

## Meeting August 5, 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 Lasko, Stevenson, Davis, Barnes, Czekanski, and Phillabaum. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2024 and special meeting minutes of July 10, 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 his monthly report. A copy of the report provided by Mr. Gergas is attached hereto.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that he is working on completing the by-laws for Medic 10 and asked Mr. Gergas about the protocol of who can be in an ambulance. Mr. Gergas stated that they have an EMT and paramedic and then anyone that is in the fire department they can use as a driver if it is a more critical call. Solicitor Mlakar asked if they have to be trained. Mr. Gergas responded, if they are a driver they do not, just EVOC certification which is the Emergency Vehicle Operation Certification. Solicitor Mlakar stated that they have had issues at other municipalities with ride-alongs and the insurance company does not approve of it. Mr. Gergas stated that they do offer ride-alongs to EMT students through the County Community College and Penn State and that they have agreements with both of the schools and they do sign HIPAA forms before they do the ride-alongs.

James Meredith of the VFW Post 3368 presented Zachary Gergas, Director of Medic 10, a check for Medic 10 for their outstanding efforts in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be help offset any expenses, medical supplies, vehicle maintenance or whatever they may need.

### Fire Department Report:

Mr. Harenchar spoke gave the following report:

- Thanked everyone that attended the Fireman's Banquet celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- They have been very busy with fire calls and are 52 calls ahead of last year.
- They have people that are interested in joining the fire department.
- The tower truck is not in service yet. It has to have work done to the pump and then it will be ready to put back in service. It should be done within a week or so once it goes for the repairs.

Borough Manager Lesko asked Mr. Harenchar if he knew when the lights at the softball field at Frick Park are going to be fixed. Mr. Siska already had the parts before the truck had left to be repaired in Ohio and was to fix them when the tower truck returned. Mr. Harenchar stated that they were told that there was a grant received for LED lights and the softball league was going to have someone else doing it. Borough Manager Lesko stated that they would not have that done before the travelling Vietnam Wall come through and the lights have to be fixed for that. Mr. Harenchar stated that the truck can be used to put up the lights.

- Mr. Harenchar stated that they will accept the offer of Parade Marshall celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival.
- Mr. Harenchar asked if there was anything needed from the fire department in helping with the travelling Vietnam Wall. Borough Manager Lesko stated that we don't have

much to do with it other than giving them the use of Frick Park and the lighting. Mr. Gallagher has taken care of everything and it will be here from August 28<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Mr. Harenchar stated that he had been asked about putting a flag up over Route 31 when they pass through. Borough Manager Lesko stated that she had spoken with Mr. Gallagher today and asked him to stop at the fire department and talk to Mr. Harenchar.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that he had asked Borough Manager Lesko to forward a State Farm Grant to the fire department. Mr. Harenchar stated that they had received it and have already submitted the grant. Solicitor Mlakar stated that it is a first come first serve grant.

**Public Comment:**

- Lance Bentler, Principal of Ramsay Elementary, inquired about advertising for a Crossing Guard. Mr. Bentler has been helping when Don Fleming cannot make it to cross. Mr. Bentler has asked parents that are there all the time to drop off and pick up their children and they have no interest in doing it and he cannot keep doing it. Borough Manager Lesko stated that the Borough will place an ad to see if they get any interest in the position. Borough Manager Lesko reported that Diane Washington is retiring and will not be doing it this year. Mr. Bentler stated that he has meetings after school is out and that he has spoken with custodians and that is a union issue and they cannot cross unions. He does not have a school police officer daily or he could have him do it. The Borough Police would fill in when they did not have anyone to do it.
- Ray Sylvester of 413 Braddock Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding fireworks from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Party in the Park. Has lived in the Borough over 20 years. When he first moved here, they had the fireworks in the cemetery and at that time he was younger and would clean up any debris left in his yard, roof and gutters. Mr. Sylvester stated his is not one to complain and loves fireworks as much as anyone else; however, he does not like them right over his home. This year was the worst and the debris was still glowing orange when landing on his roof. He was thankful the fire department was on the street in front of his house during the fireworks. Debris was hitting him and he had to go inside. Stated that the inside of his house smelled like Sulphur for 2 days. Council President Ruszkowski stated that she will speak with the Borough Manager and see what we can do.
- Dan Sucanic of 333 South Diamond Street, Mt. Pleasant PA spoke to Council regarding the fireworks from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Party in the Park. He is a neighbor to Mr. Sylvester and he will confirm everything that he just spoke about. Mr. Sucanic brought a bag of debris that was in his pool. He is concerned that they are toxic and may contaminate water. Mr. Sucanic suggested putting the fireworks off at another location instead of Visitation Cemetery that possibly Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Falcons Field or the Kosciuszko Club. Mr. Sucanic stated that he does have pictures and video of the debris on his property if anyone would like to see them. Mr. Sucanic stated that they love the fireworks but believes it is a safety hazard.
- James King, a representative of East Huntingdon Township, spoke to Council stating the following:

