

Meeting July 18, 2022

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Ruszkowski 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Ruszkowski asked for a moment of silence. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Czekanski, Phillabaum and Wojnar. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. President Ruszkowski stated that there is **no quorum** tonight and that they will not be able to vote on anything. Councilwoman Lasko participated via telephone.

Public Comment:

- Justin Rhodes of 208 Evans Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding commercial vehicles and drainage on the newly paved road. Mr. Rhodes stated the following:

“I am trying to find out some information about this commercial truck thing that is going on with parking on the streets. There was stuff posted all over Facebook about it. I’m trying to find some clarity on what the deal is with it”.

Solicitor Istik responded “We have had some complaints within the Borough about certain trailers parking in the street and the problem with that occurs where we’re having trouble getting ambulances or fire trucks down the street based upon where the commercial vehicles or the trailers are parked. We are attempting to do an Ordinance that would address those concerns about those trailers, commercial vehicles, that sort of thing parking in the street, primarily, and we were going to discuss it tonight in open meeting, primarily the concern too is largely at night because again ambulances and fire trucks need to get down these roadways and they’re too narrow to have these bigger trucks parked on the street. It doesn’t prevent anyone from parking a commercial vehicle in their own driveway or their garage. It is really maintained towards street parking, so we haven’t done anything yet”.

Mr. Rhodes asked “Can I show you a picture of mine parked on the street? I think there needs to be more than just commercial vehicles. I think it needs to go on weight, size or something”. Solicitor Istik responded “So you know we do have provisions in the Ordinance that we have drafted. We haven’t advertised. The way the process goes is, once we devise an Ordinance that we are comfortable with, we have to advertise it and then once it’s advertised. Mr. Rhodes showed Solicitor Istik the picture of his work vehicle. Solicitor Istik continued by saying “so there is also going to be a separate provision in there for work vehicles as well that may classify as a commercial vehicle because we understand that yours is more like a utility van versus a commercial vehicle. We’re talking about big boat trailers, triaxle trucks and trailers, dump trucks, and those sorts of things. Mr. Rhodes said “he was going to compare because that is his neighbor’s car parked on the street and it is not hampering anything more than what they are”. Solicitor Istik replied “Sure so Councilman Wojnar brought that to my attention this evening and that is one of the things that we are going to discuss is making that distinction for those different types of vehicles. So just so you’re aware, we haven’t gotten to the point where we’re comfortable with the Ordinance as we have written it. We are still making changes to it to address some of those concerns about the different types of commercial vehicles, so once we actually have an Ordinance that we are comfortable with, we will do a motion to advertise it, it will be advertised for 30 days and then we will vote on it after that 30-day period”.

Mr. Rhodes said “I have a lot of buddies that work in the oil and gas industry and they all drive pickups, but technically that is a commercial vehicle. That is why when I saw the stuff on Facebook, I was like come on, what’s going on here”. Solicitor Istik responded “Again, we are going to, I believe during the committee meeting where we talk about Ordinances that’s one of things we are going to discuss tonight”.

Mayor Bailey stated she wanted to clarify something that was written in the Facebook post and said “One of the things that was said that was we was going to include all CDL. That was not true, that was never said. It also said that if you had a DOT number you weren’t going to be able to park, that was not true, that was never said”.

Councilman Wojnar said “I appreciate you coming up to talk to us”. Mr. Rhodes said “I guess I’m the only one that did”. Councilman Phillabaum said he would like to follow up with a few things and said “To the best of my knowledge I don’t recall ever hearing about what we were going to allow people to do with their driveways, so that was another thing that in that post that was ridiculous and never discussed. Mr. Rhodes replied “I figured that”. I respect that you are up here”.

Councilman Wojnar stated “I’ll clarify. Our committee talked and if it is somebody’s driveway, it is somebody’s driveway”. Councilman Phillabaum continued “I received four (4) phone calls the next morning. Two (2) of the people don’t even live in this town and they don’t do business in this town and if you read some of those comments you know the nonsense that I am pointing out. On the flipside of that, another part, not just emergency vehicles, I saw a situation that was back around February or March, I watched a garbage truck go down one of the side streets not far from my house, because the trucks were so far out in the road, the garbage truck actually had to go in reverse because he could not get to the end of the road. I know when the guys’ salt during the winter months they need more room in some cases also. Some of that is like where is it coming from”.

Council said to Mr. Rhodes they appreciated him coming up and thanked him for coming. Councilman Phillabaum also said “Feel free to call up here. Sharon or Jeff will put you in contact, Jeff had a situation last night that is already resolved”.

Mr. Rhodes asked “Did you hear anything about paving on Orchard Avenue? That was me that also called Jeff that night because we were flooding out”. Councilman Phillabaum responded “Yes, so that was the email that you sent me I assume”? Mr. Rhodes stated “I sent a bunch of pictures”. Councilman Phillabaum asked “Did you talk to Jeff McGuinness? Did he talk to you”? Mr. Rhodes replied “yes”. Councilman Phillabaum stated “So then you know what is going on, they are going to raise that curb”. Mr. Rhodes replied “It is the curb and the water is not hitting any of the drains”. Councilman Phillabaum said “yes because it is going across the street as opposed to the drain but by raising the curb it is going to direct it to the drains”.

Borough Manager Landy asked Mr. Rhodes “Did you ever have flooding before”? Mr. Rhodes replied “Way back when Koehler fixed those pipes. I haven’t had it since. My house was the one that got pumped probably twenty (20) times right after I remodeled it the one time. I literally spent twelve grand (\$12,000) because I didn’t flood for a while and then when Koehler did all of the digging up at his house, he changed the direction of the water so the water wasn’t coming down the street, it was coming down through everybody’s yard and right across mine like a pond; but ever since they put those new pipes in, I have never had a problem and it has been 6 or 7 years”. Borough Manager Landy asked “So when you look at the road today, other than the curb, is it slanted different”? Mr. Rhodes responded “yes, you are walking up hill. You walk off of Evans and up on Orchard. It a grade. It’s like this and then it levels”. Councilman Phillabaum responded “From my understanding that road was done last year correct”? Mayor Bailey responded “No, it was this years paving project”. Councilman Phillabaum stated “Then yes, that is under warranty and we can get them”. Mr. Rhodes said “Yes, that is what Jeff said and that he was going to call them”. Mayor Bailey responded “Ken if I may, I spoke with Jeff McGuinness this morning and he apprised me of the problem, had already contacted the gentleman who was in charge, the supervisor who was in charge of the paving project, so the paving company is aware and they told him that they would be down”. Mr. Rhodes showed pictures of his property.

Council President Ruszkowski asked “Sir do you live in the red brick house”. Mr. Rhodes replied “I do”.

Councilman Phillabaum asked if there was anything else. Mr. Rhodes stated “I guess not. I didn’t know I was going to have that much”.

Mayor Bailey stated “It is better to come and talk to us than to talk to everybody else and we get, a CDL, a DOT, and no parking in the driveways”. Mr. Rhodes said “I was so happy Jeff came out on Sunday because it was a kids birthday party and he’s like I’m going to try and come out and I was like well you need to see it now while it is raining”.

Solicitor Istik stated she would like to make one other distinction with the commercial vehicle ordinance and said “That’s not going to apply to the vehicles that are in the area to specifically do work as well. So, if you are parked in the street in an effort to perform a service for a house, business, or whatever it may be, it will not apply to you for those hours as well”. Mr. Rhodes said “it said over a 24-hour period, like overnight”. Mayor Bailey responded “That was never said either in the conversation, that there was a 24-hour period”. Solicitor Istik stated “that it had to be there 24 hours before anything to kind of kick in”.

- Crystal Helman of 105 Center Avenue, Mount Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the commercial vehicle ordinance and said the following:

“My question is about the process of the Ordinance. You said a little bit that you have to come up with one that everyone agrees upon and that it will be published. Where will it be published, where can we stay abreast of this because we can’t make it to every council meeting, we won’t know what’s going on. We happen to own a business that is highly affected by this. Our trucks are currently not housed in the Borough; but we are looking to buy property and this is going to play a major factor in it and sometimes the truck that we have, we do park at our residence which is in the Borough. It’s not in a private driveway, but it is off of the drive area so I want to make sure how that’s going to affect us”.

Solicitor Istik responded “As you can see tonight, we don’t have a quorum to vote on anything so it won’t be happening tonight. The fastest that I would presume, our next meeting is August 1st, we could do a motion on August 1st to advertise. Mr. Landy what publication do you use utilize for advertising”? Borough Manager Landy responded “usually the Journal or the Courier”. Solicitor Istik continued “so it would be the Daily Courier or the Journal for advertisement purposes and then we couldn’t vote on it at the earliest the first September meeting which would be September 6th, which is a Tuesday because the 5th is a holiday. So, that’s where it will be advertised and then of course as I said, that’s if we motion to advertise it on August 1st, we couldn’t vote on it until at earliest September 6th”.

Ms. Helman asked “Your meeting minutes, they’re not posted until they are approved at the following meeting correct”? Solicitor Istik responded “Correct”. Councilman Phillabaum stated “You can go on the Boroughs website and pull them up”. Ms. Helman responded “I was pulling them up but it didn’t have your last meeting because tonight they would be approved. Council responded “No, they won’t be tonight”. Ms. Helman said Well, they would be if you had a quorum to vote”. Borough Manager Landy responded “So then it would be posted after today’s meeting”. Ms. Helman said “Yes because I was going through, because I was reading the Facebook posts also and I commented to the person who had and said I would like to do a little research before I go and say I heard this is going on and where did you see this is being proposed so I know what I am talking about before I appear. I couldn’t find anything on the website. I read through the last meeting minutes that were approved and posted and I didn’t see anything on the agenda for tonight’s meeting that specifically stated anything about an Ordinance being changed. Councilman Wojnar replied “It was a very

cursory reference to it at the beginning of a meeting”. Ms. Helman replied “yes it was like we are looking at Ordinances about something but it didn’t specify anything that I could sink my teeth into to kind of figure out where I stood with it or what challenge it would present for me in the future”. Solicitor Istik responded “So after the August 22nd meeting you would be able to call Ms. Lesko, who is the Borough Secretary, and ask on the 1st if there is a motion to advertise and she may even be able to email you the advertised Ordinance if you don’t get those other publications just so that you can take a look at it. Of course, the minutes won’t be approved until the 22nd, so from the August 1st so then the 23rd, the day after. Ms. Helman responded “I just needed a direction of where to look so that I know what’s going on”. Borough Manager Landy stated “We do have zoning in the Borough and some zoning is restricted. There is single family zoning, there is multi-family zoning, there’s commercial, so when you look at the piece of property that you’re looking to buy, if you want to come up here, we can check the zoning to see what’s”. Councilman Wojnar interrupted and said “just speaking to that I think what we’re looking at is if its residential zoning”. Solicitor Istik responded “that’s right”. Ms. Helman responded “I mean sometimes like whenever I was on Washington Street technically, we were residential; but whenever I moved in there, 400 years ago is what it felt like, there was a religious door across the street from us so there was a grandfather clause that it wasn’t necessarily strictly residential because there were some commercial businesses in that area. Now the area that I am in now, we don’t really have any businesses down there so I’m sure it’s strictly residential, but we’re just trying to be aware of things. At one time we were looking at the former Goo’s lot which is right down from our current house and we were going to try and put a garage there and put the trucks there but we were also concerned about if that would work. I mean it was commercial before. We didn’t end up going forward with that property because we thought it was actually too small for us to fit triaxles on a regular basis for what we’re hoping to be able to do but we need to be conscientious of these things”.

- George Porterfield of 145 North Church Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding parking next to a fire hydrant and said the following:

“My thing is about that fire hydrant on my property that you said I got to move my truck”.

Mayor Bailey responded “15 feet from the fire hydrant”.

Mr. Porterfield continued “What is the problem with it? It’s been like that for twenty-five (25) years. We paid, we had to get a permit and everything to have that. We had Jerry down there. We had Gene Rosky down there”. Mayor Bailey stated “you guys are going way back to when Gene Rosky was there and been the Ordinance Officer”. Mrs. Porterfield stated “It has been over twenty-five (25) years. We had the permit for the addition that we put on in addition to digging that out to make like a driveway because my car got hit several times from parking there so we decided to do that. Then he came to the house to see what the addition was going to look like and he is the one that told us how to dig it out through the contact of missed utility, everything, I mean we did everything according to what he said and everybody knew and everybody was fine with it”.

Mayor Bailey responded “the only thing I can tell you is that you have to be parked 15 feet from a fire hydrant even if the fire hydrant is in the middle of a field. You can’t park any closer than 15 feet to a fire hydrant, whether it’s on your property or whether on the right-of-way of the Borough or the water company; and that, I believe, is in the easement of the water company or the Borough, so 15 feet from that hydrant is the law and that is a state law across this Commonwealth. So, whatever they told you in the past I’m not sure”.

Mrs. Porterfield asked “shouldn’t we be able to be grandfathered in because this is something that” Mayor Bailey responded “I would hate to be the one to say it’s okay for you to park where you are and then have a problem with a firetruck not being able to run a water hose”. Mr. Porterfield responded “Jerry was the Chief. He said it’s okay.” Mayor Bailey replied “Jerry is not here so you can tell me Jerry said anything”. Mr. Porterfield responded “Yes I know because you made that perfectly clear on Vine Street”. Mrs. Porterfield stated “there’s nothing impeding it”. Mayor Bailey responded “I understand what you’re saying. I really do; but I can’t change the law of the Commonwealth. My job as the Mayor is to make sure that the laws and ordinances of this Borough and this Commonwealth are adhered to and to make sure that our officers are doing their job to ensure the safety of the citizens here. Now how close are you parked there? How many feet were you parked from that fire hydrant? Mr. Porterfield replied “we were usually anywhere from 8 to 10 feet away from it, never right there up at it”. Mayor Bailey stated “So, if you backed up 5 feet that would cause you guys a problem”? Mr. Porterfield responded “yes, we couldn’t fit both of our vehicles in there. We have three (3) vehicles”. Mayor Bailey responded “Well, okay, see you said both of your vehicles and I saw three”. Mr. Porterfield continued by saying “I have a company truck, a personal truck and a car”. Mrs. Porterfield said “when you were there my car wasn’t there because I was at work”. Mayor Bailey replied “no, but I have been there since then and I seen three (3) vehicles parked there. You just said two (2) so I was going to ask”. Mr. Porterfield replied “yes because I have a company truck, which I was going to ask about and that gentleman took care of that. It is a pickup”. Mayor Bailey responded “Right, and I saw that. I even alluded to your pickup truck when I spoke with the gentleman who put the post up that your truck would not be a problem because you were not an oversized vehicle. You were a business truck; but I didn’t tell him just a business truck, I didn’t tell him a CDL truck, I didn’t tell him a DOT truck. I told him an oversized truck and we didn’t even have an Ordinance ready to go yet”. Mr. Porterfield responded “I didn’t know if it was going to be pickups involved in it too”. Mayor Bailey replied “No, that wasn’t in my comment”. Mr. Porterfield continued “but, the fire hydrant is my main concern with that. Is this going to be enforced on everybody because we went, me and my wife, we took 33 pictures. Do you want to see three (3) of them within a block of our house; but the fire hydrants are completely covered”. Solicitor Istik responded “So, here’s the deal. It is a Pennsylvania state law, so if a Pennsylvania State Trooper drives by and wants to give you a ticket, he is well within his right to give you a ticket. Likewise, if our Police department wants to give you a ticket or our Zoning Officer wants to give you a ticket, any of them can do that because it is a Pennsylvania state law. So, whatever Mr. Lucia may have told you, Pennsylvania state law trumps any laws or Ordinances that we may enact. It is a Pennsylvania state law, anyone can enforce it”. Mr. Porterfield responded “I understand it is a Pennsylvania state law, but are you going to do it to everybody”? Mayor Bailey responded “of course we are. If you give me the pictures, I’ll make sure the Officers see them”. Mr. Porterfield continued “look at some of these pictures. This one here is right there at the firehall. This is within a block of our house. These three (3) pictures”. Mayor Bailey replied “okay, I’ll make sure that they see them if you would be willing to share them with me”. Mr. Porterfield continued “I mean there is this one. There is a tree completely around it. At least mine the firemen can run the hose right over the roof of my truck. I wouldn’t care if it’s a fire. Do what you need to do to that truck. I could care less. Save that house for the people. That truck can be replaced anytime”. Mayor Bailey responded “I understand but you may be the only one that feels that way. We may have some people that if we do that, they’re upset with it. Would you mind sharing those”? Mrs. Porterfield responded “no, you can have them”. Mr. Porterfield said “you can have these, am I allowed to walk up there”? Mayor Bailey responded “oh yes, yes absolutely”. Mr. Porterfield showed and discussed the various pictures with Mayor Bailey.

Solicitor Istik stated “Councilman Phillabaum has indicated that he remembers this, about a month ago there was a gentleman here who was an amputee and he asked us about a handicap spot and his handicap spot would have been within fifteen (15’) feet of a fire hydrant and we told him no for the same exact reason. Pennsylvania state law does not

permit us to put a handicap spot and we tried to work with him to try to put it towards his house and do other things for him but we cannot do within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant. Mr. Porterfield responded "I understand that". Solicitor Istik continued "we are trying to enforce it as far as we're concerned. If you see it, report it". Mr. Porterfield replied "you got to understand something to with the people, that truck has been parked there, not that truck I haven't had it that long, but multiple trucks that I have owned has been parked there for over twenty-five (25) years and nothing said. One time something was said and I brought a Penn DOT guy in, a state inspector. These fire hydrants are supposed to run pole line. That's from Penn DOT. They're supposed to run pole line, that one does not. It is over on to my property".

Mayor Bailey responded "So, do you want us to have the water company move it"? Mr. Porterfield said "I'm not saying that. You know how much that would cost them? I mean". Mayor Bailey continued "I'm just asking you what you want us to do. I mean if it's been broken for twenty-five (25) years and nobody complained about it and now we've gotten complaints and we have to fix it, so those twenty-five (25) years were free years for you". Mr. Porterfield responded "yes, but I know who complained to though". Mayor Bailey replied "Can't help that either. Once the complaint comes in, regardless of who complained. Deanna, I will make sure that the Police Officers see those pictures". Mr. Porterfield replied "but if you want more of them, like I said we have 33 of them". Mayor Bailey said "sure. This one is the one I don't know the location of, the one where the tree is growing around it". Mr. Porterfield said "it's at the corner, if you go up Vine Street and start down the hill, it's that stop sign on the left". Mayor Bailey thanked Mr. Porterfield.

- Bob Karfelt of 114 South Depot Street, Mount Pleasant, PA regarding the paving project, Bridgeport Street subdivision and parking on sidewalk and addressed Council as follows:

"I have come to throw some rays of sunshine out. I was just coming up to thank all who was involved in getting the alleyway behind my place taken care of after years and years of disarray. It turned out to be, it almost looks like a racetrack through there now". I did have a couple of other things; one I was coming up to find out where we are at with the Depot Street property.

Solicitor Istik responded "I have a ray of sunshine for you. The finalized subdivision was sent back to the County for final approval on Friday, July 15, 2022. We had some glitches in the prior subdivision plan that needed to be fixed. They had to be sent back to the person who did the appraisal of the land and did the subdivision lines but I am hopeful that now we will have it straightened out and it's been mailed back to the County for approval on the 15th, fingers crossed that this one gets approved".

Mr. Karfelt said "he has one other thing. I have noticed over the weekend and it kind of eludes to the gentleman over here as far as the fire hydrant and I don't want to say anything bad about our police force in town, they are a great bunch of guys and do a duty that far surpasses a lot of what most people can handle, but again they're not noticing the hydrants and people parking there. It's mentioned about the handicap gentleman trying to get a parking spot and was getting tickets for parking on the sidewalk; but, right below that there is the house right next door to the handicap gentleman and we got the neighbor that lives there and the car has been parked there all weekend on the sidewalk without a ticket on it.

Councilman Phillabaum asked if the gentleman with the truck got a ticket and the other vehicle didn't. Mr. Karfelt responded "No, the gentleman that used to park on the sidewalk is now parking on the street; but, now the girl that lives in the house that I mentioned before, nothing is being done to them. It kind of looks bad at that point if we are not really enforcing it the whole way through town.

Councilman Wojnar said “not enforcing something that we threatened to do and with a car right next to it”. Mr. Karfelt responded “yes, and you do feel bad for the gentleman because he is handicap, but again if you are breaking the law, you are breaking the law. It shouldn’t matter if you are or what you are, especially if you have kids you are raising, you should always instill the correct things”. Mr. Karfelt continued “Again, a big thank you for everybody going above and beyond for getting the streets done this year. Great job”.

