

Meeting March 4, 2024

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 Barrick, Lasko, Stevenson, Davis, Barnes and Phillabaum. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Hewitt was present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Medic 10 Report:

- Zach Gergas gave the following report regarding Medic 10:
 - For the month of February 2024, they have had 242 calls.
 - Transports 196
 - Treat – No Transports 10
 - Lift Assists – 11
 - Standbys – 10
 - Canceled – 15
 - Total calls missed this month – 7
 - Year to date calls – 476
Mr. Gergas stated that is 79 calls more than this time last year.
 - Wheelchair Van Trips – 54
 - Purchased kid kits for on the ambulance. They are fidget type toys to keep kids' hands busy and will be for kids and adults with intellectual disabilities.
 - The Borough building needs to update its AED device that is in the building. Mr. Gergas recommended the Zoll AED. It is the same brand that their heart monitors are in the ambulances and by having the same brand, they can save time by not having to remove the pads from the AED and having to apply different ones. They can disconnect from the AED and plug directly into their machine. It is a time saver. Cost is approximately \$2000.00. The Borough does have an AED. It is a refurbished unit and is becoming an obsolete unit. Mr. Gergas said that it is better to upgrade it than to try and do anything with it.

Mr. Gergas provided a report that is attached.

Fire Department Report:

- Paul Harenchar, Mount Pleasant Fire Chief, gave the following report:
 - Had 33 calls this past month.
 - They are over 100 calls to date.

Fire Chief Harenchar read the following Fire Report for the month of February 2024:

Total Calls – 33
In Town – 14
Out of Town – 19
10-45's - 9
Entrapments – 0
Extrication - 0
Fires - 7
AFA's - 5
Hazardous Calls – 5
Public Service Calls – 2
Ambulance Assistance – 2

Standby's – 2
Turnpike Calls – 1
Landing Zones – 1
Drills – 0
Total Members Answering – 328
Avg. Member Per Call – 10

A copy of the fire report is attached.

- Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary this year.
- They are preparing for the annual fair. There are approximately 140 invites for the annual fireman's parade so far to celebrate the 125th anniversary.
- The ticket for the street fair has been changed to from 5000 tickets to 1000 tickets available.
- The tower truck is not in yet. Spoke with someone at Sutphen and it should be finished up this month.

Public Comment: **None.**

Speakers: **None.**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Council, Mayor and the Borough Manager has received an invitation to attend the 100th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Rotary. Deadline to respond is March 12, 2024.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- Something that has been started with the committee reports, instead of having to listen to each person read their report, written reports are available before the meeting and when it gets to the committee, the chair will ask if there are any questions or comments regarding their report. The public will also be able to comment on what is on the agenda or the reports during public comment since the reports are provided. Hopefully in the next couple of months, after testing this, the committee reports will be online with the agenda.
- On the agenda you will see a motion for the reconveyance of property at 107 West Main Street to the Westmoreland County Land Bank. The Borough received the property from the Westmoreland County Land Bank thinking that they could have some use for it. It is too small; the Land Bank will take a reconveyance back. There is a business next to the property that would like to expand their business and the Land Bank will work with them by giving them a conditional deed to the property. They must develop the property within 2 years or it will revert back to the Land Bank.
- There is a motion for an Estate. Doris Ellestad lived in Ohio; however, she lived here many years ago. She passed away in 2023. She set up an account payable on death to the Borough. There is approximately \$45,000.00 in the account. A resolution is needed to process the paperwork to receive the monies from the Estate. The resolution will be sent to Carver Financial; it is being held by Raymond James. They will issue a check directly to the Borough. Mr. Mlakar stated he spoke with the agent, Nicole Remesik, and there are no conditions on how the money is to be used, so it can

go into the general fund. Mr. Mlakar stated to get the funds, they requested a copy of the Articles of Incorporation. The Borough was created in 1828. Mr. Mlakar found the original Act in the archives in Harrisburg which created the Borough.

