

## Meeting May 6, 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, Barnes, Czekanski, Wojnar and Phillabaum. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk was present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Davis arrived at 7:10pm.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 1, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

### Medic 10 Report:

- Zach Gergas, Director of Medic 10, gave the following report regarding Medic 10:

○ April Calls:	226
▪ Transports	169
▪ Refusals / DOA	8
▪ Lift Assists –	17
▪ Standbys –	11
▪ Canceled calls –	18
▪ DOA/Field Terminations	3
▪ Missed calls –	11
○ Wheelchair Van Trips -	65

**Total: 291**

○ Year to date (2024)	(2023)	
▪ Calls – 985	851	(143 ahead)
▪ Wheelchair Van Trips – 225	96	(194 ahead)
○ <b>Total Year to Date Incidents: 983</b>	947	(328 ahead)

### Grants:

- Enbridge Fueling Features – Received \$2,000.00
- Harbor Freight – Received \$200 (Tool Boxes for all ambulances)
- AFG – applied / still in running
- Pennsylvania Skill Charitable Giving Grant – applied for \$2,000.00 for medical bags
- Norfolk Southern Grant – Applied
- Walmart Grant – applied
- Columbia Gas / Nisource – applied
- State Farm Good Neighbor - applied
- Gary Sinese Foundation – applied

### Donations:

- Allegheny Health Network - \$2000.00
- Ceroni Memorial Fund - \$225
- Donation Letters – Currently being hand delivered to local businesses.

### Community Events:

- Landing Zone Class (AHN LifeFlight)
- Touch-a-Truck – Bullskin Fairgrounds – May 19
- M.P.V.F.D. Fair/Festival – June 26 – 29
- EMS Presentation – Mt. Caramel Vacation Bible School – August 8

### Issues:

- The roof at Medic 10 recently sustained damage in the recent rain and wind storms causing a leak and plaster damage to the ceiling in the garage bay. This has been turned into the insurance

company under the direction of the Borough Manager. Currently working on quotes for roof repair / plaster repair.

**Staffing:**

- Currently have 17 full time / part time EMTs and Paramedics
- EMT (casual position) – 1 being hired / 1 pending
- Paramedic (casual position) – 1 being hired

Mr. Gergas provided a report that is attached.

**Fire Department Report:**

Councilman Phillabaum read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2024:

Total Calls – 47  
In Town – 15  
Out of Town – 32  
10-45's - 14  
Entrapments – 3  
Extrication - 0  
Fires - 4  
AFA's - 11  
Hazardous Calls – 3  
Public Service Calls – 12  
Ambulance Assistance – 0  
Standby's – 0  
Turnpike Calls – 3  
Landing Zones – 0  
Drills – 1  
Boat Call – 1  
Total Members Answering – 418  
Avg. Member Per Call – 9

Total calls 2024: 202  
Total calls 2023: 168

A copy of the fire report is attached.

**Public Comment:**

- Twila Guidas and Joseph Benford of First United Church of Christ, North Hitchman Street, Mt. Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the following:
  - Requested to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to the alley behind their church for their Summer Harvest Festival on August 10, 2024 from approximately 10:00am to 5:00pm. Event is from noon to 5:00pm. Would like to expand and invite vendors and low acoustic music.
  - Would like to know if there are Ordinances pertaining to this. Also asked if there have been any updates on the sign ordinance regarding LED / Digital signs. They received grants for their digital sign and would like to get it back up.
  - Thanked Council for painting the handicap lines on Main Street in front of the Church.
- George Bosas, Jr. of the United Methodist Church on Main Street spoke to Council stating that he had an agreement with the previous administration with the town clock and wanted to know if it is still valid. Wanted to know why it is taking so long to get reimbursed for the motor. Borough Manager Lesko asked if she had asked for additional information and that there was an issue. Mr. Bosas stated that he had gotten paid for the first motor and it went bad and then he purchased a motor from Grainger and that is the receipt that the Borough should have. Mr. Bosas stated that he doesn't charge anything for his time and labor in repairing the town clock because he works at the church. He was originally informed by the church in 2020 that he was not permitted to work on the town clock because it was the Boroughs property. Mr. Bosas stated he spoke with Mayor

