

## Meeting January 4, 2010

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Tabita at 7:03pm 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 Tabita directed Borough Manager Jeff Landy to take roll. Councilmen Bauer, Beranek, Crivella, McCloy, Slater, Tate, and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruzkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Toohey was absent. President Tabita stated we have a quorum.

### Reading of Previous Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to dispense with the reading of the minutes of December 7, 2009. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None

### Speakers:

Mr. Ken Trice presented Council with a map of the Borough published in 1917.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for December 2009:

Report of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department for December 2009:

The Department answered 300 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	113
Requests for assistance	6
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	12
Calls Returned	20
Assist Medic 10	9

The Department made 23 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	20
Crimes Code	3
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$1.00 Meter Tickets	0
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	6
Void / Excused	1

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$	-
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	20.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,428.58
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 219.24
Return from Report Fees	\$ 60.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$1,727.82
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Meter Receipts 2 Collections	\$ 901.09
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Total Receipts for the month      \$2,628.91

Mayor Lucia said he had a request from the M.A.W.C. to put a porta-john on the Borough's Bridgeport Street property for their workers. They also requested permission to erect a small shed on the property. Mayor Lucia said he feels the porta-john would not be a problem and suggested that a member of Council or Borough Manager Landy meet with the Municipal Authority to discuss the shed. The M.A.W.C. should provide us with dimensions and sign an agreement stipulating that when the Borough develops the property that the shed would be removed. Council asked Borough Manager Landy to contact Mr. Jim Ray of the M.A.W.C. to set up a meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** None

**Tax Collector's Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of December 2009:

Property Taxes = \$8,374.25  
Supplemental = \$6.90  
Per Capita = \$363.00

Total Taxes Collected = \$8,744.15

**President's Report:**

President Tabita congratulated council members for making Mount Pleasant the most desirable Main Street community to live in. President Tabita recapped this two-year session of Council as follows:

- The second phase of the Main Street Street-Scape Project was completed to include most of upper Main Street.
- Gas wells were put in at Frick and Willows Parks and an immediate benefit was seen at Frick Park with new fencing, a new scoreboard.
- Recreation grants from gas well revenues were given to the Little League and Soccer League.
- The Levin family donated property on Bridgeport Street to the Borough. There will be another gas well possible at that location as well as interest from CSX for a railroad siding.
- The Borough received a Smart Growth Award for Veterans Park and the wall and tablets at Veterans Park have been filled with names of Veterans. Approximately 2,700 names in total.
- The Borough acquired the Gormley property on Main Street and hopefully there will be development of the property soon.
- Westmoreland County demolished the DiNicola building on Main Street, which improved that section of Main Street.
- Mount Pleasant Borough received a ½ million-dollar grant from the DEP for Rain Gardens, which will be constructed in 2010.
- The Borough completed a 1.2 million dollar CSO Project.
- The Concert In The Park series was expanded to every other Sunday during the summer.
- The Kids Movies were added and expanded.
- The Premoshis Christmas displays were added during the holidays and more are added each year.
- The Christmas decorations were upgraded on Main Street.
- The Borough has gone a long way to increase communication and cooperation with the Ministerium.
- The Ordinance re-codification is just about complete.
- The Mount Pleasant video was initiated and it is near completion.
- Council rezoned the Borough and added an R1A Zone for single-family homes, which will bring people to the Borough and make our neighborhoods family-friendly.

- The R1A Zoning is the beginning of a comprehensive plan for the future. The R1A Zone will change the demographics in the Borough, which will increase the need for an elementary school. Borough residents should focus the next couple of months to making every effort to keep Ramsay Elementary School open for the community.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

**Executive Session 7:217m to 7:30pm.**

President Tabita stated that the Executive Session was to discuss real estate.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy reported the following:

- Painting of the interior of the Municipal Building is complete and plans are to replace the carpeting on the second and third floors and Mr. Landy will meet with Councilman Beranek regarding getting bids. Mr. Landy will also get preliminary costs for repairing the roof of the Municipal Building. And rewiring.
- A resident asked about business signs being mounted on street signs and what Councils position is.
- Council has been provided the final Budget vs. Actual Report for 2009. Both funds look good and Mr. Landy will look at bank statements for the first quarter of 2010 but it looks like there will be money in each fund to put into budgetary reserve again this year.
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**Waste Water Treatment Report:** None

**Public Safety Zoning and Ordinance:**

Councilman Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of December 2009:

Total calls for the month	156
Medical	119
MVA	17
Fire	10
Transfers	0
Standby	10
In town	84
Out of town	72
Members per call	2.9

Councilman Bauer read the following Fire Report for the month of December 2009:

Total calls	55
In town	20
Out of town	35
10-45’s	24
Fires	16
Public service	9
AFA’s	3
Stand-by’s	3
Total men answering	809
Avg. member per call	14
Total hours	650

Councilman Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for 2009:

Total calls for 2009	1761
Medical	1412
MVA	121

Fire	99
Transfer	8
Standby	121

Councilman Bauer read the following Fire Report for 2009:

Total calls for 2009	522
In town	183
Out of town	339
10-45's	201
Entrapment calls	8
Fires	146
AFA's	78
Public Service	73
Stand-By's	15
Drills	3
Turnpike Calls	37
Watercraft Calls	1
Total men answering	7750
Avg. member per call	14
Total hours	5005

Councilman Bauer said he received a request for handicap parking from Mr. Sam Conyetti on Frick Street. Councilman Bauer will turn the request over to Police Chief Ober.

The final changes to the re-codification will be sent overnight tomorrow to Keystate Publishing and should be ready for adoption at the next work session.

**Streets, Parks & Recreation Report:**

Councilman Slater said that the Street Department has been busy plowing and spreading salt.

Councilman Slater reported that Silvis Group has begun maintaining the snow removal for the Municipal Building and the parks and he and Mr. Landy will meet with them tomorrow to clarify some issues.

**Finance Report:** None

Councilman Ruszkowski asked Mr. Landy for a copy of the borough purchasing procedures.

**Property:** None

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

Councilman McCloy said that curbside recycling would begin in the Borough on Monday January 11<sup>th</sup>. The recycling bins have been delivered to residents. Anyone who did not receive a bin should call 724.887.9400.

Councilman McCloy said he has received calls from residents asking if they can opt out of the recycling program. Councilman McCloy explained that it is not mandatory to recycle, but everyone will be charged. Curbside recycling will benefit everyone in the long run because garbage costs are based on the amount of tonnage put into the landfill. If people recycle there will be less tonnage and costs should decrease.

Mayor Lucia said he has received numerous calls from senior citizens who feel they don't have enough to recycle but must still pay for it. Another question was whether Allied Waste sends a separate truck for recycling. Councilman McCloy said that they do use a different truck. Mayor Lucia said that he has also received complaints that Allied Waste bills a quarter ahead of the service. Council agreed that Mount Pleasant Borough

residents still pay less for collection than surrounding communities and recycling will keep the costs down.

**Human Resource/Employee Contracts:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said she met with Borough Manager Landy regarding annual employee letters and they should be ready to go out by the end of this week.

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

Councilman Crivella said that the BDA had its annual public meeting on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Only one person from the public attended the meeting. Borough Manager Landy attended and three BDA board members.

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:** None

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slater. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm.