

Meeting September 5, 2023

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. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Lesko to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Czekanski, Cholock, Phillabaum, Barrick, Lasko, Stevenson and Wojnar. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Cholock left at 9:00pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

Speakers:

- State Representative Eric Davanzo spoke to Council regarding closing their office in the Borough building. Mr. Davanzo thanked Council and stated that the office being closed was due to some circumstances out of his control. They will be relocating and opening an office in the Scottsdale Borough Building. He will continue to work with the Borough and be a resource for the community. He will be looking into possibly setting up a remote location one day a week at the Mt. Pleasant Library when time come for rent rebates to be done.
- Ed Opst of Opst & Associates, Borough Auditor, spoke to Council regarding the completion of the 2022 Annual Audit. Mr. Opst stated that he has given Council a copy of the DCED Report and their Audit Report. The report is not in extensive detail as was previous audits which cost the Borough a great deal more money. The audit report that he did is what is required by DCED to be submitted for the Borough. The presentation is what is a little different. The testing that is done for the audit is the same as what was done in past years, which is a confirmation of balances for cash and investments, revenue numbers and they also test through the documentation that the Borough has here. Their opinion states that everything is correct and found zero (0) issues with supporting documentation. Mr. Opst stated that the books were in really good shape, all documentation was available for review and appreciated the help and support from Borough Manager Lesko. The report will be submitted to DCED after Council has had some time to review the report.

Public Comment:

- Zach Gergas gave the following report regarding Medic 10:
 - The new 2023 transport van ambulance will be here next week. Once it arrives, they will need to have the state EMS inspection done. He would like to have it in service and here for the Glass Festival.
 - They are having an extremely busy summer. Year to date they have answered 1803 calls this year, which is approximately 500 ahead of last year. The goal was to be at 1800 calls by the end of September and they are already at that number.
 - There will be no additional grants this year. They will begin again for next year. They have done well with the grants and monies received.
 - Hired three (3) additional people to help with the staffing.
 - This past week they have had all three (3) ambulances out at the same time.
 - Allegheny Health Network has given Medic 10 giveaways for the glass festival.
 - Allegheny Health Network has provided them with the annual flu shots. Once they come in, they will be providing a flu shot clinic with the fire department.
 - Call volume increased due to the nursing home contracts that they have acquired and the area that they have gotten back. Having a second crew gives them the capability of doing more of the non-emergency work out of the Excelsa facilities.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that this is not by accident and that it is by the efforts of Mr. Gergas. Councilman Phillabaum agreed and stated it is because Mr. Gergas is out hustling and acquiring area and nursing homes.

Councilwoman Barnes asked by hiring three (3) additional employees, they are generating enough business to do that. Mr. Gergas stated that the additional employees are casual employees. This means

that they work full-time jobs elsewhere but are willing to come in and help when a shift needs to be filled, such as vacations, sports standbys or someone calls off.

- Mr. Gergas stated that they have approximately 60-65 sports events this year at the high school.

Council President Ruszkowski told Mr. Gergas that we appreciate everything that he does and has done for Medic 10. Councilwoman Lasko agreed by saying great job.

Borough Manager Lesko stated that the new ambulance is in the area. Mr. Gergas said anyone wanting to look at it that it is setting at Speclin and hopefully be at the Medic 10 Station by the end of the week.

- Patrick Hresko of 725 West Walnut Street spoke to Council on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Little League and has asked Council to consider the grass cutting at the little league field in next years budget. Mr. Hresko stated that they do pay the electric bills at the field for the concession stand and the field lights.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Attended National Night Out at Frick Park on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The turnout was amazing and that it was another successful year. Mayor Bailey thanked everyone that come out and all of our first responders who come to support the outing and the interaction that they had with the children.
- Attended the Mt. Pleasant Library Board Meeting on August 9, 2023. They reviewed policies and advertised for a new library director.
- Attended a Mt. Pleasant Area School District safety and security meeting with Police Chief Grippo. They went over new measures that have been taken to ensure the safety of the students and staff.
- Attended the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Car Cruise. It drew a large number of beautiful cars and a great crowd.
- Attended Veterans Park Advisory Committee on August 31, 2023.
- Part-time Police Officer Matthew Liska has resigned from the department. We now have 3 full-time officers and 5 part-time officers.

Representative Davanzo stated that Pennsylvania State Police Officers are complaining that their officers are leaving and going to municipalities to work.

