

**Meeting February 2, 2009**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Tabita 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 Tabita directed Borough Manager Jeff Landy to take roll. Councilmen Beranek, Bauer, Tate, and Councilwomen Stevenson and Ruskowski were present. Mayor Lucia and Attorney Klimchock 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 January 20, 2009. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of January 2009:

Report of the Mount Pleasant Police Dept for the month of January 2009

The Department answered 325 calls during the month as follows:

Complaints	92
Requests for assistance	2
Assist Other Departments	2
Accidents investigated	7
Calls Returned	15
Assist Medic	10

The Department made 25 arrests during the month as follows:

Vehicle Code	21
Crimes Code	4

Parking Tickets issued are as follows:

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

\$1.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	0
\$5.00 Parking Tickets Paid	0	\$ -
\$10.00 Parking Tickets Paid	1	\$ 10.00

Return from Magistrate Eckels	\$ 965.90
Return from Clerk of Courts	\$ 303.19
Return from Report Fees	\$ 150.00
Return from Parking Permits	\$ -
Return from Soliciting Permits	\$ -
Return from Restitution	\$ -

Total \$1,429.09

Meter Receipts 2 Collections \$ 944.44

Total Receipts for the month \$2,373.53

Mayor Lucia thanked everyone who attended the Pittsburgh Steelers Pep Rally on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The rally was well attended and the Steelers did indeed win the 43<sup>rd</sup> Super Bowl.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Attorney Randy Klimchuck said that the Borough is working on a substantial change to the Zoning Map to create a R1-A Zoning District. Solicitor Toohey's office has advertised the public hearing necessary to pass this amendment. On February 16, 2009 there will be a Public Hearing at 6:00pm in Council Chambers to discuss the proposed zoning amendment. The regular council meeting will be at 7:00pm when Council will act on the amendment. The proposed Zoning Map and Zoning Amendment are available for review at the Borough office during normal business hours. The amendment will affect all three wards in the Borough. There will be more than 31 streets impacted. Many of the R2 Zones will be changed to the new R1-A Zone.

### **Tax Collectors Report:**

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of January 2009:

Supplemental - \$24.17

Per Capita - \$143.00

Total Collected - \$167.17

Ms. Yancosky said that during January and February each year the only Property Taxes collected are the Supplemental Taxes. Regular Property Tax statements will be mailed on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Presidents Report:**

President congratulated the Pittsburgh Steelers on winning the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Super Bowl.

Mayor Lucia swore in part-time Police Officer Justin James. Justin has been with the Mount Pleasant Police Department for the last three years in an auxiliary capacity.

President Tabita said that the R1-A Zone will make the Borough a more desirable community, will improve the neighborhoods and increase property values which will increase property taxes.

President Tabita said that there was an unfavorable comment in the newspaper this week. President Tabita wanted to again thank Council for all they do in the Borough to keep it safe for its residents. The Mount Pleasant Business District Authority has also contributed to the look and feel of the Borough. Phase II of the Main Street Street-Scape Project will improve the picture people have of Mount Pleasant and the new Frick Communities will contribute to the Main Street merchants.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt Resolution 2009-02 declaring the Borough's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tabita asked Council to appoint members to the Mount Pleasant Boards and Authorities.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to reappoint Dale Walker Jr. to the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to reappoint David Raffensperger to the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for a 5-year term. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 6-0.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to reappoint Charlotte Mowry to the Mount Pleasant BDA for a 3-year term. Motion seconded by Councilman Bauer. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tabita read the resignation letter sent by Councilman Ken Wiltrout resigning from Council effective immediately.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to accept the resignation of Councilman Ken Wiltrout from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council seat. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to suspend the rules to advertise for residents interested in filling the vacant 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council seat. This seat must be filled within 30 days. Motion seconded by Councilman Tate. Motion carried 6-0.

Resumes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council seat will be accepted until noon February 27, 2009 and interviews will be conducted at 6:00pm on March 2, 2009.

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Councilman Bauer reminded Council that whoever is appointed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council seat vacated by Ken Wiltrout will have to run in the Municipal Elections in May 2009.

A motion was made by Councilman Bauer to hold a meeting on March 2, 2009 at 6:00pm to interview applicants for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council seat. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

President Tabita recognized Don Good for 30 years of service with Medic 10 and thanked all of the other members who were recognized at the recent Medic 10 Annual Banquet.

### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Council has been provided with the early 2009 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report.
- Signs will be posted on the 32 streets affected by the proposed Rezoning Amendment by February 9, 2009.
- The gas lines from the Frick Park Gas Well have been run to the Municipal Building and Central Fire Station providing free gas to the buildings. There is a cap on the amount of gas we are allowed to use free. The cost for the lines was approximately \$5,000.
- Mr. Landy spoke to the prospective buyer of the Gormley property and gave him Council's stipulations. The buyer indicated that there would not be a problem. The buyer should have the paperwork Council requested to us by February 9, 2009.
- There will be a meeting on Friday February 6, 2009 with Senator Kim Ward regarding police issues from 9am to 11am at the Penn Township Municipal Building.
- Mulling & Lonergan mailed answers to the questions from Council regarding Main Street.
- Career Link has approached Council about doing three projects in the Borough. Mr. Landy has two projects and if anyone has a third please contact him at the borough office. Mayor Lucia said that we could use them to reconstruct the boundary fence at the property on Bridgeport Street.
- Mr. Landy said that the Steelers Pep Rally was a great success and thanked the following people for their volunteer support:
  - Leo's Grille 31
  - Medic 10
  - Premier Audio and Video
  - The End Zone
  - Mount Pleasant VFD
  - Wal-Mart
  - Larry's DJ Service
  - Klocek Burial Vault
  - Mark Kaiser's Steelers Car
  - Hout Wind Sales
- A meeting was held at MAWC to resolve the remaining sewage billing questions. Mr. Landy reminded residents to include both stubs when mailing one check for both the water and sewage payments to MAWC. MAWC is setting up Standard Bank to accept sewage payments.
- The preliminary DVD marketing Mount Pleasant has been received and there are a few changes to be made.

### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Tate to remove the large tree at the Diamond Street Pump Station. Motion seconded by Councilman Beranek. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Tate said he has received permission from the owner of the property where the tree will have to fall.

Councilman Tate said letters will be hand delivered to Mount Pleasant businesses affected by the Grease Trap Ordinance. Businesses will have one year from today to correct any problems. The letter will be sent to Mount Pleasant Township to be given to their customers whose sewage is treated at our WWT Plant.

**Public Safety, Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

Councilman Bauer read the following Medic 10 Report for the month of January 2009:

Total Calls	155
Medical	115
MVA	7
Fire	12
Transfers	1
Standby	20
In Town	84
Out of Town	71
Members per call	3.5

Councilman Bauer said he received a letter from Keystate Publishing regarding the ordinance recodification regarding the ordinances still being discussed. Some of these ordinances will be ready for adoption at the March work session.

Councilman Tate said he would like to be assured that the new 911 addresses being assigned to some homes in the Borough are final and won't be changed again because it is a lot of work to change your address. Councilman Bauer reminded residents that it was the county making address changes and not the Borough.

**Streets/Parks and Recreation Report:**

Councilman Bauer said that it is important for Council to decide which streets to pave so that we can advertise for bids. Council discussed the list of streets. A firm list will be ready for the next work session. Glenn Wolfe, Widmer Engineering said they will compile a list of streets affected by the CSO Project that will need to be on the list.

Councilman Bauer said that he is still interested in doing the concrete pavement stamping at crosswalks in the Borough. Asphalt is stamped to resemble brick at crosswalks.

Mr. Landy said that the Recreation Committee has received two fund request proposals for money generated by the gas wells.

**Finance Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said Council has been approached by insurance companies wanting to bid on the Borough Workers Comp and Liability insurance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to suspend the rules to accept proposals from insurance companies interested in providing the Borough with Workers Comp and Liability insurance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to accept proposals from insurance companies interested in providing the Borough with Workers Comp and Liability insurance contingent upon the company researching the necessary information on their own. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

**Property Report:**

Councilman Beranek said that the new Veterans Park sign will be done in a month and can be stored in the Synagogue until it is put up. President Tabita said that the apostrophe should be before the S in Veteran's Park.  
**Community Eco-Green Report:** None

**Human Resource/Employee Contracts Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said that she has received a draft of the Employee Handbook from Paychex and has some questions she will address in the next week.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that conservative cat reproduction numbers show that the current cat program has prevented the birth of approximately 120-130 kittens. It is a slow process but progress is being made. There is a third veterinary clinic willing to help. The program could use a couple more dedicated volunteers. Anyone wishing to help can contact the borough office.

**Community and Economic Development/Grants Report:**

President Tabita said that he and Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Crivella attended the latest Frick Communities meeting and the committee can go forward with the grant proposal for the Main Street Manager Program. Hopefully grant approval will happen around July 2009.

President Tabita said that Duquesne University has volunteered to do the 501C3 application for Frick Communities and there is a meeting scheduled on Thursday February 5, 2009 in Pittsburgh. President Tabita said he and Councilman Crivella will be representatives at the meeting with Borough Manager Landy standing in if one of them cannot attend.

**New Business:** None

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Laurel Highlands Chamber of Commerce will have their annual dinner meeting on March 21, 2009 at Nino's Restaurant.
- Penn Dot will have their Annual Community Outreach meeting on March 5, 2009 at WCCC Commissioner's Hall room 2303 beginning at 12:30pm.
- TP Electric Inc. has offered their services to maintain and service our traffic signals. They also volunteered to help put up some signs and decorations in the Borough.
- Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority will be holding a meeting on February 9, 2009.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association is having their annual banquet on April 24, 2009 at the Youngwood Fire Hall. They have requested that we place an ad in the program.
- A ballot for nominations for the 2009 Smart Growth Award.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

## Motions from February 2, 2009 Meeting

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