“He is a representative of East Huntingdon Township and the reason why he is here is they have had some issues in the past with some Council or Mayor’s showing up at the ribbon cuttings within the Township. July 26<sup>th</sup> Walmart had their grand opening and I believe there were members from either from Council, but most of it was all Mount Pleasant School District. I have been told that someone from within the Council is a manager, regional manager for Walmart. Is that true? Either way, supervisors, council presidents, especially the school district are not happy about it because the last time I checked the Borough limits are not in Walmart or Countryside Plaza or Summit Ridge Plaza. Like I said, we have had issues in the past with representatives showing up for ribbon cuttings. We don’t have this problem with Scottdale at all. Scottdale, if someone approaches them that are inside the Township, their Borough Manager, Mayor, anybody comes to the Township and talks to Alex, talks to one of the supervisors,

talks to me and they make sure it goes to the right person. I'm just saying that I believe that it's kind of gone away over the years and now my phone blows up when they see something on Facebook for Walmart and any other things and are like why aren't you guys there, why aren't you guys invited and stuff like that. All I'm saying is if they approach you, you go "hey go to the right representative. This is East Huntingdon Township, that's where your tax money comes out of, that's where your fire tax comes out of, that's where your school district tax comes out of." That's all we are asking for. I'm not saying you couldn't have both Mount Pleasant and Southmoreland School District there because its all the same area but the fact that only one was invited and not both, a lot at the school district is not happy about it". Councilwoman Barnes asked who invited them? Mr. King said that he did not know and that the only reason he knew about it was pictures that was on Facebook and hearsay of people calling the Township building saying hey, was you guys invited. The parents' association asking why wasn't Southmoreland invited. I guess the Mount Pleasant Library got a \$1500.00 donation, the football booster got a check, cheerleading, and there was another sport, all got a check. The post is now actually removed. If you look on there it only has the Westmoreland Food Bank, the Mount Pleasant Library and another organization. They must have took it off because of all of the comments that were underneath it and all of the backlash from it. It has been removed. Council President Ruszkowski stated that the invitations come to us. We don't put that together. Mr. King says "I understand that but it's like if one of you guys' businesses come to the Township and say we want you to come to a ribbon cutting we as supervisors and secretaries, everybody would be like that is not our area, contact your right representatives. If they contact you or if they try to contact the school district, why can't you guys just be like "hey reach out to the supervisors, reach out to the secretaries, talk to Alex there or you know if they want to go hey we can do a joint thing, because I believe we did it at McDonalds that they had the Borough Council and the Township Supervisors there all for one and I get it because of the zip codes. Our Township is made up of 8 different zip codes, Hunker, New Stanton, Alverton, Tars, Ruffs Dale, Scottdale. It's a big area. It's 33.7 sq miles and there are a bunch of different zip codes in it. I get a lot of these businesses get confused because they have the 15666 zip code and they're thoughts automatically go the Mt. Pleasant. Councilman Davis asked are you saying that they didn't invite anyone out there at all? Mr. King responded "not a single person. Alex double checked her records and any missed calls and anything like that. The supervisors checked their cell phones and there was no information from Walmart or even Southmoreland School District".

- "Good evening. Obviously, everyone knows why I am here. Do you all want to take a break?"

Council President Ruszkowski said "no, I just need your name and address for the record".

"I was going to do that ma'am. My name is Mark Price, a former Police Officer here at Mount Pleasant, again obviously you guys know who I am. I am here to make a correction that was posted at your last meeting that states Officer Price was fired from Mount Pleasant Police Department. I want it to be known that Officer Price wasn't fired from Mount Pleasant Police Department. I resigned / quit and I resigned / quit after I had a meeting with the mayor, who obviously isn't here today right, who knows why? After I sat on her couch for approximately 45minutes and explained to her how jacked up Mount Pleasant Police Department is and all of the things that are going on and all of the things that should be addressed and aren't being addressed and how a police officer is conducting himself here."

Solicitor Mlakar stated "I am going to stop you right there. It's a personnel matter. You cannot stand here and criticize the police department. You have a complaint? File the complaint with the Borough. The Borough will address it."

Mr. Price continued by saying "what I'm doing is, letting you all know".

Solicitor Mlakar said "I'm telling you that's what you are to do".

Mr. Price said "can I continue speaking now?"

Solicitor Mlakar responded "no, you are done".

Mr. Price said “which is what I figured was going to happen here”. Solicitor Mlakar stated “it is a personnel matter”. Mr. Price said “but the personnel matter is all of the information, I have text messages, I have letters”. Solicitor Mlakar intervened and said “file a complaint, do what you have to do” Mr. Price continued to speak over Mr. Mlakar stating I have everything else to justify what you all say that I did. Solicitor Mlakar continued “do what you have to do, it’s a personnel matter, we’re not going to discuss it”. Mr. Price continued by saying “I was never talked to, I was never called in” Solicitor Mlakar stated “your time is up sir, please sit down”. Mr. Price addressed a reporter from the Daily Courier in the room by saying “sir, if you could, I would like to talk to you after this meeting”. Solicitor Mlakar responded by saying “be careful what you say”. Mr. Price continued “and we’ll clarify the record there”. Mr. Price went on to say “I knew this would happen, just like every other meeting. Evidently you all don’t care.

Mr. Price stated “Before you continue, I will be at the next meeting and try to get another 3 minutes. Solicitor Mlakar stated “and you’re not going to get it. If you’re going to talk personnel, it’s a personnel matter, you’re not going to get it sir”. Mr. Price stated “I’m not talking personnel; I am talking personal”. Solicitor Mlakar said “it doesn’t matter, it is a personnel matter”. Mr. Price responded “me”? Solicitor Mlakar responded “yes”. Mr. Price said “I can speak on my own behalf”. Solicitor Mlakar responded “you have an appropriate method to do that. I would suggest you get counsel”. Mr. Price responded “I am trying”. Solicitor Mlakar stated “you are not going to get it here”. Mr. Price continued by saying “you all don’t want to hear what I have to say because it’s the truth, that’s why”. Solicitor Mlakar responded “we’ve had enough, we’ve heard enough from you”. Mr. Price continued “you did the same thing to Mr. Rega at one of the meetings that I was here when that man is legitimately right”. Council President Ruszkowski banged the gavel and stated Mr. Price you are out of order!” Mr. Price responded “I am done. I will see you next meeting”. Solicitor Mlakar stated “you’ll get the same answer”. Mr. Price responded by saying “I’m sure”.

**Speakers:     None.**

**Mayor’s Report:     None.**

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- The Parking Authority met, signed a Resolution asking that they be terminated. Borough Manager Lesko has the Resolution. They also signed the deeds transferring the properties to the Borough. They will be recorded and once all assets are transferred the Authority will sign a request for termination and then the Borough will pass an Ordinance terminating them.
- Distributed to council for comments a copy of the solicitation ordinance that was drafted. Solicitor Mlakar asked if Council could please review and send him comments regarding the ordinance. We will not advertise it until everyone is on board with what they want to do. There needs to be more discussion and a decision where food trucks are not permitted on Main Street.
- Had Borough Manager Lesko circulate a tentative draft of the sign ordinance. There are some lengths that council needs to decide what they would like to do. The ordinance has been limited to solely electronic signs, which are LED signs that can be changed either manually or by internal controls. The issue is do you want to have scrolling signs? Under the codes that would be considered digital signs as opposed to an LED sign. The existing zoning ordinance creates a provision on the size of a sign. We are probably looking at a sign approximately 10 sq. ft. and then where do you want them located? Do you want them just as a pole sign, which he recommends, or a cabinet sign, which you have a monument and the cabinet is inside. Councilman Davis stated that we should be careful with the language because a digital sign can be LED. Solicitor Mlakar stated that is one of the questions, a digital sign is a scrolling sign that goes across, and do you want that or do you want an LED sign that is changeable and how often do you want it to change.

Councilwoman Lasko asked if PennDOT has regulations for some of this. Solicitor Mlakar stated they do for state highways. Councilman Phillabaum stated that is Diamond Street, Church Street and Main Street. Solicitor Mlakar also said and you need to decide where do you want them located. The problem with the ordinance is that you have a zoning ordinance that addresses signs with 5 paragraphs and you have a free-standing sign ordinance that doesn't correlate with the zoning ordinance. What really should happen is that zoning ordinance should be amended to address signs and when you get to that point, what types of signs do you want to allow. Where do you want them located; do you want them on roofs, etc. Solicitor Mlakar stated that the perfect example is Saloom's Store and that is an LED sign. It changes as opposed to scrolling. Councilwoman Lasko stated that she believes that everyone would want LED as opposed to scrolling. Solicitor Mlakar stated that they call them animation signs. Councilwoman Czekanski asked if you can have both in the Ordinance. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you can and that Council will have to decide and the other question would be when you get to the zoning, where do you want them located. There are approximately 10 different options as to where you can have them. Borough Manager Lesko asked if they want a scrolling sign on every store front. Councilwoman Lasko stated that is what she is afraid is going to happen. Councilwoman Czekanski stated that she has had some businesses approach her that are located along SR 31 that want them. She is not opposed to them because we don't want to lose businesses in town. Mr. Joseph Bauer spoke from the audience and stated that the Borough does have an ordinance regarding overhead signs due to the weight of them so no one gets hurt. Mr. Bauer stated that the Borough should look at Youngwood Boroughs sign ordinance. They just put in an LED sign along SR 119 in their borough. Solicitor Mlakar stated that he looked at their ordinance online and it does not include digital signs. He will have to give them a call to see if they he can get a copy of their updated sign ordinance. Solicitor Mlakar asked the Ordinance Committee to please get together and take a look at the draft sign ordinance and decide what they want to do.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-24			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2024
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,350,015.28	51,891.79	147,815.24	1,254,091.83
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,081,782.46	3,549.79	0.00	1,085,332.25
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	393,757.26				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers					
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	27,156.44				
** Frick Park Gas					
Well	29,927.50				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	43,400.00				
**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	35,850.20	352.37	0.00	36,202.57
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,648.00	15.90	0.00	4,663.90
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	183,741.74	628.45	318.80	184,051.39
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	376.36	7,759.16	0.00
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	0.00	7,759.16	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,580.12	71,895.73	48,824.50	26,651.35
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,923.12	2.34	0.00	25,925.46

Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,476.91	0.10	1,750.00	727.01
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,289.73	4.41	0.00	1,294.14
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	262,654.11	898.64	0.00	263,552.75
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	18,736.66	233,991.26	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039102	0.00	233,991.26	0.00	233,991.26
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
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>3,232,013.95</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	343,912.92	80,754.20	67,069.59	357,597.53
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	59,996.93	205.27	0.00	60,202.20
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	12,185.48	39.99	0.00	12,225.47
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,452.48	8.39	0.00	2,460.87
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	19,458.71	1,059.59	20,518.30	0.00
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	0.00	20,518.30	0.00	20,518.30
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318023688	5,325.42	268.42	5,593.84	0.00
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318038116	0.00	5,593.84	0.00	5,593.84
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>458,598.21</b>
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	908,760.16	3,109.20	0.00	911,869.36
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	484,930.84	1,466.72	0.00	486,397.56
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	701.14	1,175.47	201,034.05
WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank - 318015215	201,508.38	701.14	1,175.47	201,034.05
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	518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>5,166,113.02</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>8,856,725.18</b>
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the June 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

**Tax Collector’s Report:**               **None.**

**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 Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to prepare a proposed Right-to-Know Policy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the reason for the right to know policy is that there are a lot of requests coming out from AI generated anonymous sources and there have been some decisions by the open records office that you do not have to answer them; however, you should have a

policy in place with a designated person along with a separate dedicated email address for the requests.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if this is for federal. Solicitor Mlakar stated that this is for the state and what is now happening is that AI is generating requests and when you look at the email and try to research it, it is not existing. There is a fear that they are going to try and breach your system. The second thing is anonymous requests. The statute states that anonymous requests are allowed; however, there have been so many fake anonymous requests that the right-to-know office states you do not have to honor those opinions; but, you should to have a policy in place saying what you are going to do and then if there are an appeal they will look at your policy and they will say your policy is good and you do not have to answer. Solicitor Mlakar stated that these AI generated are just blasting emails to all municipalities in Pennsylvania with a right-to-know request with different return email addresses so you have to segregate where they are from and you will find that the company does not exist. Councilwoman Barnes asked the reason why they are doing this? Solicitor Mlakar stated so they can breach your system. If you click on anything in the email and respond then it is possible that they will have something. It is easier to have a policy and to have it posted on your website. Councilwoman Barnes asked if they try to put a virus in there. Solicitor Mlakar stated to take all of your information and possibly a ransom.

**President's Report:   None.**

#### **Property Report:**

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2024-06 authorizing and approving the execution of a Right of Way Agreement and Easement between the Borough of Mount Pleasant and the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that we have a CSO, combined sewer lines; and, the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County has to relocate one of the lines near Willows Park and they are going to bypass an existing easement and re-route it around to come into compliance with the DEP CSO requirements. This resolution authorizes the execution of the easement. It is a permanent and temporary construction easement. The President and the Secretary pursuant to the resolution are authorized to sign it and deliver it to the engineer for the Borough, Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co. Councilman Davis asked if they do full restoration to the property. Solicitor Mlakar stated that they do.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize Ulery Architect to provide a cost for building improvements at Central Fire Station and buildings at Street Department not to exceed a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to re-advertise for bids for the electric work at the Gazebo / Veterans Park area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise for bids to replace the shingles on the Medic 10 building due to storm damage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Davis asked what type of roof was going to be put on the building. Borough Manager Lesko stated that it will be shingles and the whole roof at Medic 10 will be replaced. The roof is being replaced due to storm damages and the cost covered by insurance.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the street department/stormwater report submitted by Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close a portion of Mullin Avenue from Main Street to the alley at the end of the Somerset Trust parking lot on August 12<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 between 3:00pm and 8:00pm for the Mt. Pleasant BDA Food Truck Night. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Main Street Route 31 from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on September 28, 2024 from 12:30pm to 4:00pm for the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes stated the only question she has regarding the glass festival is why are we not asking for the police department and the street department to let us know how many hours are being spent for this glass festival. Borough Manager Lesko stated that we did receive them and that the Glass Festival paid/reimbursed the Borough for the hours last year. Councilwoman Barnes responded that is good. Council President Ruszkowski does not know if the police will be able to be at the festival this year due to staffing.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close S. Diamond Street from Route 31 Main Street to Spruce Street and Washington Street from College Avenue to Hitchman from 10:00am September 26, 2024 to 11:00am September 30, 2024 for the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Route 31, Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the 2024 Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Route 31, Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the annual 2024 Christmas Parade and Route 819 Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on December 4, 2024 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Main Street from Eagle Street to Diamond from 10:30am to 11:30am on November 11, 2024 for the annual Veterans Day Parade and ceremonies. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on November 11, 2024 from 10:30am to noon for the Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremonies. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close a portion of the alley between the basketball court and Frick Park from Wednesday, August 28 to September 1, 2024 for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. It will be closed the length of the basketball court fence. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Parks & Recreation:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to purchase the discovery ridge playground with roof playset at a total cost of \$7641.54 from WillyGoat Equipment for Frick Park to replace the playset that was damaged by vandals. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if this will be the same material as was there before. Councilwoman Lasko stated that it is not exact but it is very similar as to what was there before. It has a roof and is a little bigger than what we currently put up, which that piece will be going to Jack Bobbs. Councilwoman Barnes asked if it is stainless steel. Councilwoman Lasko stated that it is not and that it is for the preschool children and most of that stuff is just the heavy-duty plastic. Councilwoman Lasko stated she tries to avoid the plastic as much as she can when purchasing because she wants it to last.



**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 public safety report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2024-07 approving the Amendment to the Police Contract with Mt. Pleasant Borough Police Department and authorize Borough Manager Lesko to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire Hannah A Toski as a part-time police officer at the part-time rate of \$20.00 per hour pending background check. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

**Veterans Park:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- The digital wall is currently down. There was a battery backup supply that was bad and we have replaced it. Spectrio and Borough Manager Lesko keep in communication about the wall.
- There are people that have bricks at Veterans Park that are wearing and fading. They can request a new stone at a cost of \$50.00 through the Borough office.
- Looking into putting a light on the mural. They will be speaking with Mr. Krystiniak who owns the Diamond Mini Mall about being able to place a light there.
- Received a call from Commander Joe Zelenak who has a gentleman that will design and install a railing at the Veterans Wall. They will know a price after they have the Veterans Park advisory committee meeting and have the information for next month's meeting.
- We now have 57 banners. Jeff McGuinness has put up the last batch of approximately 12 banners. They have gone past Yoder Avenue into the Township on East Main Street.
- There will be a representative from the Veterans Park Committee meeting with the Events Committee regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the doughboy. They will be having the unveiling of the Veterans Wall, the doughboy celebration and Veterans Day.

**Ordinances:**

Councilman Davis 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 Davis to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve Ordinance No. 665 amending Chapter 20 (Solid Waste) to provide for the use of outdoor fire places, grills, fire pits, stone rings, exclusively for recreational purposes and food preparation. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

**Human Resources: None.**

**Events Report:**

Councilwoman Czekanski 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 her report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the events report as submitted by her. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

**Finance / Grants Report:**

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Finance report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2024-08 approving a Joint Petition and Stipulation of Settlement of a tax assessment appeal filed by Rolling Rock Unlimited LLC. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that this is the property where Somerset Trust Bank is now located on Main Street. In 2023 Rolling Rock Unlimited, LLC, who owns the property, filed an appeal to the Tax Assessment for a reduction in the tax assessment. For some reason the Borough did not participate in the hearing, nobody entered their appearance. It is his understanding that it was sent to the prior solicitor. The school district and the county negotiated a settlement to reduce the tax assessment for the property. They reduced the assessment to \$31,600.00, which is a proposed market value of \$316,000.00 for the year 2024 and then to \$29,338.00 for the year 2025 which keeps the proposed \$316,000.00 market value. The vacant lot is assessed at \$8,400 for 2024 and \$7,812.00 for 2025 giving it a proposed market value of \$84,000.00. There will be a refund due for the year 2024. Borough Manager Lesko informed Solicitor Mlakar that in the past, the Borough Manager nor the Borough felt it was worth the costs to take action against tax assessment appeals.

Solicitor Mlakar stated when a tax assessment appeal is filed you should make a determination as to whether or not you want the solicitor to enter an appearance for the Borough. The solicitor should be involved when an appeal is taken. This appeal come out of the clear blue and they are stunned at what occurred. This appeal was based on an appraisal that was done before the building was improved. We should now contact the tax office and ask them to go out and reassess based upon the improvements that were made.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize the solicitor to contact the tax assessment office to reassess the property that is referred to in Resolution No. 2024-08. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

**New Business:**           **None.**

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Lesko read the following communications:

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Lux Salon at 533 West Main Street, Mount Pleasant PA on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 5:30pm.
- There will be an open house at the Merakey Education Center, 2414 School Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA on August 20, 2024 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. RSVP by August 7, 2024 to [schools@merakey.org](mailto:schools@merakey.org).

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

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

**Mayor/Council Comment:**

Councilwoman Stevenson asked to add additional comment regarding the fireworks. There is a lot of paper debris on the street more towards the end of the street where they are located.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sharon Lesko  
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

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Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

**August 5, 2024**  
**Committee Reports**

**Mayors Report:**     **None.**

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Had several discussions with Street Department during the project for the sink hole on North Church Street and met with the Street Department post construction of North Church Street for final follow up.

Attended the special meeting regarding hiring part-time officer Olivia Harshell.

Attended Medic 10 meeting

Received RFQ's for stormwater GIS Mapping. Forwarded them to Councilman Barrick for review.

Attended meeting with Bob Regola, Councilman Barrick, Councilwoman Lasko and Councilwoman Barnes of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Vice President Ken Phillabaum regarding a 5-year plan for the Borough parks.

Held the monthly safety meeting with Mayor Bailey, Police Chief Grippo, Joe Brehun of the Police Department, Eric Bell of Medic 10, Mike Liska of Fire Department, Rocky Anderson, Joe Yancosky and Jeff McGuinness of the Street Department. Topics were: Everyone is Responsible for Safety and Being Mentally Prepared for Emergencies.

Filed all quarterly reports: PSAB/Unemployment Compensation; Street Department Union Dues; Crossing Guards Union Dues; Police Department Union Dues; Census Quarterly Tax Report and PA Municipal Retirement System – Pension

Met w/Parks and Recreation Committee and Vice President Ken Phillabaum at Willows Park regarding thoughts/plans for Willows Park and Soccer fields.

Met with Rick Meason and Gene Kowalesky of the Historical Society regarding scanning old documents, minutes and ordinances.

Attended the open house / ribbon cutting on Sunday, July 21, 2024 along with Council President Ruszkowski, Mayor Bailey and Councilwoman Wojnar for the Independence Health Center for OB/GYN.

Meeting with Council President Ruszkowski, Council V.P. Ken Phillabaum and new owner of Auction Pittsburgh (former American Architectural Salvage Building).

Attended the National Night Out. The crowds were great. There was a short period of rain; however, it did not deter anyone and the evening went well. The Police and Medic 10 were both in attendance. The Fire Department did not send a truck.

Attended the Walmart Re-Grand Opening

Met with Jeff McGuinness and Susan Ruszkowski regarding streets

Met with Sargeant Tim Ferree to review Amendments to Police Contract and approval from Police

Once approved at the meeting this evening, I will submit street closure applications to PennDOT with detours for approval from them.

Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

**Presidents Report: None.**

**Property Committee: None.**

**Streets/Stormwater Committee:**

Street Department took on the project of correcting a large sink hole on North Church Street over a two-day period. It required installing a 20-foot section plus another 12-foot section of corrugated pipe. Also required compressing the 2A gravel along with replacing the site with blacktop. Replaced curb that was removed during construction and replaced resident's yard next to the work area and filled with topsoil. Will be planting grass seeds during the fall season.

Currently painting curbs with yellow paint in areas that were requested by Police Chief Grippo.

Patching pot holes

Maintained the Borough rain gardens on Smithfield Street, Diamond Street and by the Borough building

Prepared for the setup and teardown of the July 3rd celebration which included being certain that the electric was correct for the vendors, set up vendors, setting up barricades, putting extra garbage cans out and removing the barricades and garbage afterwards

Provided barricades, garbage cans and traffic cones to the Mt. Pleasant Business District Authority for the food truck event.

Hanging military banners as they come in and fixing banners that have been twisted due to the winds as needed

Installed new drivers side door hinges on the utility truck.

Responded to resident's concerns therefore we cleaned catch basins on First Street.

Prepared for the National Night Out event by cutting grass in the ballfield area, bringing garbage cans and tear down the next morning and removing trash.

As per our requirements with the Westmoreland County Land Bank, the property that was demolished at 405 Howard Street was cut and trimmed.

Trimmed trees away from stop signs

Susan Ruzkowski, Chairwoman

**Parks and Recreation Committee:**           **None.**

**Veterans Park Committee:**           **None.**

**Public Safety Committee:**

Met with Tim Ferree and Joe Brehun on 8/1/24 along with Borough Manager Sharon Lesko & Council President Susan Ruzkowski about the Police Contract. The meeting went as good as I hoped for. Any questions, please ask during the meeting on 8/5/24.

Follow up from last month's request by Medic 10 to use the Coke and Coal Trail for training purposes, I asked during the Coke and Coal Trail meeting on 7/9/24. The committee informed me those requests are to be made to the RTC. Zack Gergas was informed of this. The bridges on the trail will support ambulances. It was mentioned by Medic 10 about purchasing an ATV that could be used to assist on emergencies on the trail. This suggestion is universally agreed to be a benefit for all parties involved. The Trail Committee did ask in response if Medic 10 has a key to open the gate at the bottom of town. The committee assured me they would get Medic 10 and any other emergency service a key to open the gate upon request.

The County reached out about moving the elections in Third Ward to Medic 10. The process on the County's end has begun. Parking and ADA are the top concerns from the County. Having the elections held at Medic 10 would eliminate both concerns. Council will have to vote to give permission for elections to be held at Medic 10. All voters will be notified thru the mail with updated voter registration after the move is approved by all parties.

Meet with the Parks committee twice this past month. We will be meeting again on 8/8/24 to further discuss plans for improvements and additions to all parks in the community. Topics such as cleaning up the hillside at Frick Park, the Dog Park on the smaller soccer field at Willow Park, equipment, restrooms at Willow Park and more was discussed and will be discussed when we meet on 8/8/24 with Robert Regula.

On 7/22/24 Council President Susan, Borough Manager Sharon, and myself met with the new property owner of the old Cooks property. Several topics were discussed. The meeting went well. The property owner has a good track record with the business she is operating, a good

game plan, and most importantly great intentions. There will be follow up meetings in the future to address some of the topics discussed.

Will be meeting with the events committee on the 8th of August along with Patience Barnes to discuss the 100th anniversary of the Doughboy Statue this upcoming Veteran's Day.

On 8/1/24 along with the rest of the present Parking Authority (myself, Dale Walker, Jim Sebek, and Joseph Horrell) and Solicitor Les Mlaker, we voted to dissolve the authority. Vote passed 4-0. The board will be meeting with the banks that hold accounts and CDs for the Authority over the next week. The money from those accounts will be turned over to the Borough.

Attended the Fireman's Banquet on 8/4/24 along with members of Council. Had the privilege of presenting Joe Siska (45 years), Rich Pologruto (45 years), William Hare (30 years) Zack Gergas (15 years), certificate of appreciation for all the years of volunteer service provided to the community.

**Ordinance Committee:**

We are still working and waiting on some things for the LED sign ordinance aside from that there is nothing else to report at this time.

Andy Davis, Chairman

**Human Resources Committee:     None.**

**Events Committee:**

I attended the monthly library meeting on July 10th. I received a copy of The Financial Statements for years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022, which I delivered to Borough Manager Lesko.

I attended the Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival meeting on July 9th. The Car show will be held on August 16th starting at 6:00pm at Frick Park.

I spoke to the borough manager about establishing a budget for the doughboys 100th anniversary and the selling of ornaments, pins, and snow globes at the Glass festival. The borough would sell buttons and ornaments featuring the Doughboy at the Glass Festival, proceeds to benefit the 250th anniversary of Mount Pleasant borough.

I spoke with committee member Ken Philabaum about a Halloween story walk that would take place on the Cole and Coke trail. The library is willing to help with this event but are looking for sponsors (they will need \$500 to \$1000 for this event) I will share more information as it becomes available.

I attended a Mount Pleasant Historical Society meeting. Mr. Rick Meason agreed to do a speech after the November 11 parade about the history and the importance of the Doughboy. We discussed the anniversary of the Doughboy, options for some contests (they would be interested in a coloring contest) with support of the Borough, and some of the history surrounding the doughboy. I will discuss this with the events committee and present more information to council. The historical society will work with the borough on finding families that were originally honored, pictures of the previous dedications and rededications, and information about the original design, and manufacturer.

Council should review the insurance policy on the doughboy to make sure we would be able to repair it if something were to happen. The 1980's cost to restore the doughboy was substantial.

I spoke to The Borough manager about Mount Pleasants 250th Anniversary in 2028. A committee should be started soon with a list of events to be determined.

The Mount Pleasant Historical Society is interested in being part of Mount Pleasant Boroughs 250 th anniversary committee (2028) and have already started planning within their organization.

Toys for Tots Train in November-for safety reasons the events committee would like to suggest having volunteers in place to keep the train tracks clear upon approach of the train. The events committee would like to look for a group to sing Christmas Carols while waiting for the train and during the collection of toys. We would also like to see something for kids face painter or balloon guy. Maybe ask Knights of Columbus, Rotary or Lions club if they would be willing to provide Milk and Cookies or Hot Chocolate and Cookies.

Cindy Wojnar, Chairwoman

**Finance Committee:**

Treasurer's Report for June 1 – 30, 2024  
Total Borough funds = \$ 8,856725.18

Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman



Medic 10 Report – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting

Mount Pleasant Borough  
Council Meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> 2024

**Statistics**

Total Calls (July 2024) - 233  
Transports - 156  
Refusal of Services - 13  
Lift Assist - 21  
Standbys - 15  
Canceled Response - 25  
D.O.A. - 3

Wheelchair Van (July 2024) - 65  
**Total Incidents - 298**

Year to Date (2024)	(2023)	
Total Calls - 1,646	Total Calls - 1,521	(125)
Wheelchair Van - 492	Wheelchair Van - 173	(319)
<b>Total Incidents - 2,138</b>	<b>Total Incidents - 1,692</b>	<b>(444)</b>

**Community Events**

Mt. Caramel Bible Studies Presentation (8/8)  
Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall (8/28 - 9/1)

**Grants**

Awarded \$500 through Spark Good and Walmart  
Applied to PA Skills Charitable Giving for \$2,000  
*Awarded \$1,000 Columbia Gas*

**Fundraiser**

Chick-fil-A (8/31) at Frick Park in conjunction with the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zachary Gergas  
Director of Operations  
Mount Pleasant Emergency Medical Services Medic 10

Fire Report – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting

August 5. meeting	
FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- JULY	55
IN TOWN	19
OUT OF TOWN	36
10-45'S	17
ENTRAPMENT	3
EXTRICATION	
FIRES	10
AFA'S	15
HAZARDOUS CALLS	7
STANDBY'S	1
AMB. ASSISTS	1
LANDING ZONES	
PUBLIC SERVICE	3
DRILLS	1
BOAT CALL	
TURNPIKE CALLS	5
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	645
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	12
TOTAL CALLS 2023 AT THIS TIME	303
CALLS SO FAR THIS YEAR	355
WE ARE 52 CALLS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR	

### **Motions from Meeting of August 5, 2024**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 1, 2024 and special meeting minutes of July 10, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the June 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to prepare a proposed Right-to-Know Policy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2024-06 authorizing and approving the execution of a Right of Way Agreement and Easement between the Borough of Mount Pleasant and the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize Ulery Architect to provide a cost for building improvements at Central Fire Station and buildings at Street Department not to exceed a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to re-advertise for bids for the electric work at the Gazebo / Veterans Park area. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion as made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise for bids to replace the shingles on the Medic 10 building due to storm damage. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the street department/stormwater report submitted by Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close a portion of Mullin Avenue from Main Street to the alley at the end of the Somerset Trust parking lot on August 12<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 between 3:00pm and 8:00pm for the Mt. Pleasant BDA Food Truck Night. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Main Street Route 31 from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on September 28, 2024 from 12:30pm to 4:00pm for the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close S. Diamond Street from Route 31 Main Street to Spruce Street and Washington Street from College Avenue to Hitchman from 10:00am September 26, 2024 to 11:00am September 30, 2024 for the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Route 31, Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the 2024 Halloween Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Route 31, Main Street from Braddock Road Avenue to Silver Street on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for the annual 2024 Christmas Parade and Route 819 Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on December 4, 2024 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Main Street from Eagle Street to Diamond from 10:30am to 11:30am on November 11, 2024 for the annual Veterans Day Parade and ceremonies. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on November 11, 2024 from 10:30am to noon for the Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremonies. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to close a portion of the alley between the basketball court and Frick Park from Wednesday, August 28 to September 1, 2024 for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. It will be closed the length of the basketball court fence. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to purchase the discovery ridge playground with roof playset at a total cost of \$7641.54 from WillyGoat Equipment for Frick Park to replace the playset that was damaged by vandals. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the public safety report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2024-07 approving the Amendment to the Police Contract with Mt. Pleasant Borough Police Department and authorize Borough Manager Lesko to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire Hannah A Toski as a part-time police officer at the part-time rate of \$20.00 per hour pending background check. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 7-0.

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