Lucia and Mr. Landy and was informed that if he could fix the clock to go ahead and do it and the Borough will pay anything that you pay to fix it and save the receipts but they couldn't pay for his time. Mayor Bailey asked what the cost of the motor was. Mr. Bosas stated it was approximately \$259.00 and that he got it from Hodge Motors in Greensburg. He has since shut down and retired. Mr. Bosas stated that there are 98 steps to get to the top of the tower to repair the clock. Borough Manager Lesko asked Mr. Bosas to come to the Borough office and get approval before doing any further repairs so there will not be an issue.

**Speakers: None.**

**Mayor's Report: None.**

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:11pm to 8:01pm to discuss personnel contract issues.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to consider a new contract for the Borough Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

**Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- With respect to Mr. Rega's request for a handicap sticker, if Council authorizes him, Solicitor Mlakar will research the Motor Vehicle Code to determine how and when a handicap sticker can be issued and if Mr. Rega meets the criteria, Solicitor Mlakar will make a recommendation to Council.
- Solicitor Mlakar recommended that the handicap parking ordinance be reviewed and amended. Some of the protocols are it can be site specific stating that it is handicap parking for resident, no accessible parking / alleys, cannot obstruct flow of traffic, there are no requirements to give a handicap parking space.
- Still has not hear from the attorney for the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce regarding relinquishing their rights to the two (2) parking lots behind Levins Solicitor Mlakar will continue to reach out to them.
- Met with the committees regarding lease agreements for the softball league, baseball league, fire department and Medic 10. Solicitor Mlakar is updating the leases and will send them to the Borough Manager for final review and then the Borough can meet with the organizations.
- Solicitor Mlakar stated that an executive session was held on April 22, 2024 to discuss the police contract. The meeting was from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to permit the solicitor to review the Handicap Parking Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2024:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Mar-24</b>			<b>Balance 2024</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	993,573.53	121,713.39	164,127.01	951,159.91
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,050,010.69	3,554.33	0.00	1,053,565.02

**Police		48,591.82			
**Streets		148,604.25			
**Contingency Fund		383,194.17			
**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	33,803.54	372.54	0.00	34,176.08
	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,596.13	16.29	0.00	4,612.42
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19123645	53,816.79	139,247.09	0.00	193,063.88
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Monument CD	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,243.53	48,358.40	48,335.09	3,266.84
Payroll Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,915.95	2.41	0.00	25,918.36
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,476.23	0.23	0.00	2,476.46
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,275.34	4.52	0.00	1,279.86
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19123652	259,723.45	920.35	0.00	260,643.80
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)					
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,860,570.91</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	362,967.80	68,318.34	71,098.40	360,187.74
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	59,327.49	210.23	0.00	59,537.72
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	12,088.76	40.92	0.00	12,129.68
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	254.12	2,502.43	0.00	2,756.55
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
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>459,395.82</b>
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	898,620.32	3,184.32	0.00	901,804.64
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	480,460.57	1,501.64	0.00	481,962.21
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
WWT Cap. Resv	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
American National (9/5/2023)					
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>4,633,492.54</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>7,953,459.27</b>

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson /  
Secretary Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to accept the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 9-0.

**Tax Collector's Report:**

Borough Manager Lesko read the following report for the month of April 2024:

Property Taxes	\$353,458.32
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Collected	\$353,458.32

The Tax Office will be closed the week of May 13 through May 17, 2024 due to Carol Yancosky having cataract surgery.

**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. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

**President's Report:**

Council President Ruskowski asked that Council members please respond to emails that come from the Borough Manager in a timely manner. Please respond so additional emails do not need to go out or unnecessary phone calls needing to be made.