- The Mount Pleasant Parking Authority has requested to dissolve. There are two (2) deeds that they received from the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce which is no longer in existence. Mr. Mlakar stated that they merged approximately 10 - 12 years ago with the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mlakar has sent a letter to their attorney asking them to take formal action saying that they do not want to exercise the option. Once that is done, there is a Resolution that the Parking Authority must do so that they can transfer the property and bank accounts and we can then dissolve.
- Mr. Mlakar wrote a letter to Tim Witt, attorney for the Business District Authority (BDA), along with a phone conversation regarding the Monday Munchies event with food trucks. Mr. Mlakar suggested that the Borough have the events committee meet with a committee from the BDA to discuss how we can make this work. Mr. Mlakar said the big problem that he sees is the Borough's licensing ordinance for transient merchants is \$50.00 per each truck that comes in. The BDA was not clear whether or not they will be holding sidewalk sales solely for businesses who will be selling on the sidewalk or if it will be 3rd parties coming in, that will be \$50.00. The Ordinance talks about special events; and, they are allowed to put special events on, so after we have this discussion, it may be reasonable to reduce the fee for these types of events. The other issue is some restaurants that may be open on Mondays. Mr. Mlakar asked their attorney if they have reached out to these restaurants and explained to them what was going on. The location is from Key Bank, Levins to Maisey Cakes. Mr. Mlakar stated that he has not heard back from Mr. Witt yet.
- Borough Manager Lesko found the plan for the Business District Authority which was established in the 1980's sometime. The Business District Authority has to do some more things. The plan is worthless. They are to provide services and improvements. They are to submit to the Borough a plan every year, not just a budget but a plan. The Borough received a budget last year but no plan. We will have to work with them to get it straightened out. Councilman Barrick asked if that includes more than just a business plan or fundraising plan for them; and, would it also include a marketing plan or bringing businesses in. Mr. Mlakar said yes, that they are to provide under the Authorities Act, improvements in the business district and services to the people in the business district. They do make some grants but other than that it is vague on what they do and it should be laid out better. Mr. Mlakar said that he has been informed by Borough Manager Lesko that she has received calls from people that have to pay the assessment; and, Tim Witt has also said that he gets calls also at his office, people complaining and wanting to know what they are paying for. Mr. Mlakar said that we have to get that put together so that everyone understands what their function is, what the Boroughs function is; and, what they are going to do. Councilman Davis stated that they do need to be clearer on how they do things and that he has a small business within the Borough and they make it look like you can apply for things and you cannot. Solicitor Hewitt stated that sometimes blinders are put on so to speak; however, they need to coordinate things, with some oversight from the borough, it's to see what's needed and lend cooperation and working together. Mr. Hewitt stated that he read the business plan and it could have been mimeographed from other municipalities across the Commonwealth but the problem is that is what it says and we need to be sure that they are following it. Mr. Mlakar stated that we are the first Business District Authority in the Commonwealth; but they never expanded on it and probably after the first three years, no one ever looked at it to say this is what we are supposed to be doing. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that it is not clear to her what the geographical boundaries are with the Business District Authority. Mr. Mlakar stated it is outlined in the Borough Ordinance by zoning district. There is a Borough Ordinance creating them and it is outlined there.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:21pm to 7:50pm to discuss personnel issues.

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2024:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jan-24			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2024
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,320,860.76	61,281.92	339,249.99	1,042,892.69
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,043,150.71	3,539.60	0.00	1,046,690.31
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	376,319.46				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers					
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	26,773.10				
** Frick Park Gas					
Well	29,106.70				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	23,400.00				
**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	32,776.26	171.30	0.00	32,947.56
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,561.51	18.39	0.00	4,579.90
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	61,637.12	248.54	0.00	61,885.66
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	25,880.79	47,416.26	70,067.44	3,229.61
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,911.28	2.41	0.00	25,913.69
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,475.78	0.23	0.00	2,476.01
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,265.74	5.10	0.00	1,270.84
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	257,766.95	1,039.40	0.00	258,806.35
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					2,811,100.90
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	238,802.84	119,560.14	58,656.80	299,706.18
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	58,880.57	237.43	0.00	59,118.00
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	10,937.02	62.17	0.00	10,999.19
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	252.20	1.02	0.00	253.22
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	19,458.71	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318023688	5,325.42	0.00	0.00	5,325.42
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					394,860.72

WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	891,851.01	3,596.24	0.00	895,447.25
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	477,567.32	1,492.59	0.00	479,059.91
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	3,048,217.31	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank				
WWT Cap. Resv	318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
American National (9/5/2023)	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31
American National (9/5/2023)	Mid Penn Bank - Scottdale Bank	518594.74	0.00	0.00	518594.74
Total WWT Balance					4,624,232.85
Total Borough funds					7,830,194.47

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments.

Mayor Bailey stated that Councilwoman Stevensons report states that the total Borough funds are \$8,248,123.41 and it should read \$7,830,194.47. Councilwoman Stevenson stated the she had pulled the 2023 figure instead of the 2024 and there will need to be an edit on her report to correct it.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Borough Manager Lesko gave the following report:

Carol Yancosky, Tax Collector, was here and had to leave. She asked that the following be read:

“There were no collections for the month of February. The County and Borough property taxes were sent out. If you have not received yours yet, wait until Monday, March 11, 2024 and then call her office. The County did increase their taxes. The general went up from 21.49 mils to 25mils. In addition to that increase, Westmoreland County Commissioners voted to add a County debt service tax of 3.48mils reflecting on your property taxes. This additional tax could last until 2041.”

Borough Manager Lesko reminded residents to not yell at Carol when they pay them. She is only the messenger.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Lesko stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Borough Manager Lesko reported that McCali Manor is finally down. Councilman Davis said that it looks great.

President's Report: None.

Property Report:

Councilman Barrick stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing the reconveyance of the property located at 107 West Main Street to the Westmoreland County Landbank. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to advertise for bids for the electric work at the Gazebo / Veterans Park area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if this included the lights at the Veterans Wall. Councilman Barrick stated that it does include those lights.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to advertise for bids for the electric work at the Waterway Project subject to receiving plans by the Borough Engineer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Streets / Stormwater Report:

Council President Ruszkowski stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to advertise an RFP to develop a storm system and storm sewer shed map to meet the requirements of the MS4 Permit. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 26th to June 29th for the Fireman's Fair. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Route 31, Main Street, on Thursday, June 27th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. for the annual Fireman's Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 26th – June 29th, 2024 for their annual Fireman's Fair celebrating their 125th anniversary. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Route 31, Main Street, on May 27, 2024 from 10:00am to 11:00am. for the annual American Legion Memorial Day Parade. Motion seconded by Cindy Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2024 for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Council President Ruszkowski asked Councilwoman Lasko to clarify the motion before making it. Borough Manager Lesko asked when the little league games begin and when they end, a copy of their schedule. Mr. Hresko from the Little League stated that they will begin in March. Council President Ruszkowski asked for a schedule. Mr. Hresko stated he will get a schedule for us and that the games will begin in March and run through the fall. Borough Manager Lesko said that they will need to provide a Certificate of Insurance along with the schedule. Mr. Hresko said that they will use the ball park through October for fall ball. Council President Ruszkowski asked if they do insure the spectators or outside the field. Borough Manager Lesko asked if there is work being done at the field currently. Mr. Hresko said not that he is aware of and that they will be having spring clean up days in March. Mr. Hresko said that there were new dugouts put in over the winter and they are now complete and that there is no active construction going on now. Borough Manager Lesko said that anytime any work is being done, it needs to be approved by the Borough before anything is done. Council President Ruszkowski stated that there are some building materials down there, some roofing and wood. She did see the dugouts. Council President Ruszkowski stated that somebody had called this work to our attention and we weren't even knowing that anything was being done. Mr. Hresko apologized. Councilman Phillabaum stated that this has been addressed and that there have been communication issues. Council President Ruszkowski said that building permits are required and it seems like the Borough is the last to know when things are going on. Mr. Hresko said it seems like it jumped from a few things. We were talking about mowing and now we are talking about construction. Council