Speakers: None.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Attended a National Night Out meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022 with Police Chief Grippo. National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 9, 2022 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Frick Park. Rain date is Thursday, August 11, 2022.
- Attended a Medic 10 meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Mayor Bailey thanked Zach Gergas, Medic 10 Director, who has been working tirelessly for grants for Medic 10. Mr. Gergas spoke about 4 grants that have been applied for and 3 of those have been approved for Medic 10.
- There is a farmers market every Wednesday starting at 2:00pm to 6:00pm held at the American Architectural Salvage at the east end of town.
- Reminder to everyone: Route 819 Diamond Street and Route 981 North, which is North Church Street, and Route 31 Main Street are all state roadways. If there are issues with those roadways, please report them to us; however, be aware that the Borough does not touch those roadways. They belong to the state and do not want the Borough to make repairs to them. The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County has dug up Diamond Street twice and we have placed many calls in to them over the last week to try and get them to come out and fix that. Mayor Bailey suggested residents call the water company or Penn DOT regarding the issue. Borough Manager Landy stated that the more people that call them, the quicker the response may be.

Councilman Wojnar asked Mayor Bailey if she would speak with the police department about the curfew in the Borough. Mayor Bailey said that she has a meeting with them tomorrow and will discuss it with them. Mayor Bailey said curfew is until 10:00pm. Councilwoman Lasko stated that she believes the sign at the basketball court states 11:00pm. Borough Manager Landy said that all the parks are until dusk except the basketball court at Frick Park. Councilwoman Lasko suggested that if 10:00pm is the curfew that they should have new signage at the basketball court at Frick Park. Mayor Bailey said the Ordinance is not for adults it is for under age. Councilman Wojnar stated that if the youth is accompanied by an adult, it does not fall under the Ordinance. Mayor Bailey asked that the Ordinance be reviewed.

Councilman Phillabaum asked when there is a festival or activity going on in the Borough that goes later than 10:00pm what happens? Borough Manager Landy stated that the curfew is waived during that time. Council would need a motion to waive the curfew.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Istik reported gave the following report:

- Previously mentioned the update on the subdivision. Had 2 people contact her and voiced that they do not want it subdivided and want to bid on the entire property as a whole. She indicated the reasons why Council chose to subdivide and she took their information because they want to be notified when they can bid on the property because they would like to purchase it.

- Spoke with Mr. Landy last week in regards to contract negotiations, which cannot be handled this evening since there is no quorum and cannot have executive session.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2022:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-22			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2022
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,094,862.54	75,241.98	92,348.97	1,077,755.55
**Town Clock (in Gen. Fund Checking)		0			
**Holiday Lighting (in Gen Fund Checking)		0			
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	988,945.73	832.31	16,600.00	973,178.04
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	323,660.94				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	23,623.48				
** Frick Park Gas Well	22,875.82				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	3,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act 13	23,477.60				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	26,415.33	241.64	572.08	26,084.89
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,406.72	0.72	0.00	4,407.44
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	222,662.49	73.20	0.00	222,735.69
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	2,745.31	49,180.11	49,178.83	2,746.59
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	24,871.95	1.23	0.00	24,873.18
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,222.80	0.20	0.00	1,223.00
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	24,875.85	4.09	0.00	24,879.94
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	221,697.29	72.89	0.00	221,770.18
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
Scottdale/MidPenn CD (200yr Anniversary)	Scottdale Bank 318007294	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	53,527.71	0.00	0.00	53,527.71
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	0.00	54,243.17	0.00	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					2,910,062.78
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	133,928.43	30,827.97	53,740.89	111,015.51
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	50,860.58	8.36	0.00	50,868.94
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	6,021.92	0.99	0.00	6,022.91
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	9,425.38	0.00	0.00	9,425.38
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	19,458.71	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 410053	5,269.88	0.00	0.00	5,269.88

Total Medic 10 Fund Balance						202,061.33
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottsdale Bank - 19123702	891,220.31	146.50	0.00		891,366.81
Capital Reserve M. A. Account	Somerset Trust Co 2004129745	457,997.12	22.59	0.00		458,019.71
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottsdale Bank - MidPenn	3,007,516.44	0.00	0.00		3,007,516.44
Standard Bank CD WWT Cap.Resv	Standard Bank 464569	200,000.00	0.00	0.00		200,000.00
Athene Annuity CD (created Jan. 2021)	Somerset Trust	507,249.99	0.00	0.00		507,249.99
Total WWT Balance						5,064,152.95
Total Borough funds						8,176,277.06

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

Borough Manager Landy reviewed the Treasurers Report. The monies that showed in the General Fund Budgetary Reserve – Levins line was moved to the Contingency line which is also in the General Fund Budgetary Reserve. The General Fund – Town Clock line and Holiday Lighting line was absorbed into the general fund where it was already at. There wasn't much sense to have a separate line for Town Clock and Holiday lighting. It is already a line item on the profit & loss report.