Mayor Bailey read a statement from the Mount Pleasant Borough Police regarding serving a warrant with the Westmoreland County Sheriff’s Department at a duplex located on South Depot Street. There was one (1) arrest and possibly more charges to follow based on what was found. They have been at this location several times and have made several arrests for drug violations over the past few months.

- The aerial tower truck for the fire department is in Columbus Ohio being repaired. They are estimating it to be returned in December this year.

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2023:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-23			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2023
General Fund	Scottdale Bank				
Checking	19069335	1,064,796.46	635,825.77	69,744.80	1,630,877.43
General Fund	Standard Bank				
Budgetary Reserve	321615	1,009,672.69	3,272.31	0.00	1,012,945.00
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency					
Fund	355,571.61				

**Infrastructure		206,588.62			
**Workers					
Compensation		50,000.00			
**BOMP Gas					
Wells		26,389.77			
** Frick Park Gas					
Well		27,965.82			
**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	30,362.60	356.48	0.00	30,719.08
	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,461.37	16.90	0.00	4,478.27
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19123645	63,962.26	242.29	0.00	64,204.55
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Monument CD	Scottdale Bank 19069350	23,210.30	24,243.69	45,310.89	2,143.10
Payroll Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,397.18	2.37	0.00	25,399.55
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	1,551.45	1,800.20	1,126.91	2,224.74
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,237.95	4.69	0.00	1,242.64
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19123652	449,281.43	1,701.85	0.00	450,983.28
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
Standard Bank CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	53,527.71	0.00	0.00	53,527.71
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)					
Total General Fund Balance					3,555,625.92
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	209,528.08	85,558.78	69,168.47	225,918.39
	Scottdale Bank 19069723	57,587.95	218.14	0.00	57,806.09
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069376	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medic 10 Money Market	Standard Bank 0000358253	10,745.51	34.83	0.00	10,780.34
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Scottdale Bank 19145689	250.97	0.00	0.00	250.97
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	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
Medic 10 CD					
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					319,484.38
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	892,338.24	3,344.55	11,200.00	884,482.79
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	468,779.38	1,469.14	0.00	470,248.52
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,088,600.02	0.00	0.00	3,088,600.02
Standard Bank CD					
WWT Cap.Resv	Standard Bank 464569	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
Athene Annuity CD (created Jan. 2021)	Somerset Trust	514,605.11	0.00	0.00	514,605.11
Total WWT Balance					5,159,444.82
Total Borough funds					9,034,555.12

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

- A new checking account has been opened for Medic 10 501 (c)(3) account. This will be used for any grants applied for under that EIN account along with the expenditures for the grant.
- There was also \$11,200.00 taken from the WWT Capital Reserve account to pay for the 2nd installment of the stained-glass windows as per a Motion on April 3, 2023.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to accept the July 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Assistant Borough Manager Lesko read the following report for the month of August 2023:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,887.12
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 1,759.10</u>
Total Collected	\$ 3,646.22

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Lesko gave the following report:

- Attended the National Night Out event on August 8, 2023.
- CertaSite inspected all of the fire extinguishers at the Borough building and maintenance shed.
- Met with Police Chief Grippo, PA Connect & Premier Audio regarding security cameras.
- Held an interview for an intern with Councilwoman Czekanski and President Ruszkowski. The intern, Kenzi Whipkey, will begin tomorrow.
- Met with Frank of Stouts Carpeting.
- Met with Councilwoman Stevenson regarding chambers renovations.
- Spectrio installed the digital player in the digital wall. The design team for the display on the digital wall is about ready for it to go live.
- Waiting on the County for approval of the demolition application for McCali Manor. Councilwoman Wojnar stated that there will be a county meeting on the 14th of this month.
- The 9/11 Ceremony will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30pm at the gazebo. Speaker will be Mike Thomas, Mayor of Winder, PA.
- Eric Harris of St. Pius Church has asked about using the Freedom of Speech area on October 14, 2023 to hold a Rosary Rally.

