

Meeting November 22, 2010

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer 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 Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, McCloy, Pritts, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and the Solicitor was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Nino Barsotti and LuAnn Hout of the Mount Pleasant BDA presented Council with a copy of the 2011 BDA Budget. The tax rate will remain the same and the BDA Board feels they can maintain the In-Town Shops using the same numbers.

Mr. Landy asked Mr. Barsotti if he has a copy of the Sign Grant Program. Mr. Barsotti said he has a proposed copy and will take it to their attorney for review and then to Council for their review. Mr. Barsotti said the BDA has allotted \$5,000 for the program and will offer \$500 matching grants. Ms. Hout said there is verbiage in the grant that states they must comply with the Sign Ordinance. A discussion ensued regarding items on the budget.

Albert J Saussol and Mike Chambers, Utility Service Partners, Inc. spoke to Council regarding their services. Utility Service Partners, Inc. offers service line warranties. Their most popular are sewer line warranties and water line warranties. This warranty covers the costs that homeowners are liable for if something happens. Utility Service Partners, Inc. would put together a letter and send it to the residents offering their warranty program. Council would approve the letter before it is mailed. They would not do any telemarketing. After a homeowners signs up for the service, when they have problems they would call Utility Service Partners, file a claim and the company would send a contractor to fix it. Only local contractors will be used. The warranty would cover what homeowners insurance does not. After the claim has been processed the resident will receive a satisfaction survey. At the end of the year Utility Service Partners, Inc. will give 10% of their annual revenues from contracts in the Borough to the Borough. President Bauer asked if the 10% could be given back to the customers as a rebate instead of to the Borough.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that Troops returned home on November 12, 2010 and the Borough gave them an escort to the Armory and a lot of people came out to pay tribute to the soldiers.

Mayor Lucia said that the Veterans Day Tribute was a great success this year. Once again people came out to pay their respects to our Veterans. Mayor Lucia said people seem to be excited about the new Veterans Park Video Screen. Councilman Tate said that Councilman Tabita is working on getting a demo of the screen so people can see it.

Solicitor's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2010:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report:

Oct-10

	Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2010
PNC 00-0122-3513	54,868.00	204,524.63	207,670.63	51,722.00
PNC 10-1149-3394	823,799.81	75,131.35	122,786.92	776,144.24
PNC 102-457-4388	69,955.85	16.19	0.00	69,972.04
	30,000.00			
	10,000.00			
	10,000.00			
	19,972.04			
Standard Bank 321615	196,458.01	133.53	0.00	196,591.54
	40,000.00			
	40,000.00			
	57,091.54			
	50,000.00			
	7,000.00			
	2,500.00			
PLGIT 56980126	76,980.95	2.95	9,637.41	67,346.49
Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Standard Bank 050004849	1,799.71	0.16	0.00	1,799.87
PNC 00-0122-6415	1,861.55	51,569.30	52,231.93	1,198.92
First Niagara 981293700	5,466.46	0.00	239.06	5,227.40
PLGIT 5698025	11,254.83	0.47	0.00	11,255.30
PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Standard Bank 0010038847	612.57	0.05	0.00	612.62
PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	482.01	0.00	17.00	465.01
				1,188,925.16
Standard Bank 0320012280	218,506.21	60,354.76	43,478.10	235,382.87
Standard Bank 0050021008	31,890.48	1,526.19	0.00	33,416.67
Standard Bank 0000287245	128,365.31	87.25	0.00	128,452.56
	88,452.56			
	40,000.00			
				397,252.10
				1,586,177.26

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

President's Report:

President Bauer asked that the motion to approve the 2011 schedule of council meetings be tabled until the December 4, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the 2011 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said that he, Mayor Lucia, Councilman McCloy and Borough Manager Landy attended the Westmoreland Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet. The Borough was honored for the Rain Garden Project.