A motion could not be made to pass the budget due to lack of quorum.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Everyone has received a copy of the newest gas well report.
- There are more contract negotiations. Received a call about the Crossing Guards. It is the same union that negotiates the Street Department. The Street Department negotiations will start August 1, 2022. It will begin with the union side and not the Borough side. They will start gathering their proposal for the Borough and then the Borough will respond. In addition, the Crossing Guards will most likely be around the same time.
- Had a person resign from crossing guard since her daughter does not go to Ramsay any longer. We had 4 crossing guards and now have 3. Suggested having a crossing guard at the following locations: one at Ramsay; one at the former Sub n Pub on N. Church Street and the last at Diamond Street.
- There is a Local Share Account Grant available for York County, Westmoreland County and Berks County offered by the State. It is a \$30,000.00 grant. The grant must be directly tied to Covid. The grant was going to be cancelled; but they have decided to now release it. Will meet with Bob Regola and will need to decide what to propose for the grant.
- The 2nd round of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) monies should begin to be distributed as soon as the week of July 18, 2022. We had received the first-round last year. The money must be related to Covid. It must be spent by 2024.
- Spoke with a lady from Mount Pleasant, who he heard, wanted to find money to put in to the Synagogue. The lady is not trying to pursue the money for it. She said she will help and here are a few people to call; but she is not actively looking for money for the Synagogue. She is uncertain as to what should be done with it. Mr. Landy said that we are at a point where we need to decide what direction we are going to go with the Synagogue, such as are we going to pursue it ourselves to try and get money for it, are we going to try and contact a Jewish organization to take the alter and the windows out and then decide what to do with the building possibly demolishing it.
- Went with Police Chief Grippo to look at property maintenance violations. Notified the Code Enforcement Officer.

- Met with Councilman Barrick and an engineer at the east end project on Main Street. Everyone has received a picture of the buildings that will be going on the lot there. They are wooden structures and will be stained different colors. They will need to be supplied with electric and air conditioning along with some infrastructure work. We will need to do some grading. We do not need to put drainage in due to it already draining to the back.
- There will be a Safety Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2022 at 9:00am.
- There is a webinar being held on July 20, 2022 from noon to 1:00pm on Increasing Stormwater Resiliency Through Innovative Codes & Ordinances. Borough Manager Landy reminded residents that you cannot put grass, dirty water, swimming water in the catch basins. Catch basins are for stormwater only. It cannot have any chemical in it. The Borough has to clean the catch basins at least once a year and report which basin has material in it that is not permitted. Sump pumps are not clean water and should not be pumped into the catch basins. They should be pumped into your yard. If you pump into the street and create a hazard, such as ice in the winter time, and there is an accident or someone falls the Borough is not responsible. It is the person who created the hazard.

President's Report: None.

Property / Grants:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Riverside Structures had the lowest bid for the wooden buildings for the Main Street East End Project.
- Fay-West Trees gave a proposal to remove the knotweed at the Waterway Project. It must be treated by someone that is a certified sprayer.
- Ulery Architecture gave a proposal for the renovation of the gazebo not to exceed the cost of \$8,500.00.
- Received a cost to replace 22 blinds on the 3rd floor of the Borough building from Budget Blinds at a cost of \$6,929, 12.

Streets / Stormwater:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Cutting curb behind Fontanazza's and Rita Zelenka's home in an unnamed alley. Water was running into a resident's yard as opposed to the drain. This has been taken care of. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is an approximately 6" corrugated black hose coming through the fence and that it may be attached to a swimming pool and water coming from there, which is not permitted. Mayor Bailey stated she will look into it.

Councilman Wojnar asked if anyone had reached out to PennDOT to negotiate the Winter Maintenance Exhibit "A" Agreement. Borough Manager Landy stated that he did and that they will not. Borough Manager Landy said that we have passed the deadline of signing the Agreement and that we will need to sign it and at the next meeting make a motion retroactive to the date of signing.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report via telephone:

- Saw a nice post on Facebook about the small playground equipment that sets by itself at Frick Park. The lady was happy because some children are not comfortable or cannot be around others for various reasons. Borough Manager Landy said that an example is some autistic children that don't do well with other children yelling or screaming while playing and that it is a sensory thing and some are just little and don't want to be around bigger

kids. Borough Manager Landy said it may be something that we may want to consider at all of the parks for children that don't or can't be around crowds for whatever reason it may be. Councilwoman Lasko agreed and said that it is a good idea.

