

Meeting August 22, 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 for all children with medical issues in need of prayer for their wellbeing. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Czekanski, Cholock, Phillabaum, Barrick, Lasko, and Stevenson. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Bailey read and presented a proclamation to Mary Jane Crossland celebrating her 100th birthday.

Public Comment:

- Robert Karfelt of 114 South Depot Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the sale of the Bridgeport Street (former Levin) property. Solicitor Istik stated that she spoke with Borough Manager Landy and that she will physically bring the subdivision plans to him on next Monday, August 29, 2022 as she will be out of town the rest of this week. Solicitor Istik stated that she does not physically have the plans and that they are mailed directly from the person who did the subdivision to Westmoreland County Planning and that there seems to be a disconnect as to them not getting to where they need to be.

Mr. Karfelt asked where are we at in the whole process with the subdivision because it is taking a long time. Solicitor Istik stated that she understands his frustration and these things take time. There were some revisions that needed to be made and those have been made and now we need to get everything filed.

Solicitor Istik also said while they are discussing the Bridgeport Street property that she has received a complaint from her office that someone asked Council for permission to park there for the day and were granted permission to park for the day and that when they parked on the property, you went over to them and informed them that it was your property and that they couldn't park there and they had an issue with it and they come back to Council in regards to it. Solicitor Istik continued by saying "I understand your frustration n the fact that you want the subdivision done because you want to purchase it but at the same time, I then get frustrated because at this point and time the Borough owns that property and for me to get complaints in regard to if we allow someone to park there right now, we can do that because it is Borough property, so it kind of goes hand in hand". Mr. Karfelt stated "that's great but I have a lease signed to be on that property and that lease is exclusively me at this point because I maintain the property down there. These other people don't". Solicitor Istik responded "I understand that but if somebody" Mr. Karfelt continued "with that being said, when I have a lease signed at that point it's telling me that I am entitled at that point". Solicitor Istik stated "it is still Borough property".

Councilman Barrick asked "how long is the lease"? Mr. Karfelt stated that he believes it is good for another four (4) years. Councilman Barrick asked if there are dates on it. Mr. Karfelt stated yes.

Councilman Phillabaum asked if this was something that was voted on to give permission and that he did not recall it. Councilwoman Stevenson stated she did not recall it either. Solicitor Istik stated that it was not something that was voted on at a formal meeting. There was discussion in regard as to whether or not someone could park there because it is Borough property. Councilman Cholock stated he was unaware of the situation also.

Solicitor Istik stated that someone contacted someone on Council because it was a very tumultuous interaction and this person was extremely offended and upset about it. Councilman Cholock asked who gave permission for them to park there. Solicitor Istik stated she don't want to make that comment out. Mr. Karfelt stated who is the person that can make the comment because he does not remember having any interactions with anyone parking down there.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that if Mr. Karfelt has leased this property, then it is under his control, isn't it.

Borough Manager Landy said that he believes that part of the issue that Mr. Karfelt is having is that he is cutting the grass, so if there is a car parked there and got hit by a stone, I am guessing that is part of it. Mr. Karfelt stated it is a liability issue that if he is maintaining it and something happens while he is doing that; he has had something like this happen to him before. He was cutting the ballfield at Falcon's field because no one was maintaining it and he hit a property peg that was in the grass and was not seen because the grass was 8 – 10 inches high. The peg went through the neighbor's home and he had to repair the house even though he went there volunteering his time to cut the grass so the kids could play baseball. Mr. Karfelt stated he had to repair the siding and the wall in side the home. Now he has to worry about cars parking there while cutting grass and he is busy and, on a schedule, and can't cut the grass because a vehicle is parked there. Mr. Karfelt stated no one spoke to him to let him know that anyone was going to be parking there and that he is assuming the responsibility if something would happen while cutting.

Solicitor Istik asked Mr. Karfelt when his lease expires. Mr. Karfelt was uncertain and believed it was approximately 4 or 5 years.

Mayor Bailey asked Mr. Karfelt if he leased the entire property or is it just the part where his trucks are parked. Mr. Karfelt stated it is where his trucks are at but he has to maintain all of the property. Mayor Bailey stated that is not your lease, that is a maintenance agreement between you and the Borough and you only lease the property where your trucks are parked at. Mr. Karfelt responded yes.

Solicitor Istik stated that is the difference that if your lease covered the entire property, we also would be having another conversation about not being able to move forward with the sale of the property until his lease expired. Solicitor Istik stated that she understands Mr. Karfelt not wanting to take a chance damaging a vehicle while cutting the grass but the lease doesn't cover that portion of the property, the Borough does. Ms. Istik agreed that there needs to be better communication between the Borough and Mr. Karfelt if someone needs to park there for a day or gets permission to park there, but the fact of the matter is that someone requested to park there and permission was granted.

Councilman Cholock asked what type of vehicle was parked there. Councilwoman Stevenson said Mr. Karfelt would know since he was there. Mr. Karfelt said he was not there and that if he sees someone parked there, he calls the police so he is unsure of how it is a he-said, she-said. Mayor Bailey stated that she can clear it up.

Mayor Bailey stated "I was asked if they could park if they had overflow, over by the black fence where there is black top where the water company" Councilman Cholock asked "Who is they"? Mayor Bailey continued "the people on Bridgeport Street". Councilman Cholock stated that "in his defense, I don't know if anybody knows what's going on on his street" Mayor Bailey said "it is not his street that I am talking about". Councilman Cholock continued "but in his defense" Mayor Bailey continued "and the place where the cars were supposed to be parked was specific. It was on the blacktop, the water company has piles over here, there is probably 40 feet, maybe 50 feet, and then a fence here, they asked if they could park right there". Mayor Bailey continued by saying "I contacted Solicitor Istik and asked her since it is Borough property, if they have an overflow, could people park there, only if they have more people than their street can handle and she said it is Borough property, it would be fine. What she is talking about is one of the residents who was walking a dog and you confronted her and she was very

very upset to the point of tears. You told her she didn't belong on that property and that's what came back, so you may remember that or may not remember that. It's burnt into her memory forever". Councilwoman Stevenson asked Mr. Karfelt if that happened. Mr. Karfelt said "I don't know". Councilwoman Stevenson asked if he remembered someone walking a dog. Mayor Bailey stated "I don't know how long ago it happened. I really can't tell you that, it was just a complaint that come to me that you had confronted a female walking a dog". Mr Karfelt replied "years ago there were people walking their dogs down there, letting their dogs do their business whenever I first got the lease signed and I'm not cutting dog crap. That was brought up and that was when Doug was the Chief of Police". Mayor Bailey stated "well this conversation I had was just four (4) weeks ago". Mr. Karfelt said "you're telling me its burned in her head so it doesn't mean it happened four (4) weeks ago, that could have been that whole thing back years ago". Mayor Bailey stated "it could have been".

Councilman Phillabaum asked "to bring us back full circle, after next Monday how much longer do we have to wait before we can move forward". Solicitor Istik stated that Jeff will take it around to where it needs to go to be filed and that's going to depend on his schedule and I will assume he is going to do it that same week and then all we have to do is advertise. Councilman Phillabaum said then we are not looking at too much longer then. Solicitor Istik replied no.

Borough Manager Landy stated that for the little that he knows, the County will approve the subdivision, based on our planning. Borough Manager Landy said when he receives it, he will forward it to our planning commission. They will approve it, then it will be sent or I will have to deliver it to the County and they will sign off on it. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough planning commission will schedule a meeting to review it and sign off on it. Borough Manager Landy is uncertain of the time that it will take for that.

Mr. Karfelt stated the following "I am rather disturbed at the comments made here today because the hours that I put in down there to mow this property which takes 4 – 5 hours every week when I mow down there, cost me \$60 every time I fill my tractor up, just went down to Pritts and bought \$350.00 worth of weedkiller to spray around all of the fences down there and its like my time means nothing up here, absolutely nothing. You all are out having a great time throughout the week while I'm down there for 4 or 5 hours mowing grass just so I can park. It's okay if we tell whoever to park whenever they want to but I'm the one who has to do all the maintenance on it. Mayor Bailey stated "that was your agreement". Mr. Karfelt continued "so the comment that it's like I don't do anything like I'm getting it for nothing that's not it". Mayor Bailey, Councilwoman Stevenson, Council stated "nobody said that"! Mr. Karfelt continued "the way it's implied". Council stated again "No one said that"! Mr. Karfelt said "that's exactly how I feel with it". Councilwoman Stevenson stated "no said nothing of the kind or insinuated that". Mr. Karfelt stated "I put a lot of time down there". Mayor Bailey responded "well yeah, we know that, that was the agreement you either paid money or you mowed". Mr. Karfelt continued "not to mention the wear and tear on my tractor. I cleaned that place up down there. That was a rat nest before I even started down there". Mayor Bailey said "but it is something that you agreed to do". Mr. Karfelt said "exactly". Mayor Bailey said "these people who are parking are only parking sporadically and against the black fence on the black top, nowhere near where you are mowing. The old black fence if you come off of Bridgeport Street and make a right hand turn down to where the water company has their piles, there's a large tall black fence". Borough Manager Landy said it is the fence that separates the property from the street. Mr. Karfelt said "the iron fence". Mayor Bailey said "yes the iron fence and that is where they were told they could park if they had an overflow". Councilman Cholock said "but in backing things up, if that's what we're doing, and we know what's going on on that street and he's had issues down there, somebody should have picked the phone up and said Hey Bobby just so you know we gave permission to the neighbors across the street to park there. Not that we have to but out of common courtesy. Mayor Bailey apologized that she did not contact Mr. Karfelt.