President’s Report:

Council President Ruszkowski reported that Borough Manager Lesko will have an intern helping her two (2) days a week for five (5) hours a day beginning tomorrow, September 6, 2023 through December 2023 for a total of 150 hours and possibly again in the spring for another 150 hours. Council President Ruszkowski stated that Borough Manager Lesko will operate on a priority list. There are a lot of things that we haven’t been able to do; but we have to prioritize things coming in. Council President Ruszkowski asked for everyone to be patient with Borough Manager Lesko until they find some additional help. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that there will be a slow down in the office due to training.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hold an executive session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:31pm to 7:47pm to discuss personnel issues.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to accept the recommendation of the Mount Pleasant Borough Planning Commission approving the Harrer and Monroe Subdivision Plan dated July 28, 2023 and to authorize the Borough Council President and Secretary to sign the Subdivision Plan. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to advertise a work session meeting October 23, 2023 and November 20, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Property Report:

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- Met with Steve Selusky, electrical engineer, regarding the electric and the grant that was received for the Waterway Project. We are looking to modify the grant. Original plan was to run electric across the creek. Discussed with Borough Manager Lesko about possibly installing solar lights on the east side to avoid running the electric across the creek. The Borough purchased electric lights for the Waterway Project; however, we could use them for the Frick Park Hillside Renovation if we can get the solar powered lights.
- Steve Selusky, electrical engineer, will be preparing the electrical bid package for the Veterans Wall and Gazebo area, which includes the panel, the lighting at Veterans Wall and the gazebo.
- Was to meet with Adam Maddis from DCNR on August 13, 2023 to look at a 5-year comprehensive plan for parks for the future. He was unable to attend and we will reschedule.
- The elevator was serviced again today and they stated that the parts are becoming hard to come by for our elevator and we should begin thinking about upgrading the main board components. The elevator cabinet is good and would not need replaced. They said that a guess on the upgrades would be approximately \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00.
- The apron at the 3rd ward fire station is in bad shape. Will have Gibson Thomas Engineering look at it to see if it can possibly be included in the SLSA Grant. Councilman Barrick stated that there is a possibility of ash under the apron which may create an issue with getting it removed and permitting that would need to be addressed. You can move it and there is a possibility we could move it to property that the Borough owns. Borough Manager Lesko asked about the alley that goes along the side of the fire station and disturbance. Councilman Barrick suggested possibly closing that small portion along the side.

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

Met with Corey Miller of Miller woodworking regarding the refurbishment of the desks. The desks have all been completed returned. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that they believe that the desks were in the building that the marble plaque came from where the original Borough building was at 15 Mullin Avenue. The drawers inside the desk were signed by former Councilpersons and dated. The oldest date found was 1910. The inside of the drawers is being preserved will be hung on the wall near the marble plaque in chambers. Rick Meason from the Mount Pleasant Historical Society has offered to do a small biography on the names that are signed in the drawers. The front desk will be customized and constructed by Cory Miller of Miller's Copperwood Creations. It should be completed by the end of September.

Received two (2) estimates for carpeting. The low bid come in from Depalma's Flooring.

Received a quote for painting from A&M Paint and Home Improvement in the amount of \$3,525.00 which includes elevator area, hallway and Chambers area.

Streets / Stormwater Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Jeff McGuinness to attend the 2023 Roadway Management Conference from October 17 -19, 2023 at Seven Springs, PA at a cost of \$225.00 for registration and cost of fuel. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to pay the cost of \$4,800.00 for a sump pump that was installed by the owner at Gary's Garage in March 2019. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock.

Councilwoman Barnes asked why is this bill just now showing up and why did it take so long to be presented. Councilwoman Stevenson asked why should we pay this bill at all. Councilman Cholock thought that it was agreed in 2019 to pay this and he asked Gary and he said that it was not paid by the

Borough and that he paid it. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that she doesn't believe that we should pay a bill from 4 years ago and no one seems to remember obligating us to pay. Councilwoman Barnes asked again why did it take 4 years to present a bill.

Councilwoman Wojnar asked if it is paid for by the Borough are we then responsible to maintain it if something happens. Councilman Cholock said no, the Borough wouldn't be responsible. Councilwoman Stevenson said if the Borough pays for it then it is ours and we would be responsible.

Councilman Phillabaum asked for a roll call vote to pay for the sump pump installed at Gary's Garage at a cost of \$4,800.00.

The roll call vote was as follows:

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| • Councilwoman Barnes | No |
| • Councilwoman Czekanski | Yes |
| • Councilman Cholock | Yes |
| • Councilman Phillabaum | Yes |
| • Councilman Barrick | No |
| • Councilwoman Lasko | No |
| • Councilwoman Stevenson | No |
| • Councilman Wojnar | No |
| • Council President Ruszkowski | No |

Motion failed to pay for the sump pump at Gary's Garage by a vote of 6 No and 3 Yes.