- Borough Manager Landy reported that Phase 1 of the hillside at Frick Park has been completed. Phase 1 was to remove all of the overgrowth and the cleaning up of the trees and brush on the hillside. Phase 2 is to receive a grant to remove the railroad ties and make it a rolling hillside and add picnic tables and trees to sit at and overlook Frick Park. Borough Manager Landy said that they will be tying in some stormwater issues the we have at Frick and add some lighting.

Councilwoman Lasko asked if there was any update on the costs to the damage of the bollards that was done at Frick Park. Borough Manager Landy said that he believes when the bollards were purchased that they cost approximately \$3,000.00 each, which was approximately 7 or 8 years ago and that they are probably double that now. This is the first year that we have ever had damage to those bollards. The damage included busting the lights out and removing the tops of the bollards and throwing them. Councilwoman Lasko stated that there is a huge problem with people being destructive and costing the Borough money. Mayor Bailey said that she has spoken with Chief Grippo about foot patrol around Frick Park and that he agreed and would have Officers do that; however, she does not know what the routine is of them doing that and will find that out tomorrow when she meets with Chief Grippo. Councilman Wojnar suggested that they do a walkthrough approximately 15 minutes after curfew.

Councilwoman Lasko stated that she believes that it would be inappropriate for the Borough to do anything with the altar or the windows of the Synagogue and that we should get in touch with whatever Jewish faith leadership we need to and that would be the appropriate thing to do.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Attended a Medic 10 meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.
- Most of the employees' summer vacations are over and will be able to curb some of the overtime now.

Mayor Bailey reported:

- Medic 10 received a grant for \$3,800.00 to use for radios.
- They need 4 new monitors due to the lifespan ending on the existing monitors. Received a grant of \$33,000 that will pay for one of the monitors. They will be applying for another grant that will hopefully cover the cost of a second monitor. They will be reaching out to the County for monies to go towards the monitors.
- Will be reaching out to Seven Springs for winter standbys.
- Mutual Aid relinquished Harmon House to Medic 10.

Mayor Bailey asked if we are to test the VFD siren on the first Saturday of every month at noon. Borough Manager Landy stated that in the past, each year they would announce. Mayor Bailey asked who is responsible to make that happen? Borough Manager Landy said that the siren button is in the Police station and the reason for that is that they are here 24/7.

Veterans Park:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Councilwoman Barnes spoke with Spectrio (formerly Industry Weapons) on Friday, July 15, 2022. They feel they are getting closer to having a software that they want to propose to us to correct the issue. Councilman Wojnar asked "Are we going to have to buy more software. Didn't we just purchase and upgrade to accommodate their software". Borough

Manager stated that we did and that Spectrio will be calling next week. Councilwoman Barnes had asked Spectrio what the timeframe was and they could not tell her yet.

- Borough Manager Landy contacted an electrical company about redoing the lights at the wall. The proposal was to remove the lights out of the ground. That is when we have issues such as water and rotting when they are in the ground. The proposal is to put them at the base of the wall shining up so they are easily accessible. The concern was someone tripping over the lights; however, there will be a trough that will extend approximately 8” out from the wall that they will set in. They will be in close to the wall and no one will stand in that close to it.

Human Resources / Ordinances:

Councilman Wojnar gave the following report:

- The curfew Ordinance states “it shall be unlawful for any child under 16 years of age to be in or remain in or upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or public places in the Borough of Mount Pleasant at night after the hour of 10:00 p.m. unless said child is accompanied by a parent or guardian”. Councilman Wojnar stated that he does not believe they need to address the Ordinance by changing it; but when we have festivals coming up, we should look at waiving the 10:00pm curfew by moving it to 11:00pm and that we need to start enforcing the Ordinance. Mayor Bailey stated that she will discuss it with the Police Department.

Finance Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that Councilwoman Stevenson would like to begin working on the garbage contract. Councilman Wojnar asked if there could be penalties for them not meeting their end. Borough Manager Landy said that we need to get working on the contract now either by doing the reverse bidding auction or we bid it out like they have in the past.

New Business: **None.**

Reading of Communications: **None.**

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

Public Comment: **None.**

Miscellaneous and Adjournment: **None**

Meeting Adjourned 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting July 18, 2022

No motions were made due to lack of a quorum.