Mayor Bailey said “you now know that neighbors were given permission to park along that black fence anywhere other than that I understand your issues and I apologize for not contacting you and letting you know that neighbors were given permission”. Mr. Karfelt mentioned the garbage that is being left behind”. Mayor Bailey stated that “you’re mowing, whatever is going on in the grass is not what’s happening over here and that I don’t believe it is the neighbors that asked for permission to park”. Borough Manager Landy said “I don’t either”.

Mr. Karfelt spoke to Council regarding an issue with residents on South Depot Street and heavy traffic.

- Valerie Tressler of 501 Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant PA 15666 spoke to Council requesting permission to decorate the Gazebo pink for Breast Cancer Awareness for the month of October. Decorations would go up starting October 1, 2022 and be taken down October 31, 2022. Ms. Tressler said that she has done this for approximately 8 – 10 years now. Council agreed that Ms. Tressler could decorate the Gazebo and grass area pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.

- Joseph Bauer, President of the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, of N. Geary Street, Mount Pleasant, PA gave the following report for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department:
 - Discussed workers comp claims with the members of the department.
 - One member was hurt during the burn session training. Another member got hurt by falling on the street and busting his knee open. They were advised to turn it into workers comp. EMS is always on-site during the trainings.
 - Regrouping the savings account and moving money around, started a truck fund and an equipment fund.
 - Had approximately \$5,000.00 damage done to the tower. Suggested turning it into the insurance; however, with the amount of claims they have they are going to try and get the money to repair the truck themselves. Spoke to Police Chief Grippo about bringing the D. A. in regarding the damages. Although the monitors are down, there are cameras. Discussed at the VFD meeting that they will prosecute the person(s) to the fullest extent of the law.
 - Still have approximately 1000 tickets for sale to win \$20,000.00. Anyone interested in selling them, they pay 50cents commission on a ticket, so if you would take 50 tickets you would get \$25 for selling them. They appreciate any help.
 - Will be having a new training session that is going to be held by the County. Unsure of how many members will do it because it lasts from September through the end of November. They are held twice a week every week.
 - Attending the monthly safety meetings at the Borough and relaying the information back to the members. Lance Bentler is the new safety officer since Mark was voted Chief.
 - Had to put tires on a truck at the cost of \$2500.00.

Mr. Bauer spoke to Council regarding the Bridgeport Street property and stated that he believes that Council should revisit their suggestion of letting people park there and put up no trespassing signs due to liability issues.

Council thanked Mr. Bauer and President Ruszkowski asked if there was any other public comment.

Speakers: None.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to attend the Mayors Convention. At the next public safety meeting, she will share some of the info that she learned at the convention from the Executive Director of the PA Fire Emergency Services Institute so they can take it back to their members at the fire department.
- Spoke with several residents parked on Sycamore Street and Depot Street. Mayor Bailey asked Council members to take some time and check the streets that are in their ward to see if they are too narrow for parking on both sides and see if they need to be one-way only or if they are one-way and are large enough to be two-way so they can get their ordinance book and streets in order because there are several streets that she is aware of that are too narrow for people to park on both sides which causes a traffic flow issue.
- Attended a meeting with Greg Wilson and Daynelle Sanner of the Business District Authority regarding a 5k run/walk in October in support of breast cancer awareness. They are asking for participation of all the businesses in the hopes of people stopping in and shopping on the day of the 5k run/walk. Mayor Bailey informed them that they would need to petition PennDOT the same as everyone else does to close off Main Street. Mayor Bailey stated she has not seen the mapped out run yet and they have not yet asked Councils permission to hold the 5k run/walk.

