting the property at 18 Eagle Street cleaned up. Rita Borenstein knows about this property and she will handle it. The property is in foreclosure. Councilman Bauer said he and Ms. Fedorchak found that the owner of the property is now Wells Fargo Bank.

Mr. Landy said that our new insurance company HDH Insurance sent a list of properties and property values to the borough office and he will be going over the list with Mario Fontanazza, Norm Stout and Steve Ober.

Mr. Landy said that at the most recent Idea Forum it was decided to contact some of the kids in town and at the High School and ask them to pick a project. After they pick a project they will bring it to Council for approval.

Mr. Landy reported that there will be another Frick Communities meeting on August 27, 2009. Mr. Landy, President Tabita and Councilman Crivella will attend.

Mr. Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival is fast approaching. The festival will be from September 25<sup>th</sup> to September 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be more this year in the Old Mount Pleasant area.

Mayor Lucia pointed out to Council that according to the list supplied by Ms. Fedorchak there were only four Occupancy Permits issued in the Borough since July 2009. Apparently very few of the landlords who have rental units in the Borough are getting occupancy permits. Hopefully the new Landlord Ordinance will help.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Mr. Landy when he thinks construction on the Rain Gardens will begin. Mr. Landy replied that Stuart Demanski of the DEP said they are waiting for our engineering firm to sign off on the design that was done by the Westmoreland County Conservation District. Mr. Landy said he will call Widmer Engineering to see when that will be done.

#### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Tate said that between now and the next meeting on August 24, 2009 WWT personnel will be cameraing lines on Quarry Street so that there will be more information for Council to help in making a decision on the proposed Quarry Street Project.

Councilman Tate said that WWT personnel have been painting buildings at the WWT Plant and the project is almost complete. Council will be informed when the painting is complete so that they can go see it if they wish.

**Public Safety, Zoning and Ordinance Report:**

Vice-President Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of July 2009:

Total calls for the month	149
Medical	127
MVA	8
Fire	8
Transfers	0
Standby	6
In Town	77
Out of Town	72
Members per call	2.9

Vice-President Bauer read the following Fire Report for the month of July 2009:

Total calls	43
In-Town	18
Out of Town	25
10-45's	24
Fire	10
AFA's	7
Public Service	2
Total men answering calls	570
Average men per call	13
Total man hours	329

Vice-President Bauer said he has a report from Police Chief Ober on the mileage on our police vehicles. Council may have to look at putting the purchase of a new police vehicle into the 2010 budget.

Unit 6-8	71,720 miles
Unit 6-9	62,269 miles
Unit 6-10 (Jeep)	136,270 miles

Vice-President Bauer said that he spoke with Keystate Publishing and the final draft of the ordinance codification will be here sometime this week or next for approval. Vice-President Bauer said there will be a meeting on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> to go over the final draft.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for a special meeting on August 17, 2009 at 6:30pm to go over the final draft of the ordinance re-codification. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 7-0.

Vice-President Bauer said that National City Bank on Main Street has been sold to First Niagara and they will be changing the sign. The new sign will be smaller.

Vice-President Bauer said that a pedestrian was struck by a car on Main Street in front of Levin's. It is very hard for motorists to see if there is someone entering the crosswalk from the south side of the sidewalk. Vice-President Bauer would like to see the red meter in front of George & Cunningham's removed and the yellow line extended to the next meter so that the view of the crosswalk is not obstructed.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to suspend the rules for a motion to remove the red meter in front of George & Cunningham's. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to remove the red meter in front of George & Cunningham and paint a yellow curb back to the next meter. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman McCloy asked Council if it would be possible to put a speed limit sign on Yoder Avenue by Medic 10 Park. Vice-President Bauer instructed Street Supervisor Fontanazza to erect the appropriate speed limit sign. Vice-President Bauer said he will also check with PennDot to see if speed limit signs could be put on Main Street.

Mayor Lucia asked the Public Safety Committee to contact PennDot about having a rubberized railroad crossing installed at the railroad crossing on Main Street. Mr. Landy said he would send a letter to PennDot requesting the crossing. Council also requested that Mr. Landy send a second letter to PennDot requesting that they review the speed limit on Main Street.

Council discussed changing the fine for expired parking meters. Right now the fine is only \$1.00 and Council agreed that it should be higher.

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

Councilman Slater will schedule meetings with his committee and the Girl's Softball League to complete the concession stand at Frick Park.

Councilman Slater said he met with Street Supervisor Fontanazza and looked at the walking track at Frick Park. There are areas that need repaired and they discussed the Street Department doing the work. The cost of the concrete would be approximately \$2,700. Councilman Slater said it would be more efficient to have a concrete truck deliver the cement. We may need to find someone to help with the finish work. Vice-President Bauer said that Council has discussed putting lights at the walking track and if there are sections on the track being repaired where there will eventually be a light we should lay the conduit before the cement.

Councilman Slater said there is still water on the field at Frick Park and his committee will look into what can be done. We may have to replace some of the rock that was removed when they did the gas well.

### **Finance Committee:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said there will be a meeting on August 24, 2009 at 6:30pm before the council meeting to discuss fund raising efforts between the Fire Department and the Borough.

**Property Report:** None

### **Community Eco-Green:**

Councilman McCloy said that Westmoreland Cleanways is having its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection on October 3, 2009 from 9am to 2pm.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to participate in the 2009 Westmoreland Cleanways annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to participate in the 2009 Westmoreland Cleanways annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection at a cost of \$160.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to join Westmoreland Cleanways. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to join Westmoreland Cleanways at a cost of \$25 for one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried 7-0.

**Human Resource/Employee Contracts Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson thanked the public for their support of the Mount Pleasant Community Picnic that was held on July 13, 2009 and was sponsored by the Mount Pleasant Historical Society.

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that the Catch, Neuter and Release Program is holding a rabies clinic on Saturday August 8, 2009 at the Central Fire Station on Church Street from 2pm to 5pm. The cost is \$8 and all pets must be on a leash.

**Community and Economic Development Grants Report:**

Councilman Crivella said that the Mount Pleasant BDA is still looking for a buyer for the In-Town Shops.

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Hot Shots has issued an invitation to Council to come to their facility on Saturday August 8, 2009 from 11am to 5pm. Anyone who wants to attend can let him know.
- The Glass & Ethnic Festival will be holding its annual car show on August 21, 2009 at Frick Park.

Councilman Tate announced that the National Cancer Society held its annual Relay For Life at the YMCA. The local chapter raised \$104,000 dollars for cancer research. Councilman Tate thanked everyone who participated.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm.

### **Motions from August 3, 2009 Meeting**

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