

Meeting September 20, 2010

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:02pm 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, Crivella, McCloy, Pritts and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Wolfe was absent. President Bauer stated we have a quorum.

Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 7, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Bob Stefl, Mount Pleasant thanked everyone who sent him cards and well wishes during his recent hospital stay.

David Slezak, Kriebel Resources addressed Council regarding a small change to the location of the gas pipeline at the BOMP2 gas well at the Bridgeport Street property. Rather than running the pipeline along the railroad property line they have decided to run it along the other side of the property. Council discussed the change and there were no objections.

Dan Topley, 145 Quarry Street Mount Pleasant told Council that the sewage situation on Quarry Street has not changed. Residents are still having problems. He would like Council to make some sort of effort to correct the problem. Borough Manager Landy said that our engineers are looking at that project again. Mr. Topley said there could be numerous reasons for the problems and he would like Council to look into a solution. President Bauer said that the original plan was to run the line down the middle of the street and each property owner would have to tap in. The new engineer is looking at an entirely new plan.

Speakers:

Bob Regola and Steve Neiman McCormick Taylor Engineers talked to Council about a comprehensive plan for the Borough. Mayor Lucia said that the Borough's current Business District Strategy was done in 1983. In addition, Mayor Lucia said that the Borough has never received any funding for the sewage plant. We have always had to apply for low interest loans while the Township received funding to put in a sewage system. Mayor Lucia said that the current plan is outdated but did fulfill its purpose. Mr. Neiman spoke about how an updated plan could benefit the Borough. When looking for funding some agencies want to see a plan. Mr. Neiman said that currently there is not a lot of funding for comprehensive plans. Mr. Neiman suggested a plan for only the business district. Mr. Landy suggested that borough officials put together a visioning plan themselves. Mr. Landy said that we are currently receiving funding for corridor plans without having a comprehensive plan.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia said that he and the building inspector have spent time looking at properties in the Borough that need addressed. There was a demolition under way on Church Street that the inspector had to shut down because they did not have a permit. There are properties on Quarry Street, E. Vine Street and the other end of Church Street that need attention and the inspector is working on them.

Solicitors Report: None

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurers Report for the month of August 2010:

	Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance Jul10
PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	214,238.03	198,876.03	65,362.00
PNC 10-1149-3394	718,803.15	73,031.59	87,203.76	704,630.98
PNC 102-457-4388	69,920.21	18.39	0.00	69,938.60
30,000.00				
10,000.00				
10,000.00				
19,938.60				
Standard Bank 321615	196,171.88	150.00	0.00	196,321.88
40,000.00				
40,000.00				
56,821.88				
50,000.00				
7,000.00				
2,500.00				
PLGIT 56980126	89,874.86	5.65	4,780.52	85,099.99
Standard Bank 242781	5,739.23	0.00	0.00	5,739.23
Standard Bank 050004849	1,799.41	0.16	0.00	1,799.57
PNC 00-0122-6415	1,767.73	70,533.39	47,867.06	24,434.06
First Niagara 981293700	5,466.46	0.00	0.00	5,466.46
PLGIT 5698025	11,253.60	0.74	0.00	11,254.34
PNC 10-1291-2642	850.50	0.00	0.00	850.50
Standard Bank 0010038847	612.46	0.06	0.00	612.52
PNC Bank 10-2825-9692	30,812.65	0.00	30,330.64	482.01
				1,171,992.14
Standard Bank 0320012280	282,820.73	54,665.66	88,624.20	248,862.19
Standard Bank 0050021008	28,837.91	1,527.24	0.00	30,365.15
Standard Bank 0000287245	128,178.35	98.01	0.00	128,276.36
88,078.31				
40,000.00				
				407,503.70
				1,579,495.84

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 7-0.

President’s Report:

President Bauer said he was formerly the Chairman of the Safety Committee, which gave him a seat on the Civil Service Board. Councilman Beranek is currently the Chairman of the Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to remove President Bauer from the Civil Service Board and appoint Councilman Beranek in his place. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to award the bid for the Residential Rain Garden Project to Silvis Group in the amount of \$55,448.90. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer said he and other council members attended an open house at Allied Waste in Scottdale where they were given a tour and a discussion on automated collections.

President Bauer said that he is reorganizing the Veterans Park Committee and reappointing the original members.

President Bauer said that he has been looking into appointing a Junior Councilperson and asked for feedback from Council. A Junior Councilperson could sit on Council and present a younger viewpoint.

President Bauer reminded everyone that the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival is this coming weekend and anyone who wants to volunteer their time can contact Jeff.

President Bauer said that the attendance at the 9/11 Ceremony was good. President Bauer thanked the American Legion and the VFW Color Guards for participating.