Borough Manager Landy stated that over the years they have had many requests for 5k runs. The last one was for Dan Zilli and it was decided that Mount Pleasant was too much of a hassle with state routes to even hold it in Mount Pleasant. The BDA was provided a list of things that PennDOT requires before even considering to permit them to close the roads. The Borough has received nothing. Borough Manager Landy said that he did have a meeting with Mr. Wilson and Ms. Sanner and the question was does the Borough cover their liability insurance. Borough Manager Landy said that they are not listed on the Borough insurance. The only one listed is the Borough, no authority is listed, no other organizations are listed, only the Borough. To verify and be certain, Mr. Landy called the broker and he confirmed that only the Borough is covered. Borough Manager Landy contacted Mayor Bailey to let the BDA know when she attended their next meeting that they are not covered by the Boroughs insurance. Mayor Bailey called the BDA to make them aware. Borough Manager Landy stated that they have now advertised it. Also, in the past, George Grippo, Jerry Lucia and even Doug Sam, had a specific route that they wanted them to use to avoid having people crossing Main Street. Borough Manager Landy said when he mentioned it to the BDA, they insisted that Main Street be a part of it because the stores will be decorated and the runners will go past them. Councilwoman Lasko stated that they are running not stopping to shop. Councilwoman Lasko said she believes when they did the run for Dan Zilli it went past Visitation onto Eagle Street across Frick Park, College Avenue. Councilman Cholock stated he does have the layout from that run. Borough Manager Landy stated that Council should look at a couple proposed maps from the BDA. Councilman Cholock stated that they tried that with the Zilli run and there was enough distance on either side. Borough Manager Landy said that in the past walks have used the walking trail at Frick Park, Excelsa Hospital and Ramsay School. Mayor Bailey stated she has requested a map of the run and has not received it yet. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Public Safety Committee, the Mayor, the Police Chief and Fire Department should all be involved in this since it is a safety issue. Councilwoman Czekanski stated that the race is on Facebook with the following details: Breast Cancer 5k Color Run, October 22, 2022 at the gazebo, registration at 8:00am, race at 9:30am.

- Attended Veterans Park advisory committee meeting.

- Met with school officials along with Borough Manager Landy regarding the crossing guards. They were going to reach out to the PTO and parents regarding finding an additional crossing guard. Borough Manager Landy discussed placing a crossing guard at Medic 10 due to the number of kids getting on the bus there and the traffic on Bunker Hill.
- Mt. Pleasant National Night Out was a big success. Thanks to the organizer and the volunteers.
- Had a ribbon cutting for Paradise Home Care on Church Street.
- Attended KeyBank celebration being number 1 bank in the nation.
- Attended Medic 10 meeting.
- Met with Redstone Paving.
- Attended the Glass Festival Car Show.
- Contacted MAWC regarding who's responsibility it is to keep the fire hydrants clear and visible and are up to pressure. She is waiting for a call back from them.
- There is a \$4000.00 budget for Christmas lighting and she would like to purchase additional rope lighting and bows for Main Street on the decorative lamp posts for approximately \$1800.00. The rope lighting will red and will offset the white making them look like candy canes.

Solicitor's Report:

- Solicitor Istik reported that there is a hearing scheduled for the damages that was done to the bench at Veterans Park before Magistrate Charles Moore on October 5, 2022 at 12:15pm. Borough Manager Landy and Police Officer Mark Price will need to attend.
- The remainder of her report will need to be held in Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2022:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-22			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2022
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,077,755.55	104,740.23	173,687.45	1,008,808.33
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	973,178.04	2,594.79	0.00	975,772.83
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	324,796.61				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers					
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	23,989.94				
** Frick Park Gas					
Well	23,968.48				
**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	26,084.89	0.61	572.08	25,513.42
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,407.44	0.70	0.00	4,408.14

