

Meeting September 19, 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 Solicitor Istik to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Phillabaum, and Stevenson. 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. Borough Manager Landy was absent.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Met with Police Chief Grippo, Borough Manager Landy, and Daynelle Sanner of the Business District Authority met to discuss the route for the Breast Saturday Ever 5k Color run/walk event to be held on October 22, 2022. It incorporated Main Street and residential streets.
- Invited to attend a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and read a proclamation to name the week of September 17 - 23, 2022 as Constitution Week. Mayor Bailey read the proclamation before Council.
- Was the master of ceremonies for the 9-11 program held at the gazebo. Mayor Bailey thanked all that participated and helped with the program and all that attended. Mayor Bailey also thanked former Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy for initiating this program and keeping it going for 21 years.
- Met with Sergeant Ferree and a parent regarding an issue with a bus stop at College and Main Street and vehicles not stopping. Spoke with the bus company and they have changed where the stop will be due to the safety issues. It will be further down Main Street near the Hub and Joe's Pools. Thanked Sergeant Ferree for getting the issue resolved.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik gave the following report:

- Visited the Bridgeport Street property twice to discuss the subdivision. Met with Mr. Karfelt. Mr. Karfelt met with the person, Terry, handling the subdivision. They are in the process of doing a PA One Call. The subdivision is moving along now.
- Was to have a meeting with the Police to finish up and finalize the Police contract negotiations. Due to Mr. Landy not being able to be at the meeting this evening it has been postponed until the next meeting. Councilwoman Stevenson stated "we aren't expecting any glitches with this are we"? Solicitor Istik stated not at all.

Treasurer's Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the police car loan will be paid off in December of 2022. The Treasurers Report for August 2022 cannot be approved due to lack of quorum.

Borough Manager’s Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that there is a copy of the final contract between the Borough and the Street Department. President Ruszkowski stated that negotiations went very well; however, the contract cannot be approved this evening due to lack of quorum.

President’s Report:

Reminded Council Committees that when they hold a meeting that it should be called by their chairman, unless the Chair has otherwise instructed. Council President Ruszkowski stated that should be notified by email and made aware that they are having a meeting so there is no miscommunication between anyone. Mayor Bailey stated that “the mayor has the opportunity to sit in on all of those meetings, she would appreciate notification also”.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that the Veterans Park Advisory Committee will be meeting this Wednesday since the Glass Festival begins setting up on Thursday and they are meeting regarding the booth that they will be having at the Festival regarding the Veterans Banners.

Property / Grants:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

- Will be getting quotes to have the windows cleaned at the Borough building.

Streets / Stormwater: **None.**

Parks and Recreation: **None.**

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Will be attending the Business District Authority meeting on September 27, 2022 with Mark Kraisinger regarding the Knox Box Ordinance.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Councilwoman Barnes stated that the Veterans Banners will be 24x36 and a sample will be on display at the booth at the Glass Festival. The material that they are made out of will be the same as what they use for the Glass Festival banners. That material is very durable and you wipe them down before storing and will last a long time. They are working on setting a cost by checking with other communities to see what they charged. Council President Ruszkowski stated that some communities have small logos of businesses at the bottom of the banners that may have helped with the funding. They will be at the Glass Festival all weekend. The cost that they are working with now is \$225.00. They are looking to see if they can bring this cost down. They will be contacting West Penn Power to be sure that they will allow them to use the poles.

Ordinances:

Solicitor Istik stated that she completed the Prohibited Parking Ordinance and will send a copy of it to all of Council for their review.

Councilman Phillabaum asked about vehicles that are parked at meters or parking lots that are covered with a tarp and if they could include guidelines for that in the Ordinance. Police will not check a vehicle with a tarp on it due to liability issues and do not want to be blamed for any issues.

Human Resources: None.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

- They will not be doing the reverse auction. Mayor Bailey asked that when they are looking at the contract, to review the part where they have to use a certain company for a dumpster. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the dumpster fees were set like that to keep the cost of trash pickup low for the residents and that a provision is included that if you call for a dumpster and you cannot get it within a certain timeframe, you can contact another company.

New Business:

Council President Ruszkowski reported:

- The Glass Festival is this weekend, September 23, 24 and 25. National act Molly Hatchett will be playing at the Glass Festival for the 35th anniversary.
- Secretary Sharon Lesko is back to work starting today.

Reading of Communications: None.

Discussion and Payment of Bills: None.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned 7:31pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

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Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting September 19, 2022

No motions were made due to lack of a quorum.