## **Meeting May 23, 2022**

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 and President Ruszkowski asked for a moment of silence for firefighters and police who have lost their lives in the line of duty. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Czekanski, Barrick, Stevenson and Wojnar. Mayor Bailey and Solicitor Istik were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Phillabaum and Councilwoman Lasko participated via telephone.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **Public Comment:**

- Joseph Bauer, President of the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, of N. Geary Street, Mount Pleasant, PA gave the following report for the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department:
  - Mr. Bauer stated he dropped off two (2) letters this week to Borough Manager Landy.
    - 1) A letter regarding the VFD purchasing rescue tools that he spoke about at the previous meeting. Mr. Bauer stated that they were hoping to pull money out of that line item where they make the truck payment and have funds and would like Council to consider it. They received a grant from the state in the amount of \$15,000.00. The cost of the spreader is \$14,251.00 and the cost of the cutter is \$12,298.00. The VFD would need \$11,549.00 to purchase the tools. The grant stipulates that they must have the tools in hand by September 2022.
    - 2) The second letter was a request for Council to possibly amend the Ordinance to permit the Assistant Fire Chief to be able to live 1 driven mile from Borough lines. Mr. Bauer stated he is not in favor of it because it will cause chaos within the fire department. They have lost another member and are now down to 28 men. Mr. Bauer stated that he has talked with other departments in the area; and, Saltlick Township does not permit members being anyone being a line officer if they do not live within their Township because they are afraid of people speeding through their Township to get to their areas. Mr. Bauer stated that there is an example of that within the Borough. A gentleman that lives in the Borough and speeds through town to get to Scottdale VFD; and, another on College Avenue to get to East Huntingdon Township VFD.
  - Mr. Bauer reported that he received a call, as per Borough Manager Landy, the insurance company, Nationwide Insurance, concerned about a concerned resident and her homeowner's insurance increasing by \$30.00. Mr. Bauer stated it had to do with the ISO rate. ISO ratings are ratings from the fire department, the equipment, the age of the equipment, how many personnel you have, there are a list of things that determine the ISO rating and it will affect your homeowner's insurance. Mr. Bauer stated that the fire departments rating went up and he is not certain why; however, he will look into it. Mr. Bauer said that they have done massive amounts of training, including one that they just did on Saturday. They have several other trainings coming up. Mr. Bauer will follow up on the ISO rating and let Borough Manager Landy know what he finds out.

Council President Ruszkowski asked Mr. Bauer how many firemen live out of the Borough. Mr. Bauer stated that there is probably one-third (1/3) of the members that live out of the Borough.

Mr. Bauer also said if Council reads the letter, they will see that there were many members absent when the vote was taken to increase the area for the Assistant Fire Chief.

Councilman Barrick asked if they are out of the Borough, are they near the high school in the newer housing plans. Mr. Bauer stated that there is one near Middle Churches, one on School Street, some in the mobile home park near Standard Shaft.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked why is Council being asked to amend the Ordinance that only applies to one person or one position. Why is it so specific? Mr. Bauer stated that the Department is pretty much in hand that they do not want the Fire Chief living out of the Borough; and, it wouldn't be a good part on Council to do that and permit the Chief to live out of the Borough.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked what about other officers? Mr. Bauer stated that there are other officers that live out of the Borough; however, they are not permitted to respond to the scene with their vehicles. The Chief and Assistant Chief are permitted, they can run red lights.

Councilman Wojnar asked the vote passed 14 to 4 to send the letter to request Council to change the Ordinance, will there be any repercussions of losing firemen. Mr. Bauer stated he does not believe so; however, he does know several that if it does pass and elections go the way they are predicted to go in December that they will walk away.

Mayor Bailey stated so this will impact your membership. Mr. Bauer stated it is an impact and that the fire department is great when responding to calls and that they help many communities out. Mr. Bauer said he don't know if the fire company will be in jeopardy down the road.

Mayor Bailey stated that if this Ordinance is changed, the VFD is looking to lose at least 6 members. Mr. Bauer stated that he lost one (1) member last meeting due to work and not having time for the excessive training that is required and the ticket sales. There is the possibility of losing another one due to relocating.

Council President Ruszkowski asked Mr. Bauer to inform the VFD that this is something that will not happen this evening and it will have to be discussed further. Mr. Bauer stated that he did not expect it to be done this evening and will let them know.

Mr. Bauer said that they are doing fine with on-calls. Mr. Bauer stated that no one ever expected Jerry to pass away. Everyone thought he would live forever and that is how that they acted there and they took him for granted and now they are feeling the pain. Mr. Bauer said he don't know if they will get anybody of his caliber ever again.

Councilwoman Barnes asked who Tim Bauer was. Mr. Bauer stated that he is his son; however, he is the secretary for the VFD.

