Meeting September 7, 2010

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President at 7:02pm in council Chambers a 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence for our deployed troops and also in remembrance of past Council President Richard Cunningham. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Crivella, McCloy, Pritts, Tabita, Tate and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruszkowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Wolfe were present. 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 August 23, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia presented Citations to Valerie and Jayden Tressler, Mount Pleasant for coming to the aid of a father and his child during an automobile accident.

Mr. John Hostoffer, Mount Pleasant Drug Awareness presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to Patrolman George Grippo, the K-9 Officer for the Mount Pleasant K-9 Unit. Mr. Hostoffer also presented Patrolman Grippo with a badge for K-9 "Gerro".

Deb and Ken Iwaniec, Cook Township presented a Pre-Breathalizer Test Unit to the Mount Pleasant Police Department in honor of their son, Pennsylvania State Trooper Kenton E Iwaniec, who died on March 27, 2008 when he was struck by a drunk driver.

Ms. MaryLou Hunter, 132 Yoder Avenue Mount Pleasant addressed Council again regarding subdividing her property. Ms. Hunter said that the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission denied her request to subdivide. Ms. Hunter asked Council to overrule the Planning Commission and grant her request to subdivide. President Bauer said that at the last council meeting a motion was made to retain the current zoning designations. President Bauer said he would speak with the Borough Solicitor to make certain nothing was overlooked.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of August 2010:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the month of August 2010:

The Department answered 404 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	81
Requests for assistance	5
Assist Other Departments	5
Accidents investigated	4
Calls Returned	15
Assist Medic 10	3
The Department made 114 arrests during the month as	follows:
Vehicle Code	95
Crimes Code	19
Borough Ordinance	0
Warnings Issued	0
Parking Tickets issued are as follows:	
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\$4.00 Meter Tickets	69
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets	16
Void / Excused	7
\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0 \$

\$4.00 Parking Tickets Paid	64 \$	256.00
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	5 \$	25.00
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	2 \$	20.00
\$15.00 Parking Tickets Paid	6 \$	90.00
\$10.00 No Parking Tickets Pd	7 \$	70.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels \$ 790.40
Return from Clerk of Courts \$ 336.75
Return from Report Fees \$ 105.00
Return from Parking Permits \$ 30.00
Return from Soliciting Permits \$ Return from Restitution \$ -

Total \$1,723.15

1 Meter Collection \$1,529.40

Total Receipts for the month \$3,252.55

Mayor Lucia addressed Council about changing the name of Warden Street Extension. Some of the house numbers that Mount Pleasant Township uses on Warden Street Extension are the same as ones used on Warden Street and mail is being delivered to the wrong residence. There could also be a problem during an emergency call. The responders could go to the wrong address. Council agreed to take the request in consideration and make a decision at the next meeting.

Mayor Lucia said that there are rumors that the State may be closing the State Liquor Store on Main Street in Mount Pleasant. Mayor Lucia would like us to send a letter to the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and to our representatives and senator.

Mayor Lucia said that there is a Bill # 24-31 before the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that would eliminate municipal government and turn it over to the county. The bill was introduced in 2009 and was defeated. It is on the floor of the House again this year. Mayor Lucia asked Mr. Landy to send a letter to our Representatives and Senator requesting that they vote down this bill.

Mayor Lucia said that there are several utility poles in the Borough that need attention. Mayor Lucia said that he contacted Allegheny Power but has not received a response. He said he will get the pole number for the borough office so that another letter can be sent to Allegheny Power.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Fred Wolfe said that Attorney Homer Walton met with Borough Manager Landy and some of the borough employees about some changes to the Employee Handbook. Council has copies of the proposed changes. Solicitor Wolfe said that he is working on the Police Manual, which is a very large document and requires a lot of manhours. He said that he is incorporating some of the recommended changes made in the report of the recent Police Study that was done.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky gave the following report for the month of August 2010:

Property Taxes: \$4,365.32 Supplemental \$14.56 Per Capita Taxes: \$2,337.30

Total Collected: \$6,717.18

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to accept the quote in the amount of \$9,948 from Country Farms Inc. Greensburg PA for the Parking Lot Rain Garden Repairs. Westmoreland Conservation District said that they would apply for grant money to cover these repairs. Motion seconded by Councilman Tabita. Motion carried 9-0.

President Bauer reminded everyone that Saturday is the 9th anniversary of 9/11 and there will be a ceremony at Veterans Park beginning at 10:30am. The Ministerium will be holding a service at the United Methodist Church at 9:00am.

President Bauer reported that the Recreational Soccer League will hold Opening Day Ceremonies at Willows Park at 9:00am on Saturday September 11, 2010 and all of Council is invited to attend.

President Bauer talked to Council about the Transient Retail Business License and the importance of having anyone selling goods in the Borough on record. Especially food products, including fruits and vegetables. There is no fee for these vendors, but they still need to fill out a permit.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- There will be a meeting about the Residential Rain Gardens tomorrow on Anne Street in Ramsay Terrace at 1:30pm with Westmoreland Conservation District and McCormick Taylor Engineers.
- Surveillance cameras have been mounted on the Municipal Building and will scan the Frick Park bathrooms and the ramp into the park.
- Kriebel Resources has flagged the area where the pipe will be located on the Bridgeport Street Property if anyone is interested in seeing where it will be.
- The revised Employee Manual will be ready for Council to review at the next meeting.
- Mr. Landy, Councilman Tate and Councilwoman Stevenson will look at the situation on North Alley regarding where to put the dumpster that two businesses are sharing. The will contact Allied Waste with their decision.
- The intern from California University has started working two days a week for four hours a day and is currently making updates to our web site.
- Penn Dot Aviation has asked Mount Pleasant to adopt an airport ordinance and Mr. Landy will have a sample ordinance ready for the next meeting.
- McCormick Taylor Engineers is working on getting funding to remove the rails at Veterans Park. The steel rails will be replaced with lighted bollards.
- Mr. Landy asked council committees to look closely at the Budget Vs. Actual report. The office will provide borough department heads a copy of their report.
- The Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival is this month and the Festival web site has received over 33,000 hits so far.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to advertise for sealed bids for Electric Control Panels at the Diamond Street Pump Station. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to repair the Comminutor at the WWT Plant for a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to replace the windows at the WWT Building for a cost of \$2,303.88. WWT personnel will install the windows. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A question was raised about the purchase of the Comminutor going out to bid. Mr. Stout explained that there is really only one company he can purchase the parts from and they are in Australia. Solicitor Wolfe said that there is an exception to the bid requirements that states if you are requiring something that is truly only available from one source you do not have to advertise for bids.

Councilman Tate said that WWT Supervisor Norm Stout found a spring that was pumping 123,000 gallons of water into our sewage system per month which totals 1.5 million gallons per year. Mr. Stout rerouted the water into a catch basin.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Beranek read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of August 2010:

Total Calls for the Month	
Medical	148
Medical	111
MVA	15
Fire	10
Transfer	2
Standby	10
In Town	79
Out of Town	69
Members per call	2.6

Councilman Beranek said his committee will start working on the Premoshis Displays for this year.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance in the form presented to Council, amending the Chapter 27 of the code of Ordinances, Zoning, and to forward a copy of the draft Ordinance to the county Planning Department and the Borough Planning Commission and to schedule a public hearing for Monday October 18, 2010 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman McCloy to approve Resolution 2010-04 to increase the fee for Residential Certificates of Occupancy from \$35 to \$50. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 8-0 with Councilman Crivella casting the only no vote.

Councilman McCloy said he, Councilman Tabita, Councilman Beranek and President Bauer met with the BDA to discuss changes to the Sign Ordinance and it should be ready for adoption. Councilman McCloy outlined the changes for Council and a discussion ensued.