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Councilman Phillabaum said that he has left a message for Mr. Rinaldi and not heard back from him regarding railroad ties on his property next to the alley off of South Diamond Street onto Goo's Way where we have received a complaint that the alley is falling into his property. The railroad ties are Mr. Rinaldi's responsibility. If he doesn't replace them, the street department will try to build up the curb. The street department will be out working on alleys and streets filling holes and they will move forward and build the curb up.
- Going to meet with committee about alleys that are not named. There are also street names and signs that are not in the proper location. As an example, there is a street with a stop sign hanging on a telephone pole that is on the left and should be on the right.
- Councilman Cholock stated that heading south on North Church Street there is a sign that says stop here but there is no line painted. If people pull up too far, truck traffic cannot make a right onto North Church Street from Main Street because vehicles are pulled up too far.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- She forwarded electric bills to Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko from the Mt. Pleasant Little League showing that they pay for the electric at the baseball field.
- Would like to see the area that was requested by the Mt. Pleasant Little League at the baseball field to be included in the grass cutting bid since the Borough pays for the area at Frick Park to be cut.

Borough Manager Lesko stated that the difference between cutting the two (2) areas is that Frick Park is a public park where everyone is permitted to use and the Little League field is not a public park and it only has the ball field. Borough Manager Lesko asked if anyone is welcome to use that field at any time. Councilwoman Lasko said that she understands that there is a difference and could ask the little league if anyone can use that field. Council President Ruszkowski stated that it is a large area that they are asking us to take care of. Mayor Bailey asked if the ballfield is locked. Councilwoman Wojnar did not believe that it was; however, Councilman Phillabaum thought that it may have been during the season.

Councilman Barrick stated that when his son played soccer that the Borough soccer field, the soccer team was responsible for cutting the grass.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that it would depend on how much it will cost to cut that area before we can decide if we are willing to pay to cut it or not.

Council President Ruszkowski asked Councilwoman Lasko to speak with them about the use of the fields. Councilman Barrick stated we should get a bid for that field and have the baseball league pay the cost for the cutting.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to advertise for bids for grass cutting / snow removal from December 7, 2023 to December 7, 2024. Bids will be accepted at the borough office until 10:00am November 16, 2023 and will be opened at 10:05am on November 16, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve Resolution No. 2023-04 requesting a Category 4 Local Share Assessment Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Willows Dog Park Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Phillabaum asked if people with dogs could use the area at the soccer fields. Council agreed that they could be used and that people should remember to clean up after their pets.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to purchase a 3½ ton air conditioning unit at Medic 10 in the amount of \$4,150.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to donate the Borough of Mount Pleasant's retired 2016 Police Cruiser to Mt Pleasant Area School District in as-is condition. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Phillabaum read the following Fire Report for the month of August 2023:

- Total Calls – 48
 - In Town – 14
 - Out of Town - 34
 - 10-45's - 11
 - Entrapments - 0
 - Fires - 8
 - AFA's - 22
 - Hazardous Calls – 2
 - Public Service Calls – 5
 - Ambulance Assistance – 0
 - Standby's – 0
 - Turnpike Calls – 3
 - Landing Zones – 0
 - Drills – 0
 - Total Members Answering – 544
 - Avg. Member Per Call – 11

Councilman Cholock asked that future Council to please remember the necessity and need for Medic 10 to remain. Councilwoman Stevenson said that everyone is pleased with how Medic 10 is moving forward and the effort that Zach Gergas has put in for Medic 10.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Thanked Borough Manager Lesko for keeping in contact with Spectrio regarding the digital wall and the progress that has been made. Borough Manager Lesko asked that they have the digital wall up and running for the Glass Festival.
- The gentleman installed the digital player last week and the gentleman that he needed to coordinate with was on vacation and would be back this week. Councilwoman Barnes will be calling the gentleman that installed the digital player to get him to complete the installation this week.
- Spoke with the artist that was to the painting on the back of the veteran's wall. She could not attend the meeting due to an incident with her daughter. She will attend in October.
- Spoke to another artist who is a veteran. He would like to meet on Thursday, September 7 2023.
- The additional banners are here. Councilwoman Barnes will ride with Jeff McGuinness to see where they are going to put this set of banners.
- Received two (2) more veterans banners applications bringing the total to 38.
- Banners are up for the Glass Festival and the veteran's banners are still up also. They were going to take them down when the festival banners went up; however, they did not need to do that. They will come down after Veteran's Day.
- The artist gave a name of a gentleman that can give a bid on the railing at Veterans Park.
- Veteran's banners have been put up in the order that they have been received.

Ordinances: None.

Human Resources:

Councilwoman Czekanski gave the following report:

- Interview Kenzi Whipkey from the Laurel Business / Technical Institute for an internship to help in the Borough Office. She had a course with quickbooks and has some experience with quickbooks.

Councilwoman Wojnar stated that maybe this is a program we would want to continue in the future and possibly create a partnership with Laurel Business Institute. Borough Manager Lesko stated that they refer to her as an off-site student. She does not go to the school for classes. All of her classes are online.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to authorize Council President Ruszkowski to execute Affiliation Agreement with Laurel Business / Technical Institutes for the internship of Kenzie Whipkey for a total of 150 hours between September 4, 2023 and December 18, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Finance / Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve sending Borough Manager Lesko to the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference in Erie, PA, October 13 through 15, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00, which includes registration (complimentary), lodging (\$164.00 + 13% occupancy tax per night = \$185.32 per night), Fuel and turnpike tolls (if any) and parking. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Phillabaum had previously won a complimentary registration at the annual PSAB Conference and offered it to Borough Manager Lesko.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the following purchases for the street department, police department and Medic 10 as approved per the 2022 SLSA (Statewide Local Share Account) Grant monies received as per the grant:

Streets:

2023 Ford F-550 Dump Truck in the amount of \$88,273.00;
Bobcat Track Loader in the amount of \$68,495.41;
Bobcat Excavator in the amount of \$67,473.78;

Police:

2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor in the amount of \$50,507.00

Medic 10:

2023 Ambulance / Stretcher / Power load in the amount of \$225,798.15;
Zoll Monitor 12 Lead in the amount of \$41,908.45.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the street department equipment purchased from the SLSA Grant from the Budgetary Reserve – Street Department Line in the amount of \$2,110.57. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the Police department vehicle purchased from the SLSA Grant from the Budgetary Reserve – Police Department Line in the amount of \$2,442.62. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the Medic 10 equipment purchased from the SLSA Grant from the ARPA Covid-19 monies in the amount of \$34,286.60. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Lesko read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its dinner and meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 5:30pm at Hoss' in Greensburg, PA. Topic is Strategic Doing.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilman 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 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruskowski, Council President

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Councilman Phillabaum asked if people with dogs could use the area at the soccer fields. Council agreed that they could be used and that people should remember to clean up after their pets.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to purchase a 3½ ton air conditioning unit at Medic 10 in the amount of \$4,150.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to donate the Borough of Mount Pleasant's retired 2016 Police Cruiser to Mt Pleasant Area School District in as-is condition. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to authorize Council President Ruszkowski to execute Affiliation Agreement with Laurel Business / Technical Institutes for the internship of Kenzie Whipkey for a total of 150 hours between September 4, 2023 and December 18, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve sending Borough Manager Lesko to the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference in Erie, PA, October 13 through 15, 2023 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00, which includes registration (complimentary), lodging (\$164.00 + 13% occupancy tax per night = \$185.32 per night), Fuel and turnpike tolls (if any) and parking. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Phillabaum had previously won a complimentary registration at the annual PSAB Conference and offered it to Borough Manager Lesko.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the following purchases for the street department, police department and Medic 10 as approved per the 2022 SLSA (Statewide Local Share Account) Grant monies received as per the grant:

Streets:

2023 Ford F-550 Dump Truck in the amount of \$88,273.00;
Bobcat Track Loader in the amount of \$68,495.41;
Bobcat Excavator in the amount of \$67,473.78;

Police:

2023 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor in the amount of \$50,507.00

Medic 10:

2023 Ambulance / Stretcher / Power load in the amount of \$225,798.15;
Zoll Monitor 12 Lead in the amount of \$41,908.45.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the street department equipment purchased from the SLSA Grant from the Budgetary Reserve – Street Department Line in the amount of \$2,110.57. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the Police department vehicle purchased from the SLSA Grant from the Budgetary Reserve – Police Department Line in the amount of \$2,442.62. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve paying the excess costs of the Medic 10 equipment purchased from the SLSA Grant from the ARPA Covid-19 monies in the amount of \$34,286.60. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman 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.