Council thanked Mr. Bauer.

• Karen Nelson of 3 Vine Street, Mt. Pleasant PA addressed Council as follows:

"I am a citizen and a tax payer of Mt. Pleasant. I have a few comments and I want to make something perfectly clear. It is never my intention to come up here and disrespect anyone on Council so if someone feels I'm disrespecting them, please let me know, I will correct that. Now, only thing I want to address, I don't know what happened in the last meeting but I'll tell you what, we got so many phone calls at my house that I stopped answering the phone. They wanted to know what was going on. Well, my answer to that is, if you want to know what's going on at the Council meeting, go to the Council meeting. I'm not qualified to tell anybody about these meetings because I don't know. I've only been up here a couple of times, so when they ask me a question, I don't have an answer. Come on up here. The questions that you ask me, ask the Council people. I told my sister we got so many calls. She recognized some of the names, some of them she didn't. I said I'm going to stop answering the phone, because I'm not going to take my time up answering phones and people asking me what's going on; and, the second thing, I've had calls, I've had people stop me in the street and at the store and ask me, well, what is the problem with the glass festival? Ok, once again, I don't know.

I'll tell you one thing, they wanted to know was, glass festival, was somebody trying to stop it. I said no, nobody is trying to stop the glass festival. I said, I will tell people what I know, which is not much, maybe that much, if that much. I said it's not about the glass festival, it's about money. Once again, take yourself up to the Council meeting and ask questions. I also got a call from a lady that was up here, Ms. Ceroni. She said she was talked to very rudely and my question is why can't a citizen of Mount Pleasant, a tax payer, come ask questions without being insulted and degraded.

Councilman Wojnar asked "who insulted or degraded her"? Councilwoman Stevenson responded by saying "I think she is referring to me".

Ms. Nelson responded "yes, you know weren't you here?" Councilman Wojnar replied "I was here; but I didn't feel anybody was disrespectful or degrading to anybody in the floor". Ms. Nelson continued "well according to her she was yelling at her; and I asked her, well what did the rest of Council do about it? Nothing. Ok".

Councilman Wojnar stated "I can say personally I didn't feel that any disrespect shown and that's why I didn't react and I would venture to guess that anybody else on Council didn't feel that way or they would have spoken up". Ms. Nelson responded "Oh ok."

Councilwoman Barnes stated "Well I thought she was disrespected". Councilman Wojnar responded "then why didn't you speak up?" Councilwoman Barnes said "the person yelled at her." Councilman Wojnar asked "then why didn't you speak up?" Councilwoman Barnes said "because the conversation was between the two of them so I didn't have that conversation." Councilwoman Stevenson responded "the sun has never come up on day when Dr. Ceroni needs anyone of us to come to her defense." Councilwoman Barnes stated "and that is why I let her talk to you".

Ms. Nelson said "sometimes people do need someone to come to their defense. Now, let me ask the people over here. Did you feel that she was disrespected? Council President Ruszkowski stated "I did not". Mayor Bailey responded "I did not". Council President Ruszkowski said "I think that she has the personality that, if she was, I agree with them, that she would have come forward and said stop, you're disrespecting me, which she did not do. I think that's just her personality that's how I see it. Councilwoman Stevenson stated "I'm not going to comment any further on it".

Councilwoman Czekanski stated "Well I just think if she felt disrespected, she should be the one standing up there" Council President Ruszkowski responded "right". Councilwoman Czekanski continued "talking about her disrespect. Not you. I don't mean that in a mean way". Ms. Nelson responded "You're absolutely right. You're absolutely right". Councilwoman Czekanski said "it is just hearsay when someone, I didn't feel she was disrespected. I don't know her at all. That was the first time I saw her in my life, but she should come here if she feels that way". Ms. Nelson responded "you are absolutely right".

Council President Ruszkowski stated "Karen, your three (3) minutes are up right now.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to extend the 3-minute rule for public comment. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Ms. Nelson responded "I'm just trying to get clarity because it's like I told you, I was not here. I cannot comment on things that I know nothing about. I will not comment. I may ask a couple of questions to get clarity, to get understanding. I'm not attacking anybody. I'm just wondering why she felt that way; and, you're right." Councilwoman Czekanski said "right, she should". Ms. Nelson continued

and said "she should address that because if it would have been me, I would have addressed it right here and then". Councilwoman Czekanski said "absolutely, right, I agree with that".

Ms. Nelson said "Can I ask another question if you don't mind"? Council President Ruszkowski responded "sure". Ms. Nelson said "Like I said I don't know what all went on up here, but people were telling me that a lawyer was up here. They asked if he was a real lawyer. Once again, don't ask me questions about something I know nothing about. I was not there. They said he was nervous. He could have been. That's not my business. If somebody had a problem with him, they should have spoken to it in that meeting. A lot of things, what you said, should have been addressed in that meeting and not brought out". Council President Ruszkowski stated "I agree with that". Ms. Nelson continued "not called on my phone or stop me in the street asking me questions about nothing I don't know anything about".