President Bauer said he attended the Library Board meeting for the first time as a board member. President Bauer said he was given the information he requested including their 2009 audit and he feels they have a good plan for improvements to the library next year. The library is having some financial difficulties right now and plan on soliciting some of the local businesses and clubs during its annual campaign.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- The report of the calculation of estimated real estate collections shows a downward trend.
- The 2011 budget is complete and all numbers that can be verified have been.
- The Christmas Programs for December 4th are complete. The day is broken into two phases. In the morning will be the parade, Santa, hot chocolate and the hot dogs and marshmallows at the Log Cabin. The parade this year will be "An Old Fashioned Christmas" and will be sponsored by Medic 10. In the evening will be

the Candlelight Procession. The parade this year will be “An Old Fashioned Christmas” and will be sponsored by Medic 10.

- Ordinance #582 lists streets where parking is prohibited. Any changes Council wishes to make should be made all at once.
- MRM Trustnotes outlines how to handle workers comp claims and we should follow their guidelines.
- The Jack Czeka Foundation is an organization that is interested in doing projects in the Borough. One of their ideas would be to put planters on Main Street and they would maintain the planters.
- The Council Christmas Party will be after the meeting on December 6, 2010 and will be at the Village Restaurant. Allied Waste, Tucker Arensberg, Standard Bank and the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival are sponsoring the party.
- The Christmas party for borough employees will be held on December 23, 2010 from 11am to 2pm and all of Council is invited.
- The Premoshis Christmas displays will be put up tomorrow by the Street Department.
- Mr. Landy and Mayor Lucia will be hosting a weekly radio show on WKVE 103.1FM. Guests would include members of Council, Township officials and School officials.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate said that WWT personnel have completed the first property on Quarry Street. The second property does not seem as crucial, but will be done as soon as possible.

Street Report:

Councilman Tate said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with officials from Connellsville regarding the operations of their Street Department. Connellsville uses anti-skid and plans on recycling it this year. Connellsville volunteered the use of their chipper and in turn they would like to use our bucket truck.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving a cooperative agreement with Connellsville Street Department. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the use of Connellsville’s chipper in exchange for the use of our bucket truck, pending insurance verification. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Safety Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to close Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Cherry Avenue on December 4, 2010 from 10:30am to 1:00pm for the Christmas Parade and Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street from 12 noon to 2:00pm on December 4, 2010 for Christmas programs. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Beranek said he and Mr. Landy and Councilman Pritts met with Premier Audio Video regarding the cameras on Main Street and there are a lot of issues to take into account.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to suspend the rules for the purpose of an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Session 8:10pm to 8:29pm

President Bauer stated that the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel.

Zoning and Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to advertise Tax Ordinance #629 setting the 2011 millage rate at 16.0 mills. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made Councilman McCloy to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment #625. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to adopt Flood Plain Ordinance #628. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to award the bid for the installation of playground equipment at Jack Bobb's Park to Capitol Construction Inc in the amount of \$16,207.00 pending the required review of the bid by Westmoreland County Department of Planning & Development to ensure the company and its principals are not prohibited from participating in federally funded projects. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise the 2011 General Fund, WWT and Liquid Fuels budgets. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the 2011 Glass & Ethnic Festival budget with revenues of \$96,800.00 and expenses of \$89,650.00. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to make the following transfers in the WWT Budget:

\$2,500 from Line Item 840.28 to Line Item 840.31
\$500 from Line Item 860.80 to Line item 840.03
\$2,000 from Line Item 860.80 to Line Item 840.52
\$50 from Line Item 860.80 to Line Item 840.56
4,500 from Line Item 860.14 to Line Item 860.39
\$500 from Line Item 842.50 to Line Item 860.13
\$3,000 from Line Item 842.10 to Line Item 860.39
\$1,000 from Line Item 842.10 to Line Item 850.04
\$1,000 from Line Item 860.36 to Line Item 860.05
\$1,000 from Line Item 860.36 to Line Item 860.41
\$1,500 from Line Item 860.36 to Line Item 860.47
Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 7-0.