**Property Report:**

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- Met with Ulery Architect regarding possible renovations that the Borough would like to submit for the COVID ARPA Capital Improvement Grant. Some of the renovations included windows throughout the building, replacing furnace/AC units on roof for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, elevator renovations, complete for the second floor, lighting; and, renovations to the police station. The Grant was submitted on April 19, 2024.
- Will advertise for RFP's for the MS4 GIS Mapping
- Will be advertising for the electrical work at the Veterans Park and Gazebo area.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the report he gave. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

**Streets / Stormwater Report:**

Council President Ruskowski 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 copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the report submitted by Council President Ruskowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

**Parks & Recreation:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the replacement of sprinkler heads, weather sensor and valves at Veterans Park and Gazebo by M. Jayson Law Care at a cost of \$1,120.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Lasko stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Phillabaum to approve the report she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

### **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. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Veterans Park:**

The Motion to approve ITSEnclosures to replace the screen for the digital wall at Veterans Park was tabled.

Borough Manager Lesko reported that ITSEnclosures got back with them and that the quote is incorrect because they have found out that a touch film needs to be included on the screen. They will work on submitting a new quote.

Councilwoman Barnes reported:

- The VFW would like to display a 105 cordless rifle replica gun at the Veterans Park. Councilwoman Barnes showed a picture of the weapon. Borough Council was not in favor of displaying it due to the size of it at the Veterans Park. They believed it would take away from the park itself.
- It looks as though there may be damage to the wall, possibly due to heavy truck traffic through town causing vibrations, it has hairline fractures on the wall. Mr. Bryner saw the hairline cracks and repaired them at no cost.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about possibly having trucks scaled for overweight vehicles that are passing through the Borough.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that everyone has received a copy of her report, which was the minutes from their last meeting on April 25, 2024 and asked if anyone has any questions or comments.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Ordinances:**

Councilman Davis stated that he will meet with the church that is requesting changes to the sign ordinance.

Councilman Davis would also like to amend the ordinance regarding burning to include language regarding firepits.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

**Human Resources: None.**

**Events Report:**

Councilwoman Wojnar 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 Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the events report that was submitted by herself and Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

**Finance / Grants Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the liability insurance effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 through American Alternative Insurance Company through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance for a total cost of total cost of \$54,019.00. (Last year's cost was 47,759.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve Cyber Liability Insurance from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 through Certain UW Lloyd's London through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance, for a total cost of \$2,473.50 (Last year's cost was 2,899.75). Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

**New Business:**

Councilman Phillabaum stated that he will have Jeff McGuinness get the yard sale signs to StukUp Grafix to have the dates changed so the signs can be put out. Councilman Davis stated he can help get the signs put up when they are completed if someone lets him know.

Solicitor Mlakar recommended putting Mr. Bosas invoice in for next month's bills to be paid and that there should be a written understanding with Mr. Bosas. There could be a problem if Mr. Bosas would fall while working on the town clock there could be an issue. Borough Manager Lesko stated that Mr. Bosas is not an employee of the Borough and the Borough has only paid for the parts. Councilman Barrick stated that we should have some sort of an agreement with the church as well.

Solicitor Mlakar commented regarding the festival that the church would like to hold and stated that the Borough has a vendor's ordinance and that the Borough does charge a vendor's fee of \$50.00 per vendor. Solicitor Mlakar stated the ordinance is poorly written and would like to review the Ordinance with Borough Manager Lesko. Ms. Guidas stated that they would like to move some of the vendors outside if it would be nice. Solicitor Mlakar stated that is where the problem comes in and they would then have to apply for the transient/vendors merchant permit and it would be \$50.00 per vendor. There are exclusions for farmers selling their own grown products. If the vendor is inside, they would not need the permit. They need it if they are outside or on the sidewalk. The ordinance does address sound for the music as well and would depend on what they are zoned.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Lesko read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its dinner and meeting at Hoss' Steak House in Greensburg on Thursday, May 23, 2024 starting at 5:30pm. RSVP by May 20, 2024.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Mayor/Council Comment:**

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

Councilwoman Wojnar asked everyone to support the Mount Pleasant Library on May 8<sup>th</sup> by purchasing a pizza from Falbo's Too from 11:00am to 8:00pm. \$5.00 from every purchase will be donated to the library.