President Ruszkowski stated that these things needed clarified because our solicitor is in the process of preparing a lease agreement. Mr. Hresko asked if this is an agreement with the league. Council President Ruszkowski responded yes. Mr. Hresko said that is great and he thinks that is a good thing. Solicitor Mlakar stated that all of that will be in the lease agreement. Mr. Hresko asked what all does he need to report back to the league. Councilman Phillabaum said that it would include Certificate of Insurance, Schedule, and if any work is going to be done it needs to be brought to the Borough Council for approval before the work is started. Mr. Hresko said any plans before the work is done. Mr. Hresko asked when can they expect the lease agreement. Solicitor Mlakar said that he is hoping to have it completed by the end of this month.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to consider whether or not to approve Silvis Landscaping mowing of the Baseball fields at Willows Park for the 2024 season twice per month at the cost of \$260.00 per mow pursuant to the map supplied by Silvis Landscaping for a period of time from March through October. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Mlakar asked Councilwoman Lasko if her motion is to award the contract. Councilwoman Lasko stated that it is to award the contract.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that keeping the little league there is important. He went on to say that he will speak on behalf of restaurants and that if you go into Lobingers, the Village, or the Filling Station, you see a lot of little league shirts on and families that are frequenting them. It would be a shame to lose them over this. Borough Manager Lesko asked lose them over grass cutting? Councilman Phillabaum said that he isn't saying that is the case but if they can't get the people to do the work then they have to weigh their options and we would have to cut it anyways. Councilwoman Lasko said that it is part of a park in Mt. Pleasant Borough and we have a responsibility to serve them all fairly and nobody questioned any dollar amounts at Frick Park. Borough Manager Lesko said that she will say Frick Park has been budgeted every year way before she was ever here and the money is budgeted already for it.

Solicitor Mlakar asked Councilwoman Lasko if her motion is to award the contract. Councilwoman Lasko stated that it is to award the contract.

Councilman Davis asked if it is possible to hire a public works person in the future to possibly handle cutting the grass. Councilman Phillabaum stated that we have tried and that no one was interested.

Councilwoman Barnes asked when the cutting is again. Councilwoman Lasko said March to October or whenever the cutting begins.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Phillabaum stated that everyone has received a copy of his report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Councilman Phillabaum reported that he had the honor of presenting the Life Saving plaques and certificates to the employees of Medic 10 and Police Officer Spencer Ramela for the life saving measures that were taken in saving the life of a gentleman that had a heart attack.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Everyone has received a paper with a QR code on it. Councilwoman Barnes thanked Mr. Barrick for making the suggestion and Borough Manager Lesko for following through with it. The QR code will bring up the digital wall information on their phone. Mayor Bailey thanked Borough Manager Lesko for following through with this. Borough Manager Lesko said when the digital wall is down at the park, then people can use the QR code and still get the information via their phone.
- The wallpaper is back up on the digital wall and we will need to reach out to Spectrio. Borough Manager Lesko said she will contact them.

- They have contacted both of the artists and they will be attending the meeting at the end of the month and will be giving their idea of what they would like to do. They are both excited to attend.
- They did not hear back from the gentleman regarding the railing.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that everyone has received a copy of the rest of her report, which was the minutes from their last meeting on November 30, 2023 and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

Ordinances: None.

Human Resources: None.

Events Report:

Councilwoman Wojnar was absent; however, she did submit a report.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that they had been discussing the community yard sale and decided on June 7 and June 8. This is not to be confused if Ramsay Terrace does one on their own, the community yard sale will be June 7th and 8th.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that this year is the 100th anniversary of the Doughboy and was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 1924. Borough Manager Lesko suggested lighting it up red, white and blue.

Finance / Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to permit Council President Ruskowski to ratify the Worker's Comp Renewal Proposal with Century Insurance for the year 3/1/2024 to 3/1/2025 in the amount of \$27,536.00. Previous year quote was \$34,863.00. (Reduction of \$7,327.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2024-05 authorizing the Borough Manager to sign the appropriate documents for the Estate of Dorris Ellestad to obtain the bequest from her to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that something needs to be done to honor Ms. Ellestad and that she lived in a little house on the corner of Eagle Street heading towards Main Street and that at one time it was originally a hose house for the fire department. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that Ms. Ellestad had moved out of the area some time ago and when she did, she gave the little house to the historical society. Solicitor Mlakar stated that when we receive the funds we will have to have a supplemental appropriation in our budget since they were funds that were not budgeted, you can then make your allocations then.

New Business:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its dinner and meeting on March 20, 2024 at 5:30pm at Hoss's Steak & Sea Restaurant in Greensburg, PA
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its annual banquet on April 26, 2024 at Ferrante's Lakeview, Greensburg, PA
- Councilwoman Stevenson suggested that we need to name something to honor former Borough Manager Jeff Landy. Borough Manager Lesko suggested that the Waterway Project should be named in honor of him. This was his project. Councilwoman Lasko agreed that this was something that Jeff was heavily involved with and very passionate about it. Councilwoman Stevenson said that Borough Manager Landy asked that she never let them name an alley after him.
- Councilwoman Barnes asked the paper to print that there is still space on the Veterans Wall and they are still taking applications for the Veterans Banners.

Reading of Communications: None.

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 7-0.

Mayor/Council Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

March 4, 2024
Committee Reports

Borough Managers Report

New carpeting has been installed on the 3rd floor of Borough building and painting is complete in all of the offices. Working on getting everything in the offices organized.

Auditors have been in a couple times working on the turnback audit for the years 2017 through 2021. Received the report on February 27, 2024 that it is complete and there are no findings.

Ron Finfrock of Bridgeport Technology has been in to install the new backup server and run cable for internet service in the new area of the Police Department.

Met w/Scott of Gibson Thomas Engineering Co. and Councilman Barrick regarding the roof of the Borough building and cracks in the wall/ceiling area that are located in the former Mayors office.

Discussion with Jake Silvis regarding quote for the Little League Field and review of email/letter from Mr. Silvis.

Met with Solicitor Mlakar regarding Business District Authority

New secretary, Lori Spangler, has started working. We had to start her a week later due to the carpet being installed. She started on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Our intern, Kenzi Whipkey, is working with her and helping to train her.

Opst & Associates, our Borough auditor, has begun working on the Borough & Medic 10 audit

Discussion and emails with Cindy Wojnar Regarding Borough events and Junior Council

Met with Leo Wisniewski regarding parking authority and bond payment

Discussion with Nicole Remesik Raymond James Financial and Carver Financial Regarding Doris Ellestad bequest

Attended Medic 10 Life Saving Award Ceremony

Met with Councilman Davis regarding BDA food trucks and various items

Armstrong Cable was in to add a new phone line in the new area of the Police Station

Spoke with Hallie Chatfield from Westmoreland County Landbank:

McCali just has to remove beams and equipment and it is complete.

405 Howard St. – machine should arrive and begin sometime the week of March 4, 2024

Several discussions throughout the month with Solicitor Mlakar Re: Parking Authority, BDA, Grass Cutting at Little League Field, Conveyance of Property to Landbank, Bequest of Dorris Ellestad

Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

Property

Gazebo project nothing has been done to date committed need to determine the proposed work.

Veteran Park, electrical panel and pump pit for fountain. The project needs advertised. I have not seen an email from GT.

Borough Building

Furnace and AC unit
Building Inspection Site Visit from GT nothing determined

Fire Stations
Nothing to report

I would like to select a Furnace, AC, Plumber and electrical technicians to be available as an on call when need to

Mike Barrick, Chair

Property

- Carpet installation complete on 3rd floor offices/chambers/hallway and 1st floor lobby
- Carpet installation included base molding in hallway and 1st floor lobby
- Painting of our offices complete. Painting of doors and trim in hallway to be done as soon as painters are available.

Cynthia Stevenson, Property Committee

Streets/Storm Water

The drain on College Avenue was replaced and cold patch added. Hot patch will be added when weather and temperatures are agreeable.

MS4 meeting at Borough was attended by the entire Street Department Staff, Sharon, Councilman Mike Barrick and Doug Siler from Gibson Thomas.
The informative meeting set the ground work needed for a starting point on MS4 compliance. on

Tentatively starting April weather permitting we will resume street cleaning by ward.

Repairs were done to the bottom of the salt spreader that opened on its own during street salting.

Anxious to use the milling machine and use hot patch to fix potholes when weather permits.

Susan Ruszkowski Street/Storm Water Chair

Parks and Recreation

New equipment recently ordered for the parks has started to arrive and as weather and the ground permits installation will begin. A big thank you to the Street's Department staff for their work.

We've received a check from the insurance company for the damaged playground equipment at Frick. Another piece of equipment will be purchased in the near future prior to the summer season but I want to give the Streets team the opportunity to begin other installations and remember the limited amount of storage space they have.

Following the last meeting, there was some confusion regarding lawn mowing bids which was clarified by both the solicitor and the vendor. It is Silvis's understanding that the area at Willows around the Little League field was not included in the bid that was approved and it was considered to be separate in their bid. The Parks committee discussed the matter and it is their recommendation to have the bid for the area of Willow's around the Little League field be included in the 2024 mowing contract but only twice a month and not weekly, which is included as a motion on the March 4 agenda.

Diana Lasko, Chair

Public Safety

Just going to talk about the presentation for Spencer and Medic 10.
The rest will be covered by Paul Harenchar, Fire Chief and Zack Gergas, Medic 10 Director

Ken Phillabaum, Chair

Veterans Park

See attached minutes

Patience Barnes, Chair

Ordinances

Nothing to report at this time

Andy Davis, Chair

Human Resources

Nothing to report at this time.

Linda Czekanski, Chair

Events Committee

It is the recommendation of the events committee that Borough council recognizes the 125th anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department with a plaque at the June meeting.

The events committee recommend an employee recognition luncheon. Employees that have been with the borough for 5-10-15 years would receive a certificate and all staff would receive lunch. We recommend this take place in June scheduled at staff's convenience. (with council approval we will work on the details.)

I have spoken with the School Board, Vice Principal and with Sharron about the Junior Council Program. I have attended a junior council meeting and have been working with Trafford's council president Kris Kardiff on starting a junior council program in Mount Pleasant. With council approval the applications, slide show and sample calendar are ready to be shared with the Mount Pleasant High school's vice principal and government teacher who will share it with his classes. He will distribute the applications which are due May 31.

The events committee recommends that the Borough yard sale be held Friday June 7th and Saturday June 8th.

Cindy Wojnar, Chair

Finance Committee

Treasurers Report - Total Borough Funds: \$8,248,123.41*
Edited to read Total Borough Funds: correct amount is \$7,830,194.47
*\$8,248,123.41 is an incorrect amount (it was from 2023)

Cynthia Stevenson, Chair

Veterans Park Advisory Committee Meeting
November 30, 2023

Agenda:

1. Old Business
2. Next Meeting
3. Luncheon

Meeting:

1. Old Business:

A. Railing:

Mr. Bremner will be coming on Monday, December 4, 2023, at noon, to look where we want the rail to go. Anyone can come. We just need one rail at the corner of the steps.

B. Artists:

Mr. Longfort, from Pittsburgh, contacted Patience for an update as to where we are in the painting project. She sent him a picture of June Jarver and told him we will not be meeting in December or January. We will meet in February and come to some conclusion as to the paintings we want.

