

Meeting January 23, 2023

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Ruszkowski 7:01pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Ruszkowski asked for a moment of silence for the shooting on Lunar New Year's Eve in California. President Ruszkowski asked Solicitor Istik to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Czekanski, Phillabaum, Barrick, Lasko, Stevenson and Wojnar. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present. Borough Manager Landy was absent.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Pat Hresko of 725 W. Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant PA spoke to Council regarding the Mt. Pleasant Little League and requested permission to use the Willow Park Baseball Fields for the 2023 season. Councilman Phillabaum stated that they will need to provide proof of insurance and the schedule. Mr. Hresko said that once they have the schedule created that he will get the information to Councilwoman Lasko. Councilwoman Lasko stated that she will have it placed on the agenda at that time for approval.

Mr. Hresko asked what the little league maintains and what the Borough maintains. Councilman Phillabaum stated that he will look into it and report back to Mr. Hresko.

Councilwoman Lasko also said that historically parking there has been a major issue. Councilman Phillabaum stated that last year there was only approximately 15 minutes between games and suggested a longer break between the games so the parking is not an issue, which gives people time to leave and then parking available for the next teams coming in.

- Greg Wilson, President of the Board of Directors of the Business District Authority, spoke to Council regarding raising tax assessments. Mr. Wilson stated that he has been on the Board approximately eight (8) years and they have not raised the tax assessments during that time period. The BDA would like to do a flat rate assessment versus how it was tiered. Mr. Dale Walker who was an accountant and very good at it used to calculate the assessments. Now that Mr. Walker is gone, no one knows how to do the tiered assessment. The Board would like to do a .07 flat rate across the board. This rate will take them from approximately \$36,000.00 per year to \$43,000.00 per year. The BDA has secured Mr. Tim Witt as their new solicitor thanks to Mayor Bailey. They have raised the rate to .07 and have their new budget in place. Some of the increases in costs this year for the BDA is a raise increase for Daynelle Sanner, which was voted on in November. The BDA has done three (3) grants this past year totaling approximately \$800.00. Mr. Wilson stated that there are a lot of grants available and that businesses need to take advantage of them. The BDA held the breast cancer 5k walk / run in October which was a success and they donated \$3,000.00 to A Glimmer of Hope. There has been approximately \$10,000.00 worth of 30 second commercials for the businesses in town at the BDA's discounted cost. The BDA has incurred a lot of expenses and need to offset the costs some so that they can continue to offer the services to the businesses in town. The BDA has increased their office space so they can offer educational seminars and trainings. Mr. Wilson stated that he wants to be as transparent as possible and that he has a really good connection with Mayor Bailey. The BDA solicitor, Mr. Witt, advised Mr. Wilson to attend the meeting this evening so that they can place on the agenda to approve their assessment value in the Borough. Mr. Wilson will present a budget to Council showing the flat rate of .07 percent based off of the Westmoreland County tax assessments so Council can approve it.

Councilwoman Barnes asked Mr. Wilson how are businesses notified about the grants and what are the grants for? Mr. Wilson stated that the grants are for signages, which businesses receive

half of the costs up to \$500.00. Gallaghers received a few grants for the concrete work that he did. Mr. Wilson received several years ago a grant to help with the awning that he put on his business. Mr. Wilson stated that they have the information online and that they send out emails. The BDA did 37 30-second commercials which would cost approximately \$1,000.00 each and BDA was able to secure them at a cost of \$250.00 each. The BDA spends a fair amount of money marketing.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Mr. Wilson if the commercials air anywhere or are they just done for the businesses own website. They tried to set something up with Armstrong so they could be aired; however, that did not work out and the commercials were not aired on tv. The commercials are aired on their own website. The business is given the commercial to advertise as they wish.

Councilwoman Stevenson also asked what would be the average cost to each business with this .07 percentage increase. Mr. Wilson stated that the average cost is based off of whatever the tax assessment is on the property through Westmoreland County. Over all of the businesses the income would increase approximately \$6,000.00.