President Bauer said he attended Opening Day Ceremonies for the Mount Pleasant Soccer League and there are some overhanging trees that the Street Department needs to cut.

President Bauer said that the PSAB Annual Conference is October 15th thru the 17th in Gettysburg, PA. If any councilperson is interested in attending please contact the borough office.

President Bauer said that Leo Wisniewski has signed an agreement to purchase the old Honey Bear on Main Street and would like Council's permission to get a beverage license to sell beer.

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to suspend the rules for the purpose of allowing Leo Wisniewski to get a beer and beverage license for the old Honey Bear building. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

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President Bauer said he would like Council to send a letter to Scottdale Borough Manager Barry Whoric who is retiring to wish him well to thank him for all of his help while he was manager. Mayor Lucia suggested a gift certificate to Leo's Grille 31.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- It has been decided that the location of the dumpster in North Alley is acceptable, but would like a fence put around it.
- Mr. Landy and Councilwoman Stevenson attended the Economic Summit at St Vincent College. There were a lot of people in attendance from around the county discussing their needs.
- Demolition of the Gormley building will begin after the Glass and Ethnic Festival is over. Lutterman Excavating and Hauling from Luxor PA won the demolition bid. Westmoreland County is coordinating the demolition project and they feel the building should be demolished by October.
- Mr. Landy said that with the help of McCormick Taylor Engineers, the Borough is applying for a 1.5 million dollar street-scape transportation grant.
- Mr. Landy said he would like Mount Pleasant to hold a pep rally on Tuesday October 26th before the Mount Pleasant/Southmoreland football game.
- There will be a meeting on Wednesday September 29, 2010 at 2:00pm at the borough office with Bert Getto, Westmoreland County Planning.
- There will be a seminar at the township building in Somerset County on November 10, 2010 about "Managing Winter Roads" that our street crew should attend. Mayor Lucia said that borough officials should meet after that seminar to plan a strategy for this winter.
- The cooperative agreement with Mount Pleasant High School and our Police Department has expired and should be reviewed by Council and our Solicitor.

- Mr. Landy attended a training seminar about Act 44. Act 44 requires disclosure of our pension program.

Waste Water Treatment Report: None

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Fire Report for the month of August 2010:

Total Calls	50
In Town	16
Out Of Town	34
In Town 10-45's	4
Out Of Town 10-45's	12
AFA's	11
Turnpike Calls	4
Fires	8
Stand By's	4
Air Truck	1
Ambulance Assist	2
Public Service	4
Total Men	591
Total Hours	349
Average Men Per Call	12

Councilman Beranek said that he will give Street Supervisor Mario Fontanazza information on signage for a loading zone at Diamond Pharmacy.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilman McCloy said there will be a Public Meeting on October 4, 2010 at 6:30pm to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilman McCloy reported that the Borough Solicitor is still working on the changes to the Landlord Ordinance and the Sign Ordinance.

Councilman McCloy said he will have an Airport Ordinance ready for adoption by the Borough in a few weeks.

Street Report: None

Parks and Recreation Report:

Councilman Crivella said that he and Mr. Landy met with Rob Cronauer at Willows Park to discuss the \$88,000 grant for the Student Jacobs Creek Watershed for creek bank stabilization. The project should start in the fall of 2011.

Councilman Crivella said that when the 2010 census is complete, it may be beneficial to have McCormick Taylor Engineers compile age statistics that will tell us where age groups are heading in the Borough.

Councilman Crivella said he will be contacting the various sports leagues in the Borough before the end of the year regarding their requests to use our facilities in 2011. He will have the information for the first meeting in February 2011 for council's review.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked council members to go over the final audit report from Sarp & Co.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that at the last meeting Council made a motion to make a \$1,500 donation to the Mount Pleasant Junior Football League. The money was taken from the Frick Park Improvements line item in the budget.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that Borough Manager Landy is getting specifications to install a security door at the entrance to the borough office. Mayor Lucia said that if a security door is installed outside the elevator there will have to be a buzzer installed on the steel door leading to the stairs for people who will not ride the elevator.

Sanitation and Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she felt the Allied Waste open house and tour was very informative. Councilwoman Stevenson said she was unaware of some of the regulations and costs imposed on the refuse company.

Councilman Beranek asked Councilwoman Stevenson to follow up with Allied Waste regarding the property on N. Shupe Street. Borough Manager Landy said he would give Councilwoman Stevenson the name of another person at Allied Waste that she can contact.

Community and Economic Development/Grants Report: None

New Business:

President Bauer said that Council has received a site plan for the Ramsay School Project. President Bauer asked Council if they would agree to turn the plan over to our engineer to review. Council agreed.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual banquet at Hidden Valley on October 9, 2010. The cost is \$60.00 per person.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40pm.

Motions from September 20, 2010 Meeting

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