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\$4,000 from Line Item 430.17 to Line Item 430.16
\$2,000 from Line Item 430.14 to Line Item 430.19
\$1,200 from Line Item 431.00 to Line Item 430.25
\$2,225 from Line Item 431.00 to Line Item 437.21
\$4,000 from Line Item 409.27 to Line Item 437.30
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\$150 from Line Item 450.02 to Line Item 450.0
\$6,180 from Line Item 450.16 to Line Item 450.04
\$680 from Line Item 450.07 to Line Item 450.12
\$100 from Line Item 480.01 to Line Item 460.02
\$50 from Line Item 486.96 to Line Item 486.85
\$960 from Line Item 400.40 to Line Item 400.29
\$300 from Line Item 403.21 to Line Item 403.70
\$50 from Line Item 403.50 to Line Item 403.60

\$10 from Line Item 405.23 to Line Item 405.27
\$400 from Line Item 405.23 to Line Item 405.34
\$580 from Line Item 405.22 to Line Item 405.45
\$50 from Line item 409.21 to Line Item 409.24
\$25 from Line Item 409.21 to Line Item 409.75
\$1000 from Line Item 410.34 to Line Item 410.14
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\$620 from Line Item 410.12 to Line Item 410.35
\$1600 from Line Item 409.25 to Line Item 412.07
Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to authorize Borough Manager to make any necessary transfers between now and the end of 2010. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0. President Bauer instructed Mr. Landy to notify the department of each transfer.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the quote from Tate's Flooring in the amount of \$3,946.37 to replace the carpeting on the second floor of the Municipal Building from Line item #409.25. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Tate abstaining.

Councilman Pritts showed Council the designs for the Welcome To Mount Pleasant signs from Mr. Jim Gayton. Council agreed that the project should move forward. Council discussed what Line Item to take the cost from.

President Bauer said he would like to move forward on the changes he proposed for council chambers and new chairs for Council.

Sanitation and Recycling Report: None

Borough Manager Landy said that John McGoran, Allied Waste will be at the next meeting to discuss the contract status regarding reducing the cost of garbage collection by the cost of gasoline.

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson thanked Mayor Lucia and members of the Mount Pleasant VFD for their help moving picnic tables at the Log Cabin on Community Light Up night.

Councilwoman Stevenson addressed Council about the funds for the Cat Committee being reduced. Councilwoman Stevenson said she appreciates the support of Council and the financial support for the first two years of the program. She also feels that the Cat Committee deserves respect and recognition for taking on a problem that the Borough received complaints about and dealt with for many years. The Cat Committee is dealing with the problem as professionally as they can. The committee owns approximately \$1,000 worth of professional equipment and are constantly studying and learning of better ways to move forward. The committee spent \$8,000 the first year and this year will spend in excess of \$10,000. The money is raised through fund raising efforts and the number of volunteers has more than doubled and the amount of hours put in continues to grow. President Bauer said he respects the committee but was under the assumption that the first two years the Borough would provide some start up money but after that it would not be a line item in the budget. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the committee does occasionally go outside of the Borough, but in those cases the people are asked to pay for the service. No Borough money is being spent outside of the Borough.

Councilman McCloy brought up the subject of a community yard sale. He has people willing to volunteer to help and he can get a committee of interested people together if Council wants to go forward with the idea. Mr. Landy suggested asking other communities how they handle their community yard sales because there is work involved in a project like this.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Braddock Trail Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is holding a Gala Opening of the 21st Annual Festival of Lights Friday November 26, 2010 at the Braddock Trail Chapter House on the corner of Church and Walnut Streets between 7pm and 9pm. The cost is \$10 per person.
- Representative Mike Reese sent a letter that is addressed to him from Mr. Joe Conti of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board that they are pleased to inform him the Board has reconsidered the matter of closing the State Liquor Store on Main Street Mount Pleasant. The landlord has offered a two-year extension at the same lease rate.
- Allegheny Power sent information on some programs for saving money on LED street and traffic lights. Mr. Landy will pass the information along to Councilwoman Ruszkowski.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 9:04pm.

Motions from November 22, 2010 Meeting

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