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:48pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sharon Lesko  
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

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Susan Ruszkowski, Council President



**May 6, 2024  
Committee Reports**

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Met with Bob Regola to update him regarding the COVID ARPA Capital Improvement Grant

Met with Dan Busatto of Century Insurance regarding the VFD insurance renewal

Several meetings with Zach Gergas Re: Medic 10 / Grants being filed and received / Roof damage and ceiling damage at Medic 10

Attended Executive Session on April 22 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm Re: Personnel

Received insurance monies for roof damages at Street Department Maintenance Building and the salt shed.

Met with Councilman Barrick and Council President Ruszkowski regarding COVID ARPA Capital Improvement Grant.

The COVID ARPA Capital Improvement Grant has been submitted for an amount of \$1,360,000.00.

Attended the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet with Council President Ruszkowski, Councilwoman Czekanski, Councilwoman Barnes, Mayor Bailey, Councilwoman Wojnar and Councilman Phillabaum.

Attended meeting with Council President Ruszkowski, Councilwoman Lasko, Councilwoman Stevenson, Councilwoman Barnes and Solicitor Mlakar regarding Lease Agreements for the softball league, baseball league, Medic 10 and the MPVFD.

Met with Dan Busatto of Century Insurance regarding Borough Liability and Cyber Insurance Renewal.

Met with Councilman Davis regarding MAWC Fire Hydrant Testing Lists / Fire Pit Ordinance information.

Several meetings with Council President Ruszkowski re: various Borough issues.

Met with Councilwoman Stevenson to review the Treasurers Report

Closed out the COVID-19 ARPA Grant. Filed all necessary documents. Waiting for final closeout from government.

**Property:**

**Streets Department:**

Turned the “No turn on red signs” back the way they are supposed to be around the dough boy on the traffic light poles.

Cut grass at the parks and the properties that we have.

Swept the south side of first ward, the north side of first ward, the north side of second ward, and the south side of second ward. We swept Main Street, North Church Street, and North and South Diamond Street.

Drilled a hole for a Jordan street sign on Main Street across from the Sunoco and put the pole and sign in.

Took the decking of the fountain from the Christmas tree to get ready to start up the fountain.

Put 5 signs in for the rotary club around town.

Patch holes around town.

Concreted signs in to walks.

Weed whacked the rain gardens and in the parking lots that we take care of.

Changed the oil in the zero turn and got it ready to start cutting grass.

Cleaned out some drains and repaired them on Oak Street.

Did some work around the shop to keep it maintained.

Attended a seminar in Hershey – Discussion regarding bonding roads when construction. If work is being done nearby on PennDOT roads, construction vehicles are to stay on the PennDOT routes. If they take another route and traverse over Borough roads you can require them to fix them.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Met with solicitor and Sharon about leases for ballfields. A few edits were identified and Mr. Mlakar is addressing those. We are also requesting that leagues be responsible for checking fields and grounds for trash and checking that there are no issues with bathrooms.

Received a complaint regarding some old graffiti at Frick playground that was addressed but it is still visible. Sharon and Rocky will try something else to fully remove the image. The complaint also called out the pea gravel at the playground as a problem and the sliding board. I checked the sliding board but didn't see where there are any areas of concern.

Rocky put the toddler equipment at Frick prior to softball opening. Thank you to him for being proactive. A permanent piece will be ordered.

Installation of some of the new equipment at parks has begun. Thank you to the streets department for their work.

A quote for the scoreboard at Frick was given to the girls' softball league. The cost is just over \$3000. There was an offer from someone to try and fix for little or nothing but the company that installed it says their parts must be used in order for it to work. I would like for council to consider helping with the cost in the 2025 budget or if we have the funds in the hillside project to add the scoreboard repair to that project if possible.

Grass cutting is in full swing now with Silvis Landscaping and the street department.

Diana Lasko, Chairwoman

### **Public Safety Committee:**

Spoke with Fire Chief Paul Harenchar who is inquiring about using roughly an area of about 16 x 16 at the Borough maintenance area to hold smoke house training. Chief Harenchar explained having the training closer to home would be easier on the fire department and should cost very little if anything to the Borough.

On 5/3/24 I contacted Borough Manager Sharon and Officer Ramela about a safety concern on the corner of South Hitchman and main street. Extension cords were run from one home to another across the sidewalk and streets. Spencer called it into 911. There was a dog in the one residency but no one answering. Spencer unplugged the extension cords. If I notice this activity again, I will call 911 to request a wellness check. Recommend that to anyone else that may come across this.

Would like to hold an executive session to discuss personnel. This is to follow up with a conversation I have had with President of Council Susan and Human Resources Chair Linda.

On the Corner of South Hitchman and Spruce a resident has a situation I feel Council should review. Resident would like to put up a privacy fence. Our ordinance as written would prevent the resident from doing so. The way the fence would sit would not obstruct traffic. I've discussed this with Susan, Linda, and Andy about addressing this for the resident.

This past month I have spike with several business owners that are not happy with the BDA's food truck events to be held. They fear the food trucks will take away from the business they routinely receive during those days scheduled.

Followed up on some flooding at Willow Park from the heavy rain in the beginning of the month.

Attended Somerset County PSAB where I hold the position of 2nd Vice President for Somerset County's Board at the Country Club. The event focused on public safety. A presentation by local law enforcement showed a rescue from a residential fire from body camera footage.

Attending Rotary citizen of the year for Joe Zelenak along with Patience Barnes, Linda, Council President Susan, and Mayor Bailey.

Attended Westmoreland County PSAB with Council Linda, Cindy Wojnar, Patience, Susan, and Mayor Bailey. Was honored as Vice President of the Board in assisting President Andy Pinskey and Diane Schaffer with the presentation.

Lastly, I'd like to bring a concern to Council of exposed outlets at the gazebo. Throughout the day, I am seeing more and more mostly youths hanging out at the gazebo charging their devices. While they are there, they are riding bikes and skateboards.

**Human Resources:**

None

**Ordinance Committee:**

Met with Events Committee and restaurant owners regarding the food trucks and received input.

Would like to work on creating a fire pit ordinance or guidelines for having a fire pit.

**Events committee:**

Please support the Mount Pleasant Library on May 8<sup>th</sup> by purchasing a pizza from Falbos Too 11am to 8pm. \$5 from every purchase will be donated to the library.

Cindy Wojnar, Chairwoman

We met for the activities committee at Lobingers. Ken called the meeting, John Lobinger, Sue R, Teresa Duchess, Leo Wisniewski and Andy Davis were in attendance. Discussion was held regarding the food trucks. Both John and Leo were very much against the food trucks. They felt this would take business away from their local businesses. Our committee listened, but did not make any promises to the business owners. They also discussed their frustration with the business district association, and their role for the local businesses.

Linda Czekanski, Events Committee Member

**Finance Committee:**

Reviewed Treasurers Report with Borough Manager.  
Total Borough funds through March 2024 \$7,953,459.27

Veterans Park Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 25, 2024

Agenda:

1. Old Business
2. Truck Traffic
3. Banners

Meetings:

1. Old Business:

A. Railing:

Mr. Byrner wants the Borough to consult with our engineers to design a railing that can be taken to a local that makes railings. Mr. Byrner is willing to install the railing, once made.

Patience discussed this with Susan Pugzkowski as to how to set up a meeting with our engineers.

B. Artist:

Mr. Sunford has completed the Coast Guard section and is now working on the Marines and Army sections.

C. Digital Wall:

The corrected cost to replace the screen is \$3,570.00. In response to the question as to whether we can have a piece of plexiglass placed over the digital screen to protect it from vandalism, Patience contacted ITS Technologies to get an answer to that question. The answer is "no." It would interfere with the function of the screen.

D. Doughloy Anniversary:

Ken indicated that the event committee is discussing the event. He would like the Main Street blocked off for an hour to access the statue.

The "end dates" for the "Gulf War" and the "War of 1812" need to be engraved on the base of the Doughloy statue.