Liquid Fuels / Scottsdale Bank	Scottsdale Bank 19123645	222,735.69	70.79	0.00	222,806.48
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottsdale Bank 19069350	2,746.59	50,572.94	50,577.72	2,741.81
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	24,873.18	1.27	0.00	24,874.45
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottsdale Bank 19069368	1,223.00	0.19	0.00	1,223.19
Turn Back Account	Scottsdale Bank 19069384	24,879.94	3.95	0.00	24,883.89
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottsdale Bank 19123652	221,770.18	70.48	0.00	221,840.66
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
Scottsdale/MidPenn CD (200yr Anniversary)	Scottsdale Bank 318007294	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottsdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottsdale 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					2,843,281.48
Medic 10 Checking	Scottsdale Bank 19069533	111,015.51	74,884.27	43,262.14	142,637.64
Medic 10 Savings	Scottsdale Bank 19069723	50,868.94	8.08	0.00	50,877.02
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottsdale Bank 19069376	6,022.91	0.96	0.00	6,023.87
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	9,425.38	18.04	0.00	9,443.42
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					233,710.54
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottsdale Bank - 19123702	891,366.81	141.64	0.00	891,508.45
Capital Reserve M. A. Account	Somerset Trust Co 2004129745	458,019.71	23.34	0.00	458,043.05
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	1,508.38	201,508.38	0.00
Scottsdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottsdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
Athene Annuity CD (created Jan. 2021)	Somerset Trust	507,249.99	0.00	0.00	507,249.99
Total WWT Balance					5,065,826.31
Total Borough funds					8,142,818.33
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Severson to accept the July 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Met with Butch Gallagher. They would like to bring the traveling Vietnam Wall and the 9-11 traveling wall to Mount Pleasant in 2024 between August 28, 2024 and September 1, 2024. It will be held at Frick Park. It has been measured and will be in the grass. The only thing that they would request from the Borough is that the lights be left on all night. They have all the help and the setup that they need. They have the liability, shuttle bus for parking. It is \$10,000.00 to bring it and they already have half the money raised. Councilman Phillabaum stated that he believes that it isn't too much to ask to leave the lights on. Borough Manager Landy agreed and said although it isn't until 2024, it needs to be approved now because they have to schedule it. Councilwoman Lasko asked if the

hillside would be done by then. Borough Manager Landy said that we will have the hillside done by then.

Borough Manager Landy asked if anyone on Council had a problem with this. Council all said they do not have a problem with it and all agreed that they could use Frick Park for the traveling Vietnam Wall and 9-11 Wall in 2024 and the Borough would leave the lights on during that time. Borough Manager Landy said that he will notify Mr. Gallagher that Council approved and it is a go.

- Had a meeting at Gulisek Way with Councilman Phillabaum and Councilman Barrick regarding a water issue.
- Had a Managers Meeting. Sergeant Ferree attended since Police Chief Grippo was on vacation and Jeff McGuinness from the street department attended.
- Had a meeting with the Parking Authority. They are going to sell the old PNC drive-in area of the parking lot that is across from the Borough building and they want to keep the other half of the parking lot. They are going to try and sell the building and will need to subdivide the area that they are selling. They will need an easement to allow cars to get into their parking lot or sell half of that parking lot. They are going back to have an additional meeting about it.
- Had a meeting with Medic 10 and a billing company.
- Had the monthly safety meeting. They are looking at the cost of claims. We have not had an accident as far as Police, Streets or Administration. Last few claims have come from the Fire Department.
- Met with the Business District Authority (BDA) regarding the 5k run/walk they would like to hold.
- Met with Rabbi Leonard regarding the Synagogue. They would like to take out the alter that holds the scrolls. They are not sure how they are getting it out. It takes the whole wall and is approximately 8foot high. They would also like to take the top parts of the windows that have pictures such as the Menorah, doves, etc. The bottom part of the window has names. Borough Manager Landy stated that he spoke with the Samuel family because they were one of the names and offered that they could take it out if they wanted it and if they don't want it, it will be demolished. Borough Manager Landy stated that we do not want to do it in the event it would break, be dropped, etc. Borough Manager Landy said that the rest of the window, which is about 80%, will be the Boroughs to do with what they want because they don't want it. Borough Manager Landy said that we could sell some of the things that are in there before it is demolished, the Borough can decide what we want and do something with it before it is demolished and believes that it would not be demolished before next summer. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the Historical Society has mentioned that they would be interested in the glass with the names if the families were not interested. Mayor Bailey stated that Rick Meason from the Historical Society would like to take pictures before everything is removed and it is demolished and she advised him to contact Joe Bauer with the Fire Department to let him in.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if the Synagogue was the building that we put the roof on. Borough Manager Landy stated that it is and he would like to check with a contractor to see if the panels from that roof can be saved and used elsewhere, possibly build a shade pavilion with it.