Patience will send a picture to Mrs. Eckell. (See attached)

C. Banners:

Next year we will lower the banners and put them on the inside to avoid damage. Also, next year the banners will be put in the order of "last received" being put up on Main Street. (Reverse order)

D. Veterans Parade:

The parade turned out well. They had a good turnout. It was better advertised.

2. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be February 29, 2024. That is Leap Year!

3. Luncheon:

It will be Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Filling Station.

Attachment A

The following are the pictures we want the artists to put on the wall:

- Air Force - jets taking off.
- Space Force - Rocket taking off.
- Coast Guard - Ship or Helicopter rescue
- Navy - Air Craft Carrier
- Army - Continental soldier and more modern soldier from Iraq.
- Marines - Raising flag at Iwojima
- Iwo Jima

Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

Mount Pleasant Borough Council Meeting

Monday, March 4th 2024

Total Calls : 242

- Transports - 196
- Treat No Transport - 10
- Lift Assists - 11
- Standby - 10
- Canceled Calls - 15
- Missed Calls - 7

Wheelchair Van Trips : 54

Grants

Office of the State Fire Commissioner - \$10,000.00 (Intubation Kits)
CSX Pride in Service - \$2,500.00 (Safety Equipment)
AFG Grant is in progress (LUCAS Device)
Multiple Other Grants Are Currently Awaiting Results

Upcoming Events

3 Year State Licensure Inspection 4/23/2024
Mock Accident 4/29/2024 (Mt. Pleasant High School)
Touch a Truck 5/19/2024 (Bullskin Twp. Vol. Fire Company)

Fundraisers

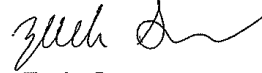
Business Fund Drive (Letters Being Drafted Now)
Hand delivered once weather breaks

No New Issues To Report On

Staff is Good

Trucks Are Good

Submitted,



Zach Gergas,

Director of Operations

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- FEBUARY	
IN TOWN	14
OUT OF TOWN	19
10-45'S	9
ENTRAPMENT	
EXTRICATION	
FIRES	7
AFA'S	5
HAZARDOUS CALLS	5
STANDBY'S	2
AMB. ASSISTS	2
LANDING ZONES	1
PUBLIC SERVICE	2
DRILLS	
OTHER CALLS	
TURNPIKE CALLS	1
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	328
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	10

Motions from Meeting of March 4, 2024

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing the reconveyance of the property located at 107 West Main Street to the Westmoreland County Landbank. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to advertise for bids for the electric work at the Gazebo / Veterans Park area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if this included the lights at the Veterans Wall. Councilman Barrick stated that it does include those lights.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to advertise for bids for the electric work at the Waterway Project subject to receiving plans by the Borough Engineer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to advertise an RFP to develop a storm system and storm sewer shed map to meet the requirements of the MS4 Permit. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 26th to June 29th for the Fireman's Fair. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Route 31, Main Street, on Thursday, June 27th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. for the annual Fireman's Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 26th – June 29th, 2024 for their annual Fireman's Fair celebrating their 125th anniversary. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close Route 31, Main Street, on May 27, 2024 from 10:00am to 11:00am. for the annual American Legion Memorial Day Parade. Motion seconded by Cindy Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2024 for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to consider whether or not to approve Silvis Landscaping mowing of the Baseball fields at Willows Park for the 2024 season twice per month at the cost of \$260.00 per mow pursuant to the map supplied by Silvis Landscaping for a period of time from March through October. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Mlakar asked Councilwoman Lasko if her motion is to award the contract. Councilwoman Lasko stated that it is to award the contract.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to permit Council President Ruszkowski to ratify the Worker's Comp Renewal Proposal with Century Insurance for the year 3/1/2024 to 3/1/2025 in the amount of \$27,536.00. Previous year quote was \$34,863.00. (Reduction of \$7,327.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2024-05 authorizing the Borough Manager to sign the appropriate documents for the Estate of Dorris Ellestad to obtain the bequest from her to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.