E. Weapons Display at Veterans:

Joe Jelenak would like to put a weapon at Veterans Park. The recommended weapon is a "105", not the "101", cordless rifle. It is a small weapon. Patience will bring it up at the May 6th Council meeting.

2. Truck Traffic:

It appears that the heavy truck traffic on Main Street may be causing vibration and possible cracking damage to the Veterans wall. Ken indicated that we may be close to being able to weigh these trucks coming through town so we can cut down on the traffic.

3. Hammers:

Patience called the newspaper to ask them to put an article in the paper stating that the hammers will go up May, not April, due to weather (wind) concerns.

Finally, Ken was at Somerset for a OSA B meeting and noted that one community's presentation said they have a group picture taken before the hammers are put up each year. He would like to see Mt. Pleasant do it.

5/6/24, 4:02 PM

M40 105 mm RR - M40 recoilless rifle - Wikipedia



[More details](#)

Rbka11 - Own work

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M40\\_recoilless\\_rifle#/media/File:M40\\_105\\_mm\\_RR.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M40_recoilless_rifle#/media/File:M40_105_mm_RR.jpg)

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Mount Pleasant Borough Council

Meeting (5/6/2024)

**Call Volume Report**

<b>April Call Volume - 226</b>	<b>April Missed Calls - 11</b>
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DOA / Field Terminations - 3	
Standbys - 11	
<b>April Wheelchair Van Trips - 65</b>	
<b>April Totals - 291</b>	
<b>Year to Date (2024)</b>	<b>(2023)</b>
<b>Calls - 985</b>	<b>851 (134 ahead)</b>
<b>Wheelchair Van Trips - 290</b>	<b>96 (194 ahead)</b>
<b>Total - 1,275</b>	<b>947 (328 ahead)</b>

**Grants**

Enbridge Fueling Features - Received \$2,000  
Harbor Freight Tools - Received \$200 (Tool Boxes for all ambulances)  
Norfolk Southern - Applied  
PA Skill Charitable Giving - Applied  
Walmart Grant - Applied  
Columbia Gas (NiSource) - Applied  
State Farm Good Neighbor - Applied  
Gary Sinese Foundation - Applied  
AFG - Applied / Still in the running

**Donations**

Allegheny Health Network - \$2,000 (Garage Space Rental)  
Ceroni Memorial Fund - \$225  
Donation Letters - Handing Out (Current)

**Community Events**

Landing Zone Class (AHN LifeFlight) - Going on now  
Touch-a-Truck - Bullskin Fairgrounds 5/19  
M.P.V.F.D. Festival 6/26 - 6/29  
EMS Presentation - Mt. Caramel Vacation Bible School 8/8

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- APRIL	47
IN TOWN	15
OUT OF TOWN	32
10-45'S	14
ENTRAPMENT	3
EXTRICATION	
FIRES	4
AFA'S	11
HAZARDOUS CALLS	3
STANDBY'S	
AMB. ASSISTS	
LANDING ZONES	
PUBLIC SERVICE	12
DRILLS	1
BOAT CALL	1
TURNPIKE CALLS	3
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	418
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	9
TOTAL CALLS 2023 AT THIS TIME	168
CALLS SO FAR THIS YEAR	202
<b>WE ARE 34 CALLS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR</b>	



## **Motions from Meeting of May 6, 2024**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 1, 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 to hold an executive session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:11pm to 8:01pm to discuss personnel contract issues.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to consider a new contract for the Borough Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to permit the solicitor to review the Handicap Parking Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to accept the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the report he gave. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the report submitted by Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the replacement of sprinkler heads, weather sensor and valves at Veterans Park and Gazebo by M. Jayson Law Care at a cost of \$1,120.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Phillabaum to approve the report she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

The Motion to approve ITSEnclosures to replace the screen for the digital wall at Veterans Park was tabled.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the events report that was submitted by herself and Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the liability insurance effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 through American Alternative Insurance Company through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance for a total cost of total cost of \$54,019.00. (Last year's cost was 47,759.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve Cyber Liability Insurance from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 through Certain UW Lloyd's London through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance, for a total cost of \$2,473.50 (Last year's cost was 2,899.75). Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

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

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