President's Report:

Council President Ruszkowski stated that she will have something to discuss in executive session.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to hold an executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 8:27pm to 9:16pm to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Property / Grants:

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- Spoke with Shawn at Ulery Architecture of Greensburg, PA and he is working on the gazebo renovation project.

Streets / Stormwater:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- They are addressing the issue on Orchard Avenue with Redstone Paving. The street department will be renting an excavator this week to replace a catch basin and Redstone Paving will follow up the following week to complete the project and should remedy the flooding issues they were having due to Redstone previously paving and the waterflow was missing the catch basins.
- There was an issue on Pine Street with a handicap resident having a problem of getting their wheelchair in and out of their vehicle due to the curb being too high from the paving. The street department is going to cut a little off of the curb and shape it.
- Councilman Barrick stated that a resident on Braddock Avenue on the corner had an issue with the garbage truck made a pit, they have been backfilling it with stone and now with the rain that we have been getting he is cleaning stone up off of Hitchman Street and filling it back in the hole. Asked if some asphalt could be put on that corner. Councilman Barrick stated that it should be built up some because the garbage truck will push it down again. Councilman Phillabaum will arrange a meeting with Jeff McGuinness of the street department at the site.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- Frock Day Care will be having a bubble party tomorrow at Frick Park from 10:00am to Noon for their kids celebrating the last week before they go back to school.
- The Frick Park sign has been installed on the block wall near the restrooms.
- Softball will be having their fall ball schedule within the next few meetings.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock gave the following report:

- Medic 10 has lost approximately \$22,000.00 this past month.

Borough Manager Landy said calls don't matter unless they are billable calls and believes Medic 10 is averaging \$200.00 max per call.

Councilman Cholock stated that census is down at Harmon House right now. Borough Manager Landy reported that Harmon House currently owes Medic 10 approximately \$58,000.00 and that we will pull the contract to be certain that they owe it.

Borough Manager Landy said that the territory that Medic 10 has is not large enough that they cannot make enough money unless Council wants to help fund them. Borough Manager Landy believes it would take approximately \$150,000.00 and it does not count an ambulance, which Medic 10 definitely would need. Borough Manager Landy said all ambulance services are going through this.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that the Fire Department is also. Councilman Cholock stated that the Fire Department is funded by the Borough. Councilman Cholock also stated that the Borough owns the building that Medic 10 is in and questioned who is paying for the air conditioner that needs replaced. Is it Medic 10 or is it property? Borough Manager Landy said right now Medic 10 is paying for it out of the \$100,000.00 that the Borough gave to them and if they had not received it, then the Borough would pay for it. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is another \$100,000.00 set aside for Medic 10 but it will not last based on the numbers.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that we are mandated to have a fire department. Councilman Cholock said and ambulance and stated we don't have to have an ambulance service but must have a provider for ambulance service.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked if they have added an addendum to the contract for Harmon House. Councilman Cholock stated that once they add it, they will have Solicitor Istik review the addendum.

Borough Manager Landy stated that we will be working on the budget soon and Council will need to decide if they are going to help fund Medic 10.

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Attended the Fire Department's general meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022.
 - Would like to use the parking lot on Saturday, October 1, 2022 for their touch-a-truck day event.
 - They are still working on getting their 501(c)(3).
 - The firemen and Jerry's family are getting a brick for Jerry to be displayed at the National Fireman's Academy in Emmitsburg. The cost is \$250.00 and is 3 lines with 18 characters per line. Councilman Phillabaum would like Council to participate in that.

Mayor Bailey asked if the Touch-A-Truck is in conjunction with the library. Councilman Phillabaum believes it is. Mayor Bailey asked if the Fire Department can use the parking lot and explained that they set up and open their trucks for people to see how they work. Touch-A-Truck also includes the armory setting up vehicles.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council if the Fire Department can use the parking lot on Saturday, October 1, 2022 and approve the closing of the parking lot for the event. Councilwoman Lasko asked what if the softball team is having a game that day. Borough Manager Landy stated that they would have to park on the other side. Council all agreed that the Fire Department could use the parking lot for the day. Borough Manager Landy asked Councilwoman Lasko to inform the softball organization that the parking lot would be closed that day.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Councilwoman Barnes and Borough Manager Landy has spoken to someone from Spectrio from the main office in Florida and informed them that he is no longer on the

