

Meeting November 21, 2022

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Ruszkowski 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Vice President Phillabaum asked for a moment of silence for our men and women deployed overseas. Vice President Phillabaum asked Solicitor Istik to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Czekanski, Lasko, Stevenson and Wojnar. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. Vice President Phillabaum stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of November 7, 2022 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Attended the Veterans Day ceremony held at the VFW. The parade was cancelled due to the rain. Had a great crowd despite the weather. Thanked the American Legion and the VFW for holding the event.
- Attended the public safety meeting; topic was accident prevention. We have had no accidents within the last month between the police department, street department, fire department and Medic 10.
- Attended Veterans Park advisory committee meeting.
- Received a call from Edwin Zylka, member of Scottdale Area Churches. He is asking that Mount Pleasant once again participate in prayer on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 6:00pm, the eve of Thanksgiving, on Sunday, December 27, 2022 and on New Years Day, the churches in Mount Pleasant will ring the bells for a 5-minute period as a symbol of togetherness. Senator Pat Stefano submitted a Resolution in the Senate regarding this.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that she will hold her report in executive session.

Treasurer's Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2022:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Oct-22			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2022
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,232,901.31	54,843.24	345,452.21	942,292.34
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	978,943.40	2,005.73	0.00	980,949.13
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	329,972.91				
**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	26,805.83	1,097.50	572.08	27,331.25
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,411.50	1.69	0.00	4,413.19
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	107,548.12	24,953.50	0.00	132,501.62
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	2,745.95	44,912.05	44,910.45	2,747.55
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,176.97	151.70	0.00	25,328.67
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	0.00	2,138.66	0.00	2,138.66
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,224.12	0.47	0.00	1,224.59
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	24,902.88	7.98	24,910.86	0.00
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	222,692.63	221,737.10	0.00	444,429.73
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
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	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					2,893,765.01
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	102,769.09	77,052.05	48,790.11	131,031.03
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	50,915.84	19.46	0.00	50,935.30
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	6,028.47	2.30	0.00	6,030.77
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	9,485.16	0.00	0.00	9,485.16
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					222,210.85
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	892,049.38	340.93	0.00	892,390.31
Capital Reserve M. A. Checking Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004129745	458,088.98	18.83	458,107.81	0.00
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	0.00	458,314.90	0.00	458,314.90
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,007,516.44	0.00	0.00	3,007,516.44
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	507,249.99	0.00	0.00	507,249.99
Total WWT Balance					5,066,980.02
Total Borough funds					8,182,955.88
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that we have received the following:

- The turnback account has been closed. The turnback account was created for the Church Street and Bridgeport Street paving project. PennDOT has finalized and closed the project. PennDOT stated that the remaining funds in the turnback

account must be transferred to the liquid fuels account and the turnback account is to be closed.

- The Capital Reserve M. A. checking account was closed and opened as a savings account due to the significant increase on interest rates. The checking account interest rate was .60% and the savings account interest rate went to 2.78%. By making the change, the account went from earning interest of \$18.83 a month to \$207.09.
- The Borough has received its final payment of \$221,602.81 of the ARPA Covid-19 monies.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the October 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager's Report: **None.**

President's Report:

Council Vice President Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Christmas Parade will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:30pm. Council Vice President asked Joe Bauer, President of the Mt. Pleasant VFD, if they would be able to help with the line up of the parade and will contact him later to discuss. Light-up night will follow directly after the parade.
- The nativity light-up night will be held on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- Candlelight Procession will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 5:30pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the 2023 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Vice President Phillabaum stated that the executive session was held from 7:14pm to 7:32pm to discuss personnel.

Property / Grants:

Council Vice President Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Spoke with Councilman Barrick and informed him that one of the furnaces at the Central Fire Station is going out and will soon need to be replaced.

Streets / Stormwater:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- When the streets are beginning to get bad with snow, Jeff McGuinness will monitor the streets until 10:00pm and then the Police Department after 10:00pm. The Police will notify 911 to dispatch Jeff McGuinness if the streets are bad. Councilman Phillabaum stated if anyone notices the roads are getting bad and don't see the trucks out yet to please reach out to him and he can touch base with Jeff McGuinness.

Parks and Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the bid from E & H Contracting and Landscaping for the 2023 Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract from December 2022 through December 2023 not to exceed \$9,500.00 for grass cutting. Snow removal will be \$400.00 each time, estimated at a total of \$12,000.00. Snow removal may be adjusted based on the number of times they will need to do estimated snow removal. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to allow free meter parking on Main Street from November 24, 2022 through January 2, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion to ratify the contract with the Crossing Guards effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Discussed the mural that will be painted on the back of the Veterans Wall and picked a few scenes from the different wars. Once they receive a prototype, they will present it to Council for approval.
- Digital wall is up and running. A gentleman from Spectrio installed a new part. Will be reaching out to Spectrio to handle the mapping on the digital wall for the Veterans Wall in order to be able to search and find a name on the wall.
- Secretary Sharon Lesko will resend the information that was received from Marie Dawson to Spectrio once we know who we need to send it to.
- All of the lights at the Veterans Wall are out. This will be the next project after the holidays.
- Working on getting a grant to help offset some of the costs of the Veterans Banners.

Human Resources: None.

Ordinances:

Councilwoman Wojnar gave the following report:

- Sent an email to Council regarding ATV use within the Borough. The state does have guidelines regarding ATV's. Municipalities can set guidelines. Other municipalities do have Ordinances stating distances that the ATV's must be away from structures.

Mayor Bailey stated that Borough Manager Landy stated that we do have an Ordinance about barking dogs and if it is disruptive for a certain amount of time then they can be cited. Mayor Bailey suggested possibly putting something into effect regarding ATV's along those lines such

as if you are running an ATV on your property for more than a certain amount of time it may be able to curb some of the constant hours and hours of riding.

Councilwoman Wojnar stated that the only Ordinance that she could find at the time was Baldwin has an Ordinance which specifies 500 feet from residential property line. It also has special exclusions such as if an ATV is needed during an event or if the municipality or any first responder would need to use an ATV. Penalties are fines.

Finance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following report:

- There were discussions regarding raising taxes; however, they will not be raising them this year. They will need to be raised in the future.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt the 2023 General Fund Budget, 2023 Liquid Fuels Budget and 2023 Medic 10 Budget. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

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New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Business District Authority will be holding a Merry Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm held at the Business District Authority Office located 445 West Main Street, Mt. Pleasant.

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 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

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