- Amy Kern of 102 South Depot Street, Mount Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the policies and Ordinances of nuisance neighbors, repeat offenders and tickets written. Ms. Kern asked if there is something more that can be done about the repeat offenders.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Ms. Kern what kind of offenses was she talking about. Ms. Kern stated noise ordinances, loud vehicles, loud voices, vehicle driving through another properties yard, dogs off leashes, multiple people living in the home that is not the original tenant. Parking is also an issue due to the multiple “squatters” that come and go. Ms. Kern said that this has been going on for approximately one (1) year and now there is a large tow truck that parks his truck in an alley and blocks the alley.

Mayor Bailey stated that she asked Police Chief Grippo to attend the meeting to answer a few questions that the residents may have regarding these issues. Ms. Kern stated that there have been police officers citing the individuals regarding their dogs; however, the tickets are obviously not stopping them. What more can be done to discourage them from doing this.

Ms. Kern stated that they don't want to take up the officers' time with things that aren't emergencies; however, they are nuisances. Police Chief Grippo stated that he agrees with Ms. Kern and does know that there are a lot of issues going on at South Depot Street and believes it is safe to say that it is coming from one location. Ms. Kern agreed along with other residents from South Depot Street that was in the audience. Police Chief Grippo stated that he has contacted the landlord on two (2) separate occasions regarding the tenant because they have been there several times on various calls involving animals, vehicles, criminal actions, and they have made arrests. Police Chief Grippo and Mayor Bailey have been reviewing our Borough Ordinance along with ordinances from neighboring municipalities and are working on updating our Ordinance regarding landlords dealing with tenants that are a continuous nuisance. Police Chief Grippo stated that the Dog Ordinance does only permit them to impose a \$25 fine. Police Chief Grippo stated that there are some things that they cannot discuss. Mayor Bailey stated that they are reviewing the Ordinances and working on them. Once they get them in place, advertised and then adopted the Police will be able to enforce situations further. Police Chief Grippo stated that for the most part the landlords will work with them and get the situation controlled. However, there are a few that won't do anything.

Ms. Kern asked how to handle any situation that arises there. Police Chief Grippo said to please call 911 that way everything is documented.

- Deborah Layman of 109 South Depot Street, Mount Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the same issues and concerns that are happening on South Depot Street as Ms. Kern discussed. Ms. Layman stated that the unleashed animals running around are also in her yard leaving messes. They have excessively loud vehicles speeding through the alley late at night, there is yelling and screaming of obscenities.

Mayor Bailey stated that they need to call 911 immediately when any of these events are taking place. Police Chief Grippo agreed.

- Robert Karfelt of 114 South Depot Street, Mount Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the same issues happening on South Depot Street that Ms. Kern and Ms. Layman discussed. Mr. Karfelt stated that these problems are becoming safety issues for the surrounding residents that live there. Mr. Karfelt said that it is terrible that one has to live in fear on their own street. Mr. Karfelt said that there are vehicles and people in and out of there all night long and they are only there a very short period of time. They had a vehicle run through several of the neighbors yards due to the tow truck being parked in the alley. It is bringing everyone's property values down and is a nuisance. Mr. Karfelt stated that this isn't the first time that he has approached Council about this nuisance property.

Mayor Bailey stated that they are working on the Ordinance to get things in place so they can take further action on nuisance properties. Mayor Bailey stated once again that she could not stress enough to please call 911 any time that there is an issue.

- Charlie Nitterright of Slope Hill Road, Mount Pleasant, PA and with the Landlords Association spoke to Council regarding being a landlord of properties in the Borough. They are aware of the current problems with nuisance tenants and they do not want that either. They want the Borough and Police to know that if there is anything that they can do and are willing to cooperate because they do not want these types of people and problems in our town. Mr. Nitterright said if there is anything they can do to please reach out and they would be more than willing to help. Council thanked Mr. Nitterright.

Speakers:

- Buddy Swisshelm of Digital Signs & Marketing, Inc. spoke to Council regarding digital signs and a digital sign ordinance. Mr. Swisshelm stated that he mostly does digital signs for churches. The Church of God of Mount Pleasant reached out to him regarding a sign. They created signs for PennDOT which are called snap and erase. There is no motion to the signs. The signs are created to turn down at night and turn up during the day.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked if turning the lighting down at night is done automatically. Mr. Swisshelm stated that there are two (2) ways that it can be done. One is you set it on a laptop and the other option is a sensor, which Mr. Swisshelm does not prefer because it can go wrong.

Councilman Barrick asked if he had a sample Ordinance regarding the digital signs. Mr. Swisshelm stated that he can get sample Ordinances and rules for the Borough.

Councilwoman Lasko asked if other municipalities addressed the size of the signs and that the picture provided looks like a very large sign. Mr. Swisshelm said that the sign currently at the Church of God is 12 foot and the digital sign is 8 foot and that the picture he provided was not to scale.

Councilwoman Stevenson said that our Ordinance already addresses size, would people say that because it is digital the sign would need to be bigger. Mr. Swisshelm said no it would not and that it is up to the municipality; however, 32 square feet is a common number to use. Size is not an issue and setbacks would remain the same. Councilwoman Stevenson asked how long has "snap and erase" been in effect. Mr. Swisshelm stated that it has been around approximately ten (10) years.

Councilwoman Lasko asked how often is there a software upgrade and the expense of the upgrade. Mr. Swisshelm replied that most of the changes and upgrades, which is constant, will come from the computer such as graphics which is in the software.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Mr. Swisshelm to provide a list of where there are signs that he installed so she could go and see them. The common size of signs are 3x8 and 4x8.

Mr. Swisshelm stated that the state has a law and that there are on-premise and off-premise permits. On-premise permits can only advertise what is on their premise. In other words, a plaza can advertise more but an independent business, they can only advertise what is there or they break the law. Off-premise, which are known as billboard, can advertise more. A local business

would get a permit to advertise other businesses. They can only advertise for their business. The church can only put their church related information on the sign. They cannot sell advertisements for their sign.

Mr. Swisshelm said that there is a 5-year warranty on all parts, one hundred (100%) percent. It also comes with a 6-year labor warranty that he has added, so for the first 6 months we are partners. You can purchase an extended warranty; however, he discourages people from doing this because a sign this size never has any issues. They are simple to maintain.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Attended the Library Board meeting on January 11, 2023. They held their annual members meeting and had their yearend review. They elected one (1) new member and reelected a member that their term was up.
- Met with Councilman Phillabaum, Council President Ruskowski, the Street Department and the homeowner on North Geary Street Extension concerning a water problem.
- Attended Safety Meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 202. The topics were back care and fire extinguishers.
- Attended the Business District Authority meeting on Tuesday evening, January 17, 2023. Discussed flower pots on Main Street and moving the farmer’s market.
- Swore in the new fire department officers on Thursday evening, January 19, 2023.
- Held Police testing for new applicants.
- Council is invited to the ribbon cutting at Cookie Sensations by Jen on Friday, January 27, 2023 at noon at their new location in the Diamond Mini Mall. They have a shop in Scottsdale also.

Solicitor’s Report:

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

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2022:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Dec-22			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2022
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	920,574.45	148,796.59	99,206.70	970,164.34
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	983,116.25	2,634.39	0.00	985,750.64
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	334,774.42				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	23,989.94				
** Frick Park Gas Well	23,968.48				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	3,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				

**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13		23,477.60			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	27,185.32	252.83	562.68	26,875.47
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,417.69	4.50	0.00	4,422.19
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	122,063.62	124.40	0.00	122,188.02
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	2,754.07	53,603.07	53,869.27	2,487.87
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,330.96	52.37	0.00	25,383.33
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,025.20	1,350.22	0.00	3,375.42
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,225.84	1.25	0.00	1,227.09
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	444,882.68	453.41	0.00	445,336.09
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					2,917,618.74
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	162,772.08	54,283.26	98,704.60	118,350.74
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	50,987.21	51.97	0.00	51,039.18
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	6,036.92	6.15	0.00	6,043.07
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	9,485.16	65.95	0.00	9,551.11
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	19,458.71	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 410053	5,269.88	0.00	0.00	5,269.88
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					209,712.69
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	893,299.81	910.43	0.00	894,210.24
Capital Reserve M. A. Checking Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004129745	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	459,350.82	1,267.93	0.00	460,618.75
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,007,516.44	169,583.58	88,500.00	3,088,600.02
Standard Bank CD WWT Cap.Resv	Standard Bank 464569	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
Athene Annuity CD (created Jan. 2021)	Somerset Trust	507,249.99	0.00	0.00	507,249.99
Total WWT Balance					5,152,187.38
Total Borough funds					8,279,518.81
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that we have received the following:

- Police Parking Tickets and Meters had the last police car payment taken out of it. The 2017 Police SUV is paid off.
- Interest received on accounts has increased significantly.
- We have received the interest payment from the Oceanview Annuity and has been deposited into the general fund.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the December 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

- Everyone has received a copy of the gas well report in their blue folders.
- Sharon Lesko attended the Safety Meeting on January 17, 2023.
- Sharon Lesko attended the Managers Meeting on January 18, 2023. Council President Ruskowski read the minutes from the Managers Meeting.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hold an executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Council President Ruskowski stated that the executive session was held from 8:21pm to 9:17pm to discuss personnel.

Property / Grants:

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- There is a sewage issue in the Police Department. They have had to have the lines flushed out several times. We will be digging up the lines to repair the area that is causing the backup in sewage. The estimate received was from Handyman Joe in the amount of \$2,000.00 which included the digging up of the concrete and repairing the lines. The estimate does not include the top covering and replacement of the flooring. This will be done under an emergency action due to it being sewage.
- Still working on the gazebo. Has not had a chance to reach out to Mr. Ulery.

Council President Ruskowski asked about the sheds that are going to be placed at the East End Market Place and if a retaining wall will be necessary against either of the buildings that are next to the property. Councilman Barrick stated that this was a concern of his also and it will depend on the earth that is brought in or moved. Councilman Barrick stated that he also wanted to watch that drainage did not go towards either of those buildings. Councilman Barrick has reviewed the layout that Mr. Landy wanted; however, he had an engineer at his office lay it out and essentially all the buildings would be down the one side of the property. Councilman Barrick also reported that Mr. Landy said that they will need electric and air conditioning put in the buildings.

Council President Ruskowski asked Mr. Barrick if his plans left room for a vehicle to get in to the back of the buildings so they can unload or load their items. Councilman Barrick said that they did allow for a 12' driveway behind the buildings so they can get a pickup truck or small box truck in there and then a walkway in the front of the buildings.

Council President Ruskowski asked if they would be handicap accessible. Councilman Barrick said that would be a problem and they discussed that they would have to do a "switch back" from Main Street to get down to a certain elevation so they would be ADA compliant. Mayor Bailey asked if the ADA could be from the back entrance. Councilman Barrick stated that you could but the issue is when they have to get back to their vehicle.

Streets / Stormwater:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Will be meeting with Jeff McGuinness to look at streets that need paved for this years paving project. Anyone that has any suggestions, please let him know. Would like to

have this ready for bidding by the first week of March. Mayor Bailey asked that they consider Washington Street from Morewood Street to Eagle Street. Mayor Bailey said that the last time it was done, it was tar and chipped and is rough like a washboard.