contract. Another gentleman, David Staricha called Borough Manager Landy on Thursday and was not very nice. Councilwoman Barnes and Borough Manager Landy attempted to call Mr. Staricha on Friday. Councilwoman Barnes finally reached him and told him that it was time to get our solicitor involved because they are giving us the runaround because we are not getting anything done. The names that that have been added to the new tablet/wall have not been added to the digital wall and people will not be able to locate their loved ones because they have not done the mapping. Councilwoman Barnes informed them that they were in breach of a contract and have done nothing for the last two (2) years and we are paying a fee and not getting a service for it. Councilwoman Barnes said that Borough Manager Landy called Mr. Staricha back and he was very nice the second time and apologized to Mr. Landy. Mr. Staricha is saying that they are going to get busy and see about taking care of this for us.

Borough Manager Landy stated that an email was sent and it said that they understand, they are going to work on our problems and will have a team working on this.

Mayor Bailey asked if there was a timeline given and if not, we should give them one. Councilwoman Barnes said she asked for a timeline and they responded that they are migrating us from Industry Weapons to a DSX platform and that this issue is with their development team. They did not want to give a name for the development team but finally gave the name of Brian Fullman. Councilwoman Barnes stated if we do not get answers soon, then we should get the solicitor involved because they are in breach of contract.

- Mr. James Meredith reported that they met with a contractor, Douglas A Bryner of Greensburg and was recommended by the artist who will be doing the painting on the wall. For all of the repairs, including labor and materials and unpainted the cost would be \$4,800.00. If they include the painting, it is guaranteed for life, pressure washed and painted by brush, would cost an additional \$4,200.00. There is 2000 sq ft. and it is both sides. They will send a proposal. Mr. Meredith stated on the front side where the names are is not as bad but the backside is in definite need of repair. Councilwoman Barnes stated that if it is not done, winter is coming and there will be more water getting in there. Mr. Meredith stated that this does include the caulking also.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that the money in the Veterans Park account is \$24,000.00. We do not have the cost for the lighting upgrades at Veterans Park and believes that the cheapest way will cost them approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Mr. Meredith suggested putting conduit on the backside of the wall and run lights over the top like a gooseneck, where nobody would be tripping, similar to track lighting, and believes it would not be very costly. Borough Manager Landy is uncertain if the gooseneck lighting would have nice continuous lighting as opposed to the lighting on the ground. Councilwoman Barnes stated that she would like to see a drawing of how the gooseneck would be and would not like to take away from the look of the wall.
- They will be having a meeting on Thursday for the advisory committee and the second committee for the Veterans banners. Spoke with Mr. Landy about having a tent at the Glass Festival so they can have the applications for the banners. Mr. Landy said that a tent at the festival would cost \$210.00; but he cut the cost in half and it would be \$110.00. Councilman Cholock offered to pay for half of the cost of the tent. Councilman Cholock stated that Councilman Phillabaum gave \$55.00 for the other half of the remaining balance of the cost of the tent.

Human Resources / Ordinances: None.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

- The blinds are on backorder until November.

- Contacted Corey Miller of Millers Copperwood Creations, 114 Liberty Street, Mt. Pleasant about renovations in Council chambers. He is working in Arizona for someone that is flying him there to do work and when he completes that job in a few weeks he will contact her to take a look at what could be done. Borough Manager Landy said that Corey has done work for him and he is very good. Councilwoman Stevenson said that he does beautiful work.
- Councilwoman Stevenson and Borough Manager Landy met with Chip Purcell of Enviro21 regarding the reverse bidding for the Garbage Contract. Discussed what they would like to see in the new agreement. Received a contract to review and will get a copy for Council to review. There are three companies that can bid on it: Republic Services, Waste Management, and County Hauling. Councilman Cholock asked if there was a reason that the Borough can only use Republic Services for dumpsters. Borough Manager Landy stated that it offset the cost of the low rates to the homeowners. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the garbage rates are most likely going triple and billing is possibly changing to monthly.

Councilman Cholock suggested the Borough doing their own truck and doing the garbage.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- PSAB will be holding the following webinars:
 - Proper Supervision of Municipal Police Departments on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 12 Noon to 1:00pm, cost is \$45.00 per member.
 - The Role of the Mayor in Municipal Government on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, cost is \$45.00 per member.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting August 22, 2022

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Severson to accept the July 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to hold an executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.