

Meeting March 3, 2008

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Tabita at 7:00pm 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, Tate, and Councilwoman Rega were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Toohey were present. 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 February 18, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Rega. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tabita thanked Ken Staiger for designing the new logo for the Borough of Mount Pleasant. A vinyl reproduction of the new logo will hang in Council Chambers.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of February 2008:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the month of February 2008

The Department answered 327 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	91
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	8
Calls Returned	25
Assist Medic 10	12
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 37 Arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	31
Crimes Code	6

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$1.00 Meter Tickets	16
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	1
Void / Excused	0

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	6	\$	6.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2	\$	10.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	4	\$	40.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$2,327.03
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 112.70
Return from Report Fees	\$ 45.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ 10.00
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$2,550.73
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Meter Receipts 1 Collection	\$ 910.65
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Total Receipts for the month	\$3,461.38
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Mayor Lucia reported to Council that the Drug Task Force was in Mount Pleasant and two major arrests were made. These individuals were causing a big problem at Frick Park and now that they have been arrested Frick Park can return to the people of Mount Pleasant.

Mayor Lucia asked the residents to clean their properties in preparation for spring. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Mount Pleasant VFD will be held at 2:00pm on March 16, 2008.

President Tabita said that he hopes our parks will be safer after the recent drug arrests and asked citizens to call 911 if they see anything that isn't right. Their names will be kept anonymous and the Mount Pleasant Police Department will be glad to check out any reports.

Councilman Bauer questioned the "Out of Town Assist Report" included with the February Police Report and whether we have an agreement with the Park Police. President Tabita said we have assistance agreements with Scottsdale Borough and Schools in Mount Pleasant Township. We have also agreed to assist the State Police when they request backup through 911. President Tabita asked Solicitor Toohey if Mount Pleasant police respond to assistance requests from the Park Police are we covered by their liability insurance. Also, if the assistance request comes through 911 are we required to respond? Police Chief Ober said that he believes under the Municipal Police Jurisdiction Act if the request comes through 911 we are required to respond. Solicitor Toohey said he would report back to Council on his findings.

Solicitor's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella for an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session: 7:13pm to 8:30pm.

Solicitor Toohey left the council meeting at 8:30pm.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Per Capita = \$66.00

Ms. Yancosky said that county and borough tax statements were mailed on Friday February 29th and if anyone does not receive a statement please call her office.

Mayor Lucia said that an Eagle Scout from our area was looking for a project and chose to redo the base of the Doughboy in Mount Pleasant. Gulisek Construction, where his father is employed, supplied personnel and the materials, and Bart Tulio and his brothers refaced the base of the Doughboy Monument. A material was put on the monument base that will protect it from road salt. The last time the base was refaced was seven years ago by Gulisek Construction. Mayor Lucia said that the Eagle Scout program in Mount Pleasant has really benefited the community.

President's Report:

President Tabita said that Council is in the process of rezoning parts of the R2 Zone to R1A with the assistance of Mullin & Lonergan. This rezoning will protect our residential areas and increase property values. Three-quarters of the Borough's income is from Real Estate and Earned Income Taxes. Protecting our single-family residential zone will protect this income. It is the desire of everyone on council to make Mount Pleasant the best Main Street Community in Pennsylvania. In order to do this it is important for people to desire to live in our community and take advantage of everything it has to offer.

Projects like the Main Street Street-Scape Project will do a lot to improve the look of our Main Street. The Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority has agreed to contribute a half million dollars toward Storm water Separation. If we can combine this money with possible grant money of another half million we can make some real progress.

Council has expressed to the Business District Authority its wishes for them to either sell the building housing the In-Town Shops or change how it is operated.

President Tabita would like to see the Synagogue owned by the Borough renovated upstairs to make it a "rainy day" facility to be used by the community. Perhaps for playground functions or any sort of teaching that Council would approve such as literature, crafts, music and dance. This property has a lot of potential to enrich the community especially since it is located so close to the Mount Pleasant Public Library. Council would welcome any suggestions from the residents of Mount Pleasant on how to utilize the building upstairs.

President Tabita would also like the Borough to acquire property in town to house furnaces for pottery, porcelain and glass. An area where classes could be given and where craftsmen could rent the facilities. These craftsmen could potentially rent ten by ten cubicles at the In Town Shops to sell their products with one person up front to collect the money.

President Tabita said that there will be an Executive Session on March 10, 2008 for personnel reasons.

Borough Manager's Report:

Mr. Landy reported the following:

- He and President Tabita attended an Intern Fair at Carnegie Mellon University. 38 municipalities attended the fair. Mr. Landy and President Tabita chose 9 interns that they would like to interview and their top two picks also picked Mount Pleasant. The first interview will be conducted at the March 10th Executive Session and the second interview will be at 6:00pm March 24th before the council meeting.
- Mr. Landy thanked Home Town Graphics for designing the new logo free of charge. Other businesses in town will be working on projects with the Borough and will be mentioned at future meetings.
- Remi Communications is going out of business. This is the company that the Borough used for its phone service. Mr. Landy said that Armstrong Telephone will be our new provider. The following is the schedule of installation:
 - March 13 – Municipal Administration offices and Police Department
 - March 14 – WWT and Central Fire Station
 - March 17 – Third Ward Fire Station
 - March 18 – Street DepartmentMedic 10 service will be Access Point and installation has not been scheduled.
- Recently there was a fire at Frick Hospital. 19 fire companies responded to the call, which was lead by the Mount Pleasant VFD and Police Department. It was another example of how the Borough works together and with neighboring fire companies in an efficient manner.
- He had a meeting with Kriebel Resources regarding the gas well at Frick Park and the well is scheduled to be drilled sometime after August of this year so the Girl's Softball League season will not be interrupted.
- Work has started on the Recreation Advisory Committee and the first volunteer was Randy Christman, President of the Softball League. If anyone else is interested in being on this committee please call the borough office.
- There will be a meeting on Wednesday March 5th with Allied Waste to pick the five volunteer recycling locations in the Borough.
- Mr. Landy spoke with Congressman Murtha's office and Congressman Murtha has agreed to send the Army Corps of Engineers to Mount Pleasant hopefully in the next two weeks to look into flooding in the Borough as affects the grant we will be applying for.
- Council has been provided with Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual reports through March 3rd. Any council member can call him with questions. It is still early in the year but there are already trends developing. Utilities and gasoline costs are high. Borough employees should treat borough vehicles the same as they treat their personal vehicles and not leave them running unnecessarily.

Councilman Crivella asked Mr. Landy is there is a schedule for training of borough employees by Medic 10 on the defibrillators. Mr. Landy said he has spoken to Don Good at Medic 10 and he indicated he has three tentative dates.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Tate reported that 90% of the CSO Project is complete. 100% of the pipe is in the ground and all that remains is restoration issues and a couple of generator items to be dealt with. One issue is that there are 6 or 7 properties that are not hooked into the system yet. Widmer Engineering has scheduled a meeting with the owners of these properties to get this issue resolved. The streets affected by the project cannot be blacktopped until late April. President Tabita said they will continue to cold patch the bad spots until then. Residents can call Widmer Engineering at (724) 686-1909 and ask for Glenn Wolfe at extension 16 or Marie Hartman at extension 30 to report pothole locations. Mayor Lucia said that heavy rains are expected tomorrow and asked Mr. Wolfe if the contractor would be willing to come in and check the streets following the rain. Mr. Wolfe said that they could be called if anything specific happens. Councilman Tate said that during this project out of 250 taps only 5 or 6 have problems that need resolved. Councilman Tate said that he feels someone from council should be present at the

meetings with these property owners. Councilman Tate suggested that our Street or WWT personnel check the streets for potholes and report them to Widmer. There are 25 street involved in the project.

Public Safety, Zoning and Ordinance Report:

Councilman Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of February 2008:

Total calls for the month	133
Medical	95
MVA	9
Fire	10
Transfer	0
Standby	19
In Town	50
Out of Town	83
Members per call	3.2

Councilman Bauer read the following Fire Report for the month of February 2008:

Total Calls	44
In Town	6
Out of Town	38
1045's	18
Total Members	650
Average Member per call	15
Total Man Hours	651

Councilman Bauer said that his committee met with Keystate Publishing regarding the codification. Keystate Publishing will be sending a list of ordinance recommendations and a rough draft of our ordinance book to be reviewed.

Councilman Bauer thanked Eagle Scout Adam Lucia for redoing the Army, Navy and Air force signs that have been missing at the VFW for quite some time. It looks nice when you come up Main Street.

Street Report:

Councilman Crivella suggested that WWT and Street Department personnel call Borough Manager Landy to report any potholes so that he can call Widmer Engineering.

Councilman Crivella reported that the Street Department was busy in February salting and plowing the streets because of the bad weather. There were also traffic lights that were repaired and the street sweeper and backhoe needed maintenance.

Councilman Crivella said that it was his committee's intention to get the 2008 paving project out to bid early this year but there have been some delays. There was discussion about having the CSO contractor pave the entire street instead of just the trenches but if we do that it would void the one-year maintenance bond that the contractor has on those streets. Also, settlement will occur in the trench lines and paving may have to be redone in those areas. With those issues in mind it may be wise to scale back any paving project for this year and carry the monies over to next year when a larger project can be done. If anyone has any streets in mind that need paved please contact Councilman Crivella and he will have a list of streets ready for Council at the next work session.

Councilman Bauer said that the "Borough News" had an article regarding calibrating salt spreaders and he would like to know if our Street Department is doing this. Street Supervisor Fontanazza said that the salt spreaders are adjusted.

Finance Report: None

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to sell the property owned by the Borough located at 416/418 Smithfield Street to Anna Marie Rosky "as is" in the amount of \$9,000. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Rega. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Bauer asked if Council knew what plans Ms. Rosky has for the property. He is concerned it will sit as it is too long. Councilman Beranek said that it is his understanding that the current structure will be torn down and a residential structure built in its place.

Councilman Beranek said he has the following quote to replace the flooring in the Police Station: Tate Flooring \$6,420.16, which includes material and removal and disposal of old flooring.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to suspend the rules for the purpose of replacing the floor in the Police Station. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Rega. Motion carried 5-0, Councilman Tate abstained.

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Business/Economic Development & Contracts Report:

President Tabita said that the Allied Waste Volunteer Recycling Program in the Borough will bring us one step closer to being a "Green Community". Along with benefiting the environment, this program can reduce the tonnage picked up on the regular route and taken to the landfill. If people use these bins, curbside pickup may be an option in January 2009. If curbside pickup significantly reduces the tonnage going to the landfill, we may be able to reduce the cost of garbage pickup in the Borough or at least keep any cost increase to a minimum. President Tabita reminded residents that paper, glass and plastic all go into one container and do not have to be separated.

Human Resources/Employee Contracts: None

Recreation: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- There is a Zoning Course being offered at Pitt Greensburg on March 11, 18, and 25th from 6pm to 9pm Mr. Landy would like to attend. The cost of the course is \$95.00.
- A program on Volunteer Liability Training on March 26, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Monroeville. The cost is \$65.00 and Mr. Landy would like to attend the program.
- The Westmoreland Co Food Bank is having a golf outing on July 11th. Mr. Landy will have the registration form available at the next council meeting.

Mayor Lucia said there is a meeting with Penn Dot on March 13th as well as Senator Regola's Grant Workshop. Mr. Landy said that the Penn Dot meeting is in the afternoon at the airport.

Councilman Tate asked for the time of the Executive Session on March 10th and Mr. Landy said 6:00pm. Council agreed to this time.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to pay all approved and authorized bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Rega. Motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Rega. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:12pm.

Motions from March 3, 2008 Meeting

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