Councilman McCloy said that a copy of our Flood Plain Ordinance was sent to the National Flood Insurance Program and they are requesting some changes to our ordinance. They would like the first draft of the revisions back to them within a month's time. The National Flood Insurance Program must approve the ordinance before the Borough can adopt. The Borough must also wait for the letter of final determination from FEMA establishing the final effective date, which must be inserted into the ordinance.

Street Report:

Councilman Tate said he will meet with Street Supervisor Fontanazza and Borough Manager Landy to discuss the call list so that it is ready if we have another bad winter and need assistance from outside contractors.

Borough Manager Landy asked Street Supervisor Fontanazza if he scheduled another demonstration with the company who sold us our crack sealer. Mr. Fontanazza said he was told to call them a week before they start.

Parks and Recreation Report:

Councilman Crivella said he and Mr. Landy met with Bob Regola and Tim Kilberg from McCormick Taylor to discuss specifications for the bids for Jack Bobb's Park. The Borough received a CDBG Grant for the park.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to allow the Mount Pleasant Public Library to hold its 5th Annual Walk in the Park fundraising event on Saturday October 16, 2010 from 7am to 11am at Frick Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to suspend the rules for a motion to contribute to the Mount Pleasant Junior Football League. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Crivella to donate \$1,500 to the Mount Pleasant Junior Football League. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Tate asked for the status of the new light on the flagpole at Frick Park. Borough Manager Landy said that the quote came in very high because they have to dig a ditch either from the panel to the scoreboard or from the concession stand to the scoreboard. Mr. Landy said he is trying to get more quotes. Councilman Tate said that if the Girl's Softball League is done using the field for games we should take the flag down until we can put a light on it at night. President Bauer said that we should consider digging a ditch to accommodate the light for the flagpole as well as lights all the way around the track for when we are ready to install them.

Veterans Park Report: None

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reminded Council that we are getting close to starting work on the 2011 Budget and if anyone has something they would like to see in the 2011 Budget they should contact her or Mr. Landy as soon as possible.

Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said they have begun clearing the property on Main Street where the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign will be erected.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept Industrial Appraisal's quote to complete property appraisal in the amount of \$895. Motion seconded by Councilman Crivella. Motion carried 9-0.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection on October 2, 2010 at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe PA. The Borough pays for Mount Pleasant residents to participate in the program and over the past several years there has been an average of only five cars. Councilwoman Stevenson read a list of hazardous waste that may be found in homes that can be disposed of at this collection site. The list will be on the Mount Pleasant Borough website.

Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilman Tabita said he spoke to Bob Keeler about alternate plans to bring the Coal and Coke Bike Trail to Main Street.

Councilman Tabita said he spoke with Kingfish Productions regarding the advertising version of the Mount Pleasant video. There will be a cost to the Borough of approximately \$1,000 that can be taken from the amount budgeted for marketing. If there are no objections from Council he will proceed. There were no objections raised.

New Business:

President Bauer said that after seeing where the railroad marked the crossing at Kennedy Avenue he does not see a way for the Borough to keep three lanes for traffic. Solicitor Wolfe said he is in contact with Mr. Church from the railroad and will be receiving further information from him. Mr. Wolfe said after he gets the information we can see what options are available to us.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Cat Committee will sponsor a Rabies Clinic on September 18, 2010 at the Central Fire Station on Church Street in Mount Pleasant from 2pm to 5pm.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- An invitation to the YMCA to pay tribute to Bill Levergood for his work to ensure that children and families of the Fay-West region have a place for safe, fun and healthy recreational experiences on September 11, 2010 at 1pm.
- Council is invited to the opening ceremonies for the Mount Pleasant Soccer League on September 11, 2010 at 9:00am.
- A letter from Representative Deberah Kula about a Penn Dot heavy equipment sale.
- PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be in Gettysburg from October 15-17, 2010. The deadline for registration is October 4, 2010.
- Allied Waste will host an open house on Tuesday September 14, 2010 from 4pm to 7pm.
- The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will hold its monthly meeting on September 30, 2010 at the Westmoreland Conservation District Office at 218 Donohoe Road Greensburg at 7:00pm.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Beranek to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm

Motions from September 7, 2010 Meeting

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