

Meeting March 7, 2011

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by 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. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, McCloy, Pritts, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. President Bauer stated we have a quorum. Councilman Tabita arrived at 7:06pm.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February 21, 2011. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers:

Texie Waddell, Project Manager of Outreach and Expansion, Westmoreland County Food Bank, Delmont PA gave Council a history of Westmoreland County Food Bank and current programs. Ms. Waddell introduced Michelle Sechrist, Pantry Coordinator of Mount Pleasant Food Pantry. Ms. Waddell spoke to Council about a new project called Feed Mount Pleasant Scottdale Project that will help an additional 40,000 underserved eligible residents in Mount Pleasant and Scottdale.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of February 2011:

Report of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department for the month of February 2011:

The Department answered 314 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	64
Requests for assistance	4
Assist Other Departments	4
Accidents investigated	3
Calls Returned	15
Assist Medic 10	7
Assist Mutual Aid	0

The Department made 31 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	29
Crimes Code	3
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	0

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

\$4.00 Meter Tickets	12
\$10.00 No-Parking Tickets	12
Void / Excused	0

\$2.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	2.00
\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	8	\$	32.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	5.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	10.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$	15.00
\$10.00 No-Parking Tickets Pd	7	\$	70.00
\$20.00 Parking Tickets Pd	0	\$	-

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$1,704.43
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 312.81
Return from Report Fees	\$ 15.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total	\$2,166.24
1 Meter Collection	\$ 951.18
Total Receipts for the month	\$3,117.42

Mayor Lucia reminded citizens to stay alert for scams telling them they are big winners and asking them to invest \$1,000 to collect the prize. Residents should notify the Police Department if they received any of these phone calls.

Mayor Lucia said that Mount Pleasant lost two good people this week who passed away. Henry Sargent who was a life-long member of the VFD and coached Little League for 18 years and Richard Johnson who was the custodian for the Borough for many years.

Mayor Lucia announced his candidacy for Westmoreland County Commissioner. If he is elected Council will have to decide how to proceed.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Night At The Races fundraiser for the July 3rd Celebration will now be held on March 25, 2011. Doors open at 6:30pm and post time is 7:30pm. This fundraiser helps pay for the fireworks and band.

Solicitor's Report: None

Tax Collector's Report:

Councilman Stevenson read the following Tax Collector Report for the month of February 2011:

Per Capita Tax	\$175.50
Total Collected	\$175.50

Councilwoman Stevenson said that Borough and County taxes were mailed March 1, 2011. Anyone who wants a receipt must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with their payment. Also, the tax office will be closed on Friday March 11, 2011 and will reopen on Monday March 14, 2011.

Property Report:

President Bauer thanked everyone for their prayers and well wishes when his Father passed away. He also thanked the Mount Pleasant Street Department and the Waste Water Treatment Plant as well as Rachel Basinger for the story she wrote in the newspaper about his Father.

President Bauer said that there is a manhole cover on N. Geary Street where the bricks are deteriorating. President Bauer said he would like to see a pre-cast manhole put in its place.

President Bauer said he would still like to see recycling dumpsters at the local clubs and businesses who request them or have dumpsters placed at the Street Department where they could bring their recyclables. That way the Borough will get credit for the tonnage. Councilwoman Stevenson said that any business or club could get a dumpster for recycling but there is a charge for the dumpster. President Bauer said he would like Allied Waste to come to a meeting to quote prices for dumpsters for Council to pass along to businesses.

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

Executive Session 7:29pm to 8:24pm

President Bauer said the Executive Session was to discuss personnel issues.

President Bauer said he discussed the Mount Pleasant Ministerium using the Gazebo for the National Day of Prayer with Solicitor Wolfe. President Bauer said he would like Borough Manager Landy to set up a meeting with the Ministerium to discuss options.

Borough Managers Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Mr. Landy said that the Borough is entering the third month of 2011 and Committee Chairmen should be able to tell a little about their budgets.
- Mr. Landy asked Council to look at the marketing agreement from Utility Service Partners Private Label Inc. on their desks. Solicitor Wolfe has approved the agreement. The agreement is an endorsement by Council for Utility Service Partners Private Label Inc. to sell insurance to Borough residents for sewage line and electric line repairs.
- Mr. Landy said he received a request from Scottdale Borough for the use of Mount Pleasant Borough's bucket truck. Council agreed to grant the request.
- Mr. Landy said he received a request to repair a couple of concrete pads at the walking trail at Frick Park.
- Industrial Appraisal was here to appraise Borough equipment as the last step in the Boroughs obligation to become GASB 34 compliant.
- The G5 Conference will be March 17th to the 19th. Each committee should decide which representative from the department will attend.
- In order to stop solicitation calls on cell phones, users can go to www.dontcall.gov and register or call 888-382-1222 from the phone you want screened.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to approve the sewer line maintenance agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label Inc subject to removal of the Borough logo. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Tate said that the rainy season is approaching and WWT personnel will be doing dye tests and cameraing. All borough properties should have storm water separated from sewage.

Streets Report:

Councilman Tate said that there was a pre-construction meeting for Jack Bobb's Park. The Street Department will be removing some of the equipment. Some of the equipment may be able to be salvaged for use in other parks. Construction should start on March 28th.

Councilman Tate said a meeting will be held with Penn Dot about streets that need paved in the Borough.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of February 2011:

Total Calls	28
In Town	9
Out of Town	19
10-45's	9
10-45's w/ Entrapment	1
Fires	9
Stand-by's	1
Public Service	2
AFA's	7
Turnpike Calls	1
Total Men Answering	450
Av. Member per call	16
Total Hours	310

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said that we should hear something this week regarding the Frick Communities and if we will receive funding.

Councilman Tabita said that the BDA is having some success but they need people to shop downtown Mount Pleasant. Councilman Tabita said that in order for people to shop downtown it needs to be open when they are not working. Councilman Tabita said he would like to see businesses open later on Friday or Saturday. Levins is an example of being successful by staying open until 9:00pm every evening.

Councilman Tabita said that Westmoreland County did a fine job demolishing the Gormley building on Main Street. The community should be happy that the eyesore is gone.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilman Tate said we are not getting a big response on the Veterans Park Video Wall. Councilman Tate feels that he feels the Borough should find a way to put the video wall up and after they see it people will want to put their veterans information on it. Mayor Lucia said he feels we should do more advertising for it.

Parks & Recreation Report: None

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to renew Workers Comp Insurance coverage with Higbee Insurance Co. at a cost of \$32,435. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said he has specifications for the surveillance cameras and he will get quotes for the cameras.

Councilman Pritts said he is working on replacing the chairs in chambers. He hopes to be able to have someone bring a sample so all of Council can see it.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Fay-West Men's Softball would like to use Frick Park on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm.
- The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will hold its meeting March 24, 2011. Westmoreland County Commissioners will be speaking.
- The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet will be April 29, 2011 in the Crystal Room, Ferrantes Lakeview, Greensburg. Cash bar at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are due by April 21st.
- The Laurel Highlands Summit 2011 will be Monday April 4, 2011 9am to 4pm at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:52pm.

Motions from March 7, 2011 Meeting

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