Council President Ruszkowski stated "The council meeting is always open to the public. Anyone is welcome to come here to listen, to voice their opinion; but, when you involve other people, it becomes hearsay and without those people here, it's hard; and, I will say, for the record, he was an attorney, Mayor Bailey said "is". Council President Ruszkowski stated "he is an attorney". Ms. Nelson responded "He was an attorney or is an attorney"? Council President Ruszkowski along with other members of Council stated "He is an attorney". Mayor Bailey responded "He is an attorney and has a slight medical condition which causes the tremors". Ms. Nelson responded "Well I can understand that. I've got a slight medical condition". Council President Ruszkowski stated "but once again, those are questions that if they had a question then they should have come here". Ms. Nelson responded "that's exactly what I tell them". Councilman Wojnar stated "I appreciate you telling people that because I can't say that enough". Councilman Barrick said "Ms. Nelson, the minutes are, if somebody is interested of what went on at that meeting, the minutes are available online, so they can read the minutes". Ms. Nelson responded "well, this is my thought, if your so concerned about what's going on up here with the Council people, bring yourself up here and ask questions". Councilman Wojnar stated "if I can make a comment, I don't mean to interrupt you, we have a public comment section, that your talking right now, to address the previous meetings and we also have a public comment at the end of our meeting to address issues we speak of during the meetings, so there are more than ample opportunities for people to come and hear what we're saying and ask us questions. So, I appreciate you coming up". Ms. Nelson replied "well, the only problem I have was getting all the phone calls. The only problem I have, I'm at a paranoid state now because my doctors tell me don't go around people, so I go to Walmart once a week, she will tell you, once a week I rush in, I look around, because I talked for four years, I look around and make sure I don't see anybody I know, I rush in, get what I have to get and get up out of there, because I don't know who's infected and who's not, so to be stopped on the way in and on the way out, that's inconveniencing me. I know that's wrong to say but that's the way I feel, that it's really inconveniencing me and like I said before, you got a question you want to ask the Council, go on up there".

Council President Ruszkowski said "well thank you for getting that word out to the public and I appreciate that". Councilman Wojnar said "yes, that is something that I tell people constantly". Ms. Nelson said "well see if I had been here, I might have been able to comment a little bit; but I wasn't here so I was not willing". Councilman Wojnar stated "it is not your responsibility to comment on other peoples' responses". Ms. Nelson said "I am not going to comment on things that I know nothing about". Councilman Wojnar said "and it shouldn't be your responsibility, if other people have a question, they should be up here asking us". Ms. Nelson said "so next time I come, if I don't see people sitting in that chair, I'm going to tell them stop asking me anything and please stop calling our house".

Council President Ruszkowski said "thank you Karen". Councilman Wojnar said "thank you for coming up". Ms. Nelson said "I hope I didn't offend or disrespect

anyone because that is not my intentions. Council President Ruszkowski state "you did not". Councilman Wojnar stated "the fact that you're up here talking to us is a sign of respect, not calling other people saying hey what's going on, so it is appreciated". Ms. Nelson said "well I basically come for answers and fact-finding cause if I don't know it, I will ask". Mayor Bailey responded "and that is the proper thing to do". Ms. Nelson said "thank you for your time". Council thanked Ms. Nelson.

Council President Ruszkowski asked if there was any other public comment.

**Speakers:** None.

#### **Mayors Report:**

Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Attended a Medic 10 meeting. Their meetings are the second Wednesday of the month.
- Met with Chief Grippo and Borough Manager Landy concerning parking issues and complaints. People parking on the wrong side of the street, on the curb, over the curb, on the sidewalk. Had issues and complaints about vehicles, such as boats, campers, trailers, large trucks and they are not parking briefly. They are parked for an extended period of time, which are most likely the resident resides where these are parked and they are taking up extra space. Would like to work on Ordinances to rectify these issues.

Councilwoman Stevenson brought up a trailer that is on Hitchman Street and believes it to be a hazard. Solicitor Istik stated that she does believe that they can do an Ordinance that prevents trailers from parking on the street. Mayor Bailey stated that there is a boat that is parked and sticks out further in the street than a vehicle, there is a large truck on Vine Street; and a camper that used to sit on Center Avenue. She would like an Ordinance to cover all of these. Councilwoman Stevenson asked about commercial vehicles being included such as a fedex truck. Mayor Bailey stated that normally what happens is that if the vehicle is owned and operated by the person who lives there, as long as they are taking up only one space and they are not oversized they're allowed to park there; but if that fedex truck is owned by fedex itself, then it needs to go back to the shop and that driver needