

May 3, 2021

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Caruso asked for a moment of silence for the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and our deployed troops. President Caruso asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Cholock, Phillabaum, Smetak, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Teresa Duchess of 195 Wynnfield Drive, Mount Pleasant spoke to Council about painting a mural on the side of the building located at 636 Main Street, Mount Pleasant, PA on the Mullin Street side. Borough Manager Landy asked Ms Duchess to present Council a drawing of what she will be putting on the side of the building. Ms. Duchess stated that there are a couple of ideas. One is an eagle with an inspirational quote on the side of it. Councilman Smetak asked how long it will take. Ms. Duchess believes it will be completed over the course of two (2) days. She would like to do it before the end of May and when traffic is not so heavy. Council President Caruso stated that she is permitted to do the painting.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- The Volunteer Fire Department is going to hold a three (3) day carnival. It will be a small carnival. It will be June 24, 25, and 26, 2021. Mayor Lucia asked permission to use Smithfield Street from Mullin Avenue to Church Street.
- The Borough is planning events for the year. There will be a parade on Memorial Day. We are hoping to hold the July 3rd party in the park event. We will be holding the 9/11 event.
- Mayor Lucia thanked Councilwoman Bailey and her committee for the success with the blacktopping street paving project.
- Mayor Lucia also thanked Council President Caruso for placing the Community Yard Sale signs all over town. Council President Caruso stated that Councilman Phillabaum also helped with placing signs.
- Mayor Lucia asked the newspaper to remind residents when cutting grass to not blow the grass into the streets. It plugs up the stormwater drains.
- The County Land Bank has purchased the property at 214 S. Diamond Street. Borough Manager Landy stated that the agreement with the Land Bank is once they purchase the property, the Borough must maintain the property. Mayor Lucia stated that we have been cutting it the last few years anyways. Councilman Cholock asked about the property where the Church was torn down at 722 W Main Street and who will maintain that. Mayor Lucia stated that Eugene Saloom owns it and he will be responsible for maintaining it. Councilman Cholock asked if an Engineer was involved when the building was torn down. Borough Manager Landy stated that our building inspector, K2 Engineering, was on site and stated that the building was torn down the way they were allowed and as permitted. They were allowed to fill the basement with fill and cover it.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he believed PNC Bank was previously interested in purchasing it; however, he does not know now. Mayor Lucia stated that the drive thru lot at PNC is also owned by Mr. Saloom.

- Volunteer Fire Department is going to be putting together a recruitment plan. Their charter is for 65 and they are down to 31.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik gave the following report:

- Paula and Dale Walker will be donating property to the Borough. Solicitor Istik asked Borough Manager Landy to let everyone know where the properties are located. Borough Manager Landy stated that the property located at the East End of Main Street next to Shupes Run in front of the old Cooks Lumber which is now American Architectural Salvage. The property used to be Barron's Car Lot along with the little building across the street next to Pritts Feed Mill that was Mr. Barron's office. Mr. Walker and his wife are donating the property. Borough Manager Landy stated that Solicitor Istik wrote a donation agreement from Paula Walker and Dale Walker to the Borough. Solicitor Istik stated she did an Agreement along with the Deed.

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021:

| Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report | | Mar-21 | | | Balance |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | | Prev Bal | Deposits | Disbursements | 2021 |
| General Fund Checking | Scottdale Bank 19069335 | 906,655.48 | 211,063.34 | 295,494.57 | 822,224.25 |
| **Town Clock | 619.92 | | | | |
| **Holiday Lighting | 1812.51 | | | | |
| General Fund Budgetary Reserve | Standard Bank 321615 | 932,974.09 | 75,151.21 | 8,610.00 | 999,515.30 |
| **Police | 52,619.03 | | | | |
| **Streets | 147,131.00 | | | | |
| **Contingency Fund | 309,109.67 | | | | |
| **Infrastructure | 181,588.62 | | | | |
| **BOMP Gas Wells | 22,462.69 | | | | |
| ** Frick Park Gas | | | | | |
| Well | 19,729.00 | | | | |
| **Levins | 970.06 | | | | |
| **Fire | 30,590.00 | | | | |
| **K-9 | 13,828.76 | | | | |
| **Medic 10 | 200,000.00 | | | | |
| **Marcellus Impact | | | | | |
| Fee Act 13 | 21,486.47 | | | | |
| Police Parking Tickets & Meters | Scottdale Bank 1026616 | 24,022.31 | 0.85 | 572.08 | 23,451.08 |
| Escrow Account | Scottdale Bank 19069343 | 4,386.54 | 1.59 | 0.00 | 4,388.13 |
| Liquid Fuels PLGIT | PLGIT 56980126 | 122,248.55 | 129,920.83 | 9,182.42 | 242,986.96 |
| Monument CD | Standard Bank 446635 | 7,382.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,382.80 |
| Payroll Fund | Scottdale Bank 19069350 | 933.39 | 71,827.52 | 65,583.21 | 7,177.70 |
| Veterans Park Fund | Somerset Trust Co 2003058309 | 22,250.78 | 454.40 | 0.00 | 22,705.18 |
| Storm Water Retrofit Phase II | Scottdale Bank 19069368 | 1,218.01 | 0.44 | 0.00 | 1,218.45 |
| Turn Back Account | Scottdale Bank 19069384 | 21,020.77 | 7.60 | 0.00 | 21,028.37 |
| Standard Bank CD | Standard Bank 432243 | 215,254.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 215,254.60 |
| Standard Bank CD | Standard Bank 410571 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD | Scottdale Bank 318007294 | 52,396.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,396.87 |

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD | Scottdale Bank 318012650 | 53,527.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 53,527.71 |
| Total General Fund Balance | | | | | 2,473,257.40 |
| Medic 10 Checking | Scottdale Bank 19069533 | 109,653.64 | 46,881.24 | 40,433.60 | 116,101.28 |
| Medic 10 Savings | Scottdale Bank 19069723 | 127,914.19 | 1,046.60 | 0.00 | 128,960.79 |
| Medic 10 Money Market | Scottdale Bank 19069376 | 5,998.26 | 2.17 | 0.00 | 6,000.43 |
| Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation | Standard Bank 0000358253 | 7,550.55 | 916.26 | 0.00 | 8,466.81 |
| 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 | | | | | 284,257.90 |
| WWT Capital Reserve Account | Standard Bank 0010175932 | 917,258.08 | 311.54 | 357.09 | 917,212.53 |
| Capital Reserve M. A. Account | Somerset Trust Co 2004129745 | 450,132.20 | 22.94 | 0.00 | 450,155.14 |
| Oceanview Annuity CD | Scottdale Bank - MidPenn | 3,007,516.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,007,516.44 |
| Standard Bank CD | | | | | |
| WWT Cap.Resv | Standard Bank 464569 | 200,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200,000.00 |
| Standard Bank CD (Partial MAWC) | Standard Bank 446593 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD (MAWC Final) | Scottdale Bank 318011768 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total WWT Balance | | | | | 4,574,884.11 |
| Total Borough funds | | | | | 7,332,399.41 |

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following report for the month of April 2021:

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| Property Taxes | \$297,460.94 |
| Supplemental Taxes | \$ 0.00 |
| Per Capita Taxes | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Collected | \$297,460.94 |

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- The waterway project next to American Architectural Salvage is coming along fairly quick. The concept of the waterway will be that the tapered bank will have flowers on both sides of the bank. The side that is closest to the road will have benches, wastebaskets and light poles. The side against the property that was just donated by Dale Walker and Paula Walker, his wife, will have trees and light poles. Councilman Cholock asked what the Borough will do with the donated property. Borough Manager Landy stated that the vision he has for the property will be an ancillary thing to the waterway. It will need to be decided whether Council will want to: a) keep the building, b) keep the building but take the top off of the building; and c) tear the building down. Borough Manager Landy thought it would be a nice concession stand for non-profit organizations to make some money in the summer while people are walking around. The area behind the building they will put some picnic tables, create some green space and trees to make a nice relaxing area whether they come from the bike trail or just stop and get something from the concession stand. Borough Manager Landy stated his is in the process of getting unique poles. He looked at decorative poles and solar poles.

- Went with Councilwoman Lasko to the parks and made a list of things that need to be done.
- Met with Dan Busatto from Century Insurance regarding insurance renewal. The quote has gone down approximately \$6,000.00 from last year with the sewage plant being gone.
- Went to meetings with Library Board, Safety Meeting and Medic 10 Meeting.
- Met with Councilman Smetak about renovations to the gazebo and the door renovation at the street department.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that Mayor Lucia brought up a great point about the grass cutting and keeping it from going into the catch basins. Met with Doug Siler of Gibson Thomas Engineering regarding MS4 Permit. The MS4 is going to be very costly and they want the Borough to keep improving what we are doing. They want to put a filter screen on top of 19 catch basins out of 50+ catch basins that we have. The fee is \$15,000.00 a year. Borough Manager Landy informed them that we will not do that; and, to bring another idea to the table. Borough Manager Landy stated that catch basins, the amount of water and getting our water clean to go into the creek will be an ongoing battle for the Borough.
- Held construction meetings with the paving company doing the street paving project. Borough Manager Landy reported that this was one of the quickest paving projects that we have ever had. Tresco Paving was great company to work with.
- The VFD Apron Rehabilitation Project is moving along. They are within their contract. It must be completed in June. Mayor Lucia stated that they are doing a beautiful job.
- The Borough is teaming up with the YMCA regarding the Healthy Walking Tour. There are some things that they YMCA is requesting. There are a couple pads around Frick Park walking trail that are raised up and need to be reset or new concrete poured.
- The new movable piece of playground equipment has been put up at Frick Park near the ballfield. There is a schedule to move it around.
- Borough Manager Landy would like to know where Council stands on the annual July 3rd Party in the Park event. He needs time to plan if it is going to be held. There are fireworks, vendors and a band that plays. Councilman Cholock asked what he will do regarding music. Borough Manager Landy stated that the band, Switch, that has always played in the past is not playing anywhere at all this year. The band that he is looking at wants almost double the cost of the previous band. Councilman Cholock stated that the reason the cost is higher for the band is that they do not do their own sound and pays for a sound guy. Borough Manager Landy stated that Latrobe is also looking at the band for their event and he told him to take the event at Latrobe; however, he would rather play in Mt. Pleasant. Councilman Cholock asked why we can't come up with the additional \$800.00 that is needed. Borough Manager Landy asked Councilman Cholock to help raise the money. Councilman Cholock stated that he has helped raise money for the Kids Rodeo Fishing Event. Councilman Cholock asked why the Borough can't pay for it. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a budget that we have. Councilwoman Lasko asked if Armstrong could possibly sponsor it. Borough Manager Landy stated that this is why he needs to know now if the Borough is going to have the event so he can reach out to sponsors and begin making the arrangements. Councilman Smetak asked what is the amount that the band is asking for. Borough Manager Landy said \$1,800.00 and we normally pay \$1,000.00.
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association has not resumed any meetings. Mary Lou Swallow will notify us when they begin again.
- The Mount Pleasant Area High School Band Director would like to hold a concert at the gazebo on May 22, 2021. Borough Manager Landy informed him that the only ones that can sponsor anything at the gazebo is the Borough. As long as Council agrees this will be

a Borough event with the Mount Pleasant Area High School Jazz Band playing from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

- On June 4th, Mt. Pleasant Area High School will hold a Graduation cruise following the Commencement Ceremony.
- There was only one (1) bidder for the dump trucks at the street department.
- Our Code Enforcement Officer, Mark Cypher, would like to be considered as our Building Inspector. He has his certification. Borough Manager Landy informed him that K2 Engineering does have an engineer on hand in the event that we need one, as example was when the Church on Main Street fell in. Mark Cypher suggested Regola & Associates as the Engineer to supplement him.
- There is a new protocol for parades. PennDOT and the state have a new system for parades. There is a new application that PennDOT requires to be completed for parades. They also require a Certification of Insurance along with the application. State Police and local Police must sign off on the application. The application must be filed 60 days in advance.
- Our insurance carrier is now requesting any event that is not a Borough event, would need to provide a Certification of Insurance adding the Borough as an additional named insured and require at least \$1MM Limited Liability. Events would include Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Glass Festival, Nativity Scene since they are not Borough events.
- Workers Comp Audit went well. We will be getting a refund of \$2,016.00.
- The Borough is supposed to receive approximately \$417,000.00 from the CARES Act. Borough Manager Landy will be attending a seminar in Perryopolis on May 10, 2021.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to allow a graduation cruise to be held on June 4, 2021 following the MPAHS Commencement Ceremony. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Caruso stated that the Executive Session was held from 7:50pm – 8:01pm to discuss legal issues.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to hold a MPAHS Jazz Band Concert at the gazebo on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm sponsored by the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Caruso reminded residents that the Borough will be holding its annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 8:00AM – 3:00PM rain or shine. Residents can contact the Borough to have their address added to the map. The Historical Society will be handing the maps out for the yard sale beginning at 7:00AM.

Council President Caruso announced that they will be holding a second meeting this month as scheduled on May 24, 2021. They will decide on a month-to-month basis as to whether or not to hold the second meeting of the month.

Property Report:

Councilman Smetak gave the following report:

- Held several meetings over the last couple months with Borough Manager Landy, Engineers and Contractors regarding the gazebo renovation and the street department building. First, the street department building, in order to get the vac truck into the building, the most logical and cost-effective method is going to be to remove a two (2) cinder blocks and replace one (1) cinder block with a steel eye beam, raise the garage door slightly and leave the additional 8 inches open giving plenty of room to get the truck in the garage. We do not have a formal bid yet. Councilman Smetak does not believe it will cost very much money and believes it will be less than \$2,000.00. Councilman Smetak stated it should only take a few days to complete the project once it is put out for bids and it is awarded.
- Been at the gazebo a multitude of times. Met with Brian Suter of Suter Construction last week. Councilman Smetak feels they now have a good idea of what they want for the gazebo. It will have a metal roof, stone on the skirt, replace the railing, and the columns will be wrapped. Brian Suter suggested doing the railing with tempered glass and led lights built in. Councilman Smetak reported that he has received one bid for the roof and he should have more bids by the next meeting.

Stormwater/ MS4 Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- There will be a virtual Stormwater Management seminar on May 5, 2021.

Streets Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to award the bid for 2 dump trucks, including winter maintenance equipment to Robert Hostetler in the amount of \$8,550.00 (\$4,275.00 each). Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked what the year of the 2 dump trucks were. Council President Caruso stated that they are a 2001 and a 2002.

A Motion by was made by Councilman Smetak to have Potoka Trucking replace the engine in the 1999 Ford Pickup Truck at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked what this truck was previously used for and what will it be used now for. Council President Caruso stated that it was used at the Waste Water Treatment Plant as the camera truck for dye testing; and, it will be used for the Public Works Department now.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the 2021 schedule of games at Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball League. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the proposal from Silvis Group Landscaping Services for their Gold Application of 3 lawn/weed spraying treatments at Penn Park for a cost of \$114.73 and at Veterans Park and Gazebo at a cost of \$224.83. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholcok. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- The Bike Trail Committee asked for curbs and lines to be painted at Willows Park. Councilwoman Lasko asked for lines to be painted on both sides instead of just the one that is there and closer to the bridge. Borough Manager Landy stated that they should be

able to do it. Council President Caruso said that he had a telephone pole that they could use if wanted. Borough Manager Landy said that it is 100 feet and you would have to either do the whole thing with telephone poles or all with bumpers. Mayor Lucia doesn't believe that there are a lot of people using that trail. Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Cholock agreed that they do not believe a lot of people are using the trail. Mayor Lucia stated that he was asked if the areas in town for the bike trail could be repainted. Councilwoman Lasko stated that no one knew where the templates for painting ended up. Councilman Wojnar stated that he was involved with that project when it originated and that he personally gave the templates to Bob Keeler because he wanted to use them in Scottdale. Borough Manager Landy stated the Bob Keeler is asking about the templates. Councilman Wojnar said that he definitely gave them to Mr. Keeler. Councilwoman Ruskowski said maybe Scottdale still has them. Councilman Wojnar said that Scottdale does have the same painting that we had. Council President Caruso asked who purchased the templates. Councilman Wojnar believed that the Borough went 50/50 with Bike Trail Committee and the Borough provided the paint. Borough Manager Landy stated that he believes that is correct. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough provided the engineering costs and sign costs also.

- Councilwoman Lasko stated that she and Borough Manager Landy went around to all of the parks and created a to-do list of things that needed to be done.
- Councilwoman Lasko reported that a lady that lives in Ramsay Terrace reached out to her and she was very complimentary of the improvements at Satcho Park and believes that the park is being used a lot more and was very happy to see it. Councilwoman Lasko thanked Council for supporting her and the upgrades to the parks over the last year.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to amend the agenda to approve the Party in the Park festivities on July 3rd 2021. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Party in the Park on July 3rd, 2021 at the Gazebo. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Cholock asked if the Borough will be able to pay the \$1,800.00 for the band. Borough Manager Landy stated now that the Motion to have the July 3rd Party in the Park is made, he can begin to look for sponsors for the additional \$800.00. Council President Caruso stated he will sponsor half of the \$800.00. Solicitor Istik stated will sponsor the remaining half.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of April 2021:

Total Calls - 44
10-45's - 16
Entrapments - 1
Fires - 14
AFA's - 7
Public Service Calls – 5
Standby's – 1
Hazardous Calls – 1
Turnpike Calls - 3
Total Members Answering – 541
Avg. Member Per Call – 12

Councilman Cholock asked Solicitor Istik to review Act 35 as to whether a business located in the Borough must use the ambulance service within the Borough. Councilman Cholock stated that Medic 10 would get a call to transport from Harmon House to Frick Hospital; however, when returning to Harmon House, Frick Hospital would call Mutual Aid instead of Medic 10. The Director at Frick Hospital is on the Board of Mutual Aid and having them call Mutual Aid. Solicitor Istik stated that is a direct conflict of interest; and, that it was discussed before about sending a letter stating that it is a direct conflict of interest and that if someone paid a subscription to Medic 10 and specifically requests them, we want Medic 10

notified for transport. Solicitor Istik stated she don't remember getting the authorization to prepare and send the letter. Solicitor Istik also stated that Harmon House and Amber House should also be sent a letter in the event there are residents that have subscriptions with Medic 10. Borough Manager Landy stated that there is a new director running Harmon House and Amber House. Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that since the new director has come in, Medic 10 has only received 3 calls. Councilman Cholock said that if Medic 10 cannot get support from the big areas such as Frick Hospital, Harmon House and Amber House they are looking at ten (10) months of survival and will be looking for another ambulance service. Councilman Cholock stated that it could come down to Mutual Aid providing service to Mount Pleasant Borough; however, that does not mean that they will be stationed in Mount Pleasant. They could be coming from another area outside the Borough where Medic 10 is within the Borough. Mayor Lucia stated that Medic 10 does have a relationship with Mutual Aid wherein if Medic 10 has to transport to Pittsburgh or out of the area, Mutual Aid will back up Medic 10 and vice versa with Medic 10 backing them up.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that Police Chief Grippo was on vacation today; and, that she met with Officer Tim Ferree regarding the Police requesting a new police car. We have Car 6-09, which is the black 2011 Ford, which was donated to the Borough by Meegan Ford. There is the K-9 car that Police Chief Grippo drives is in the garage and has something wrong with it. Car 6-10 has 100,000 miles on it and has had an ongoing exhaust issue. Car 6-11 is in good shape. Officer Ferree wanted to remind Council that they are putting approximately 200 miles a day on. Mayor Lucia asked if they are putting that on a day or in a week? Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that Officer Ferree stated that mileage is put on in a day. Officer Ferree stated that they have been looking at vehicles and that at this time there is not much difference in cost between a 2021 and a 2020 vehicle. The prices were \$30,000 to \$32,000 and \$40,000. Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that they would like to have Councils' approval to begin getting bids on a new police car. Councilman Cholock asked if we are trading in or getting rid of any cars. Council President Caruso stated that they were thinking about selling the black police car. Councilman Cholock said he didn't believe that they should sell or trade in a car that was donated to the Borough. Borough Manager Landy agreed that the car should not be traded in to Meegan since they donated it. If it was traded in, it would have to be to another dealership. Councilman Cholock said that we should not take business away from a dealership that previously donated a car to the Borough. Borough Manager Landy stated that the wipers do not work on the car, the console shakes or shifts and the car does not have decals and is unmarked. Borough Manager Landy said they want a new vehicle bottom line and they will come up with any other reasons to get one. Mayor Lucia stated that they should replace car 6-10, the 2016 Ford Explorer with over 100,000 miles on it. Councilman Smetak asked what was the status on the K-9 vehicle. Mayor Lucia stated that it was bought used and was only outfitted to carry the K-9 and has no back seat. Council President Caruso asked if we could give them an answer tomorrow. Borough Manager Landy stated that it's not like they don't have any vehicles; however, they really would like a decision. They do have three (3) vehicles right now; and, it isn't like one was wrecked or a transmission or a motor is out of one. Council President Caruso said that they should have more discussions with the Police Department and revisit it again at the next meeting. President Council Caruso stated that they Mayor will follow up with the Police Department regarding a new car.

Councilman Cholock reported that the Police Department was looking into having lines painted for VASCAR speed control. Mayor Lucia said that you must have an engineer lay out the lines for VASCAR. Councilman Cholock asked if Mayor Lucia knew a cost of the engineer. Mayor Lucia was uncertain; however, he believed Police Chief Grippo is looking into the cost. Mayor Lucia and Councilman Cholock has not heard back from him yet. Councilman Cholock asked Borough Manager Landy if he had any input. Borough Manager Landy stated that he agrees with everything being said.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Had their meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021. Joe Zelenak was not happy about having to add Mount Pleasant Borough as an additional insured for events that they hold at

Veteran's Wall. Councilwoman Barnes has since spoken with him and believes he now understands why they have to put a rider on the insurance.

- The back wall of the main wall at Veteran's Park is cracking and needs repaired. They will be looking into who can do the repairs. They are saying that water is going down in and getting behind it and causing it to crack.
- The military signs will be placed on the back wall soon. They will set higher than where the cracks are that need repaired.
- There are 11 new names to be added to the wall. There will be approximately 13 spaces left.
- Spoke with Councilwoman Bailey about Mr. Ulhery that was going to install the box at the digital wall and he is busy and cannot install it. Councilman Phillabaum has volunteered to do the installation. Councilman Phillabaum and Borough Manager Landy spoke today with Industry Weapons and they will walk him through installation and then send a signal to complete the installation. Councilman Phillabaum will have one of the guys from the Street Department there to help with the installation. It is to be on Thursday at 1:30pm. Borough Manager Landy stated when Industry Weapons calls back to confirm they will clarify that by someone else doing the installation that it will not void any warranties.

Human Resources/Ordinances Report: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to move the Liquid Fuels account from PLGIT earning .01% interest to Scottdale Bank & Trust at an interest rate of .40%. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski gave the following report:

- Received an invoice from McClure & Wolf for the annual audit which is \$3,065.00 more than what they quoted the Borough. The reasons that it was more was for additional procedures in excess of planned audit scope: Extended procedures related to the sale of the waste water treatment plant and establishment of the capital reserve fund; Extended procedures related to the change in method for the valuation of the Boroughs fixed assets; and, Extended procedures related to modification of the annual report in accordance with DCED Guidance due to the unavailability of timely PMRS pension information.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- Mt. Pleasant Viking Baseball will be hosting a Clay Shoot fundraiser on Saturday, May 8, 2021. They are seeking sponsorships from local businesses and organizations. 2 Levels of Sponsorship are: \$100 Station Sponsor and \$500 Shoot Sponsor.
- Mt. Pleasant Viking Football Boosters are seeking sponsorships through their 2021 Patron Board Sponsor VIP Board which is displayed for the 2021 football season at a cost of \$25 up to \$100 or more or in the Viking Program Booklet at a cost of \$30 up to \$100.
- DAR House and Braddock's Trail are asking for donations of a themed basket. Council agreed to a fishing theme basket in the amount of \$50.00.

- Received an email regarding 124 Center Avenue about a parking issue. They contacted our insurance carrier. Our insurance company advised them to attend the next Council meeting and speak about their concerns.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Councilman Cholock thanked the Borough, Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival and Caruso Service for donating to the Hecla Youth Fishing event. Mr. Cholock stated that normally there is approximately 120 kids. This year there was around 160.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

John H. Caruso, Jr., Council President

Motions from Meeting of May 3, 2021

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the March 2021 Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to allow a graduation cruise to be held on June 4, 2021 following the MPAHS Commencement Ceremony. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Caruso stated that the Executive Session was held from 7:50pm – 8:01pm to discuss legal issues.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to hold a MPAHS Jazz Band Concert at the gazebo on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm sponsored by the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to award the bid for 2 dump trucks, including winter maintenance equipment to Robert Hostetler in the amount of \$8,550.00 (\$4,275.00 each). Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion by was made by Councilman Smetak to have Potoka Trucking replace the engine in the 1999 Ford Pickup Truck at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the 2021 schedule of games at Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball League. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the proposal from Silvis Group Landscaping Services for their Gold Application of 3 lawn/weed spraying treatments at Penn Park for a cost of \$114.73 and at Veterans Park and Gazebo at a cost of \$224.83. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholcok. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to amend the agenda to approve the Party in the Park festivities on July 3rd 2021. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Party in the Park on July 3rd, 2021 at the Gazebo. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to move the Liquid Fuels account from PLGIT earning .01% interest to Scottdale Bank & Trust at an interest rate of .40%. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

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