- The tub grinder is working and they have been getting caught up with that.
- Met with the Street Department, Council President Ruszkowski and Mayor Bailey a resident on North Geary Street Extension regarding a water issue. There was a water line break and the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) began working on it in December and have decided they aren't fixing it until early spring due to the season. It caused severe flooding for one of the residents. Mayor Bailey stated that she reached out to an Assistant Supervisor at the water company (MAWC) and spoke to him about the situation. The Assistant Supervisor stated that he will have the supervisor in this area and do as much as they can to put a block so that the water will bypass the resident. Mayor Bailey reached out to the homeowner to let them know that the water company is to be doing something about it and if they do not hear anything to reach back out to her and let her know.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that once the water company fixes the issues in the spring, if there is still flooding between there and Gary's Garage, he suggested having an engineer look at the issues to see what the Borough is responsible for. Mayor Bailey stated that this is all private property. Councilman Barrick agreed and said that before he was on Council, Borough Manager Landy asked him to look at the senior living area above them and how the water flowed. Councilman Barrick stated that they have supposedly fixed the pond and there have been no issues. Mayor Bailey stated that the family that was being flooded had filed a civil suit and after that things were corrected at the apartments. Mayor Bailey said that this issue now is a separate issue and the water company dug up the area and that it involves the houses that fronts North Church Street and Jefferson Drive.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilman Phillabaum reported that he has been working on getting people for a dog park committee so they can move forward with a dog park. Muddy Paws will put a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to be on the committee. Councilman Phillabaum would like to get approximately ten (10) people for the committee. Once they reach that number, they will begin holding meetings.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that we have received calls about the annual yard sale. Councilman Phillabaum stated he would like to hold it on Saturday and Sunday instead of Friday and Saturday due to people working on Friday. Mayor Bailey said that although Sunday is Mother's Day, they could still hold it Sunday and those that want to participate can.

Mayor Bailey stated that the timers for the lights are not working at the basket ball court at Frick Park. Mayor Bailey said that our curfew is 10:00pm and suggests closing the courts at 10:00pm and not 11:00pm. Mayor Bailey is having the sign changed to 10:00pm and would like to have the timers fixed so that the lights will go off at 10:00pm.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- The combi-tool spreader/cutter has been ordered from ESI Equipment of Montgomeryville, PA for the fire department. The cost is \$13,230.00.00. Payment for the tool will be taken from the Covid-19 ARPA money.
- Zachary Gergas, Director of Medic 10, said that he does know that Councilman Cholock had discussed this previously with Council about Medic 10 having the opportunity to purchase an ambulance from Speclin. Mr. Gergas received the quote from Speclin and Stryker for an ambulance and stretcher. This is also a costars price quote. The quote from Speclin for the ambulance is \$134,411.00. Mr. Gergas stated that this is a time-sensitive issue since Speclin has the ambulance available now due to an over order from another company. Mr. Gergas reported that if they would have to order this ambulance the wait

would be approximately one to two years out. This truck will come equipped and everything will be transferred from one of the older ambulances to the new ambulance. Mr. Gergas said that quote is for the truck and graphics / upfitting of the truck. The second quote that he has is from Stryker in the amount of \$56,051.68. It is broken down by line item. The MTS power load that is on the quote is a mandatory requirement of all new vehicles. The quote includes the stretcher, battery, charger and power cord.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked what is a power load. Mr. Gergas said it helps with back injuries so they are not manually lifting. You push the stretcher against it and hit a button, the legs lift and it will slide in itself. Stryker has also included the warranty / service plan in the quote for the stretcher and the power load system. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if the Stryker quote is in addition to the ambulance quote. Mr. Gergas stated that it is in addition to the ambulance quote.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that Borough Manager Landy was waiting on a grant to purchase an ambulance.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that she had spoken with Sharon Lesko to make her aware that there was an accident on North Church Street and that the crossing guard needs to park her car back further away from the edge of the roadway. The crossing guard parks her car close to the edge of the road which causes an obstruction to being able to see to pull out onto Church Street and the person coming down Church Street could not see the other vehicle due to the crossing guard's car parked where it was and they collided. Councilwoman Barnes asked Sharon to notify Police Chief Grippo to ask the crossing guard to park her car back into the lot a little further.

Mayor Bailey said that she spoke with someone from Municipal Services of PennDOT regarding the turning radius and how far the stop setback should be at Main and Mullin Avenue and that he is going to get her a contact number of who she will need to speak to regarding this matter.

Councilman Barrick asked about South Diamond Street and school bus signs and stops at Frick Avenue and that there is not a lot of vision when you come over the hill. The school bus is heading south on South Diamond Street and is stopped at Frick Avenue and the people that are heading north on South Diamond Street does not have enough reaction time. Mayor Bailey stated that any signage that is to be put on there must go through PennDOT since it is a state highway. Councilwoman Stevenson suggested reaching out to the school or the bus company and have the bus stop moved. Councilman Phillabaum will reach out to see if the bus stop can be moved.

Veterans Park

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- StukUp Grafix has completed the banners that have been currently turned in. The committee will review them to be sure all of the information is correct before they are sent for printing.
- Mayor Bailey is going to be handling the grants for the Veterans Park Committee.
- Mr. Meredith will be visiting some of the banks to see if they can get some help with sponsorships.

Councilwoman Wojnar stated that DCNR has some grants available and she will forward them.

- Sent the new Spectrio Agreement to Solicitor Istik for review.

Ordinances:

Councilwoman Wojnar gave the following report:

- Would like to move forward with the Parking Ordinance. Maybe not as a whole but in part so the public safety issue can be addressed so that ambulances and fire trucks can get through the streets safely. Councilwoman Wojnar suggested addressing the trailers

and oversized vehicles and removing the weight limit portion from the Ordinance and address that at a later time.

Solicitor Istik stated that she would like Council to address whether or not to leave the weight limit and then put it on the next agenda to move forward so that in two months or so they weren't trying to amend it to add the weight limit. Councilwoman Wojnar stated that the definition for commercial vehicle was any vehicle with an advertisement and that she does not agree with that and she believes that the size of the vehicle is more of an issue. She agrees it is a commercial vehicle but does not agree that it should be prohibited and that it should be more of a width or an oversized vehicle or trailer. Mayor Bailey agreed with Councilwoman Wojnar and stated that we do not have a way to enforce weight and that the commercial vehicle can be addressed by the size, which is a better option. Solicitor Istik asked what size are they wanting to utilize because there currently is no size listed. It was by class of plate, registration and weight in excess of 8000lbs. Councilman Barrick said anything exceeding 102 inches wide, which is mirror to mirror. Mayor Bailey said that they could get the length from the street department. Also, that you cannot park trailers, campers, etc. on the street for a certain length of time, which was suggested at 24hours. Then can park them on private property.

Human Resources:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the contract between the Borough of Mount Pleasant and Sharon Lesko, for the services of Ms. Lesko as the Borough Secretary and Assistant Borough Manager, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the salary increase for Sharon Lesko, Borough Secretary and Assistant Borough Manager to \$43,680.00, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to amend the agenda to expedite a civil service testing. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Mount Pleasant Police Department to go through an expedited Civil Service Testing due to the emergent need for a full-time Police Officer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Finance Report: None.

New Business:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that Rick Meason and Gene Kowalewski have done a lot of work at the Historical Society. They have received grants, received donations, done basket raffles and have come up with enough money that they are nearing the completion to digitize our entire library of the old journals. There are restrictions since they have received some information from the state library that it cannot be put online but you will soon be able to go to the historical society and it will be a searchable database.

Reading of Communications: None.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Public Comment:

Zachary Gergas, Director of Medic 10, asked Council if they had any additional questions for him. Councilwoman Wojnar said that she asked Mr. Gergas what the oldest ambulance was and it is approximately 22 years old and the newest truck that they have is a 2009. The purchased an ambulance a few years ago from Kecksburg which is a 2006.

Council President Ruskowski stated that Mr. Gergas is doing a great job and that every day he says that he found a new grant to apply for. Mayor Bailey said that he is great at writing grants.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruskowski, Council President

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the contract between the Borough of Mount Pleasant and Sharon Lesko, for the services of Ms. Lesko as the Borough Secretary and Assistant Borough Manager, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the salary increase for Sharon Lesko, Borough Secretary and Assistant Borough Manager to \$43,680.00, retroactive to January 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to amend the agenda to expedite a civil service testing. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Mount Pleasant Police Department to go through an expedited Civil Service Testing due to the emergent need for a full-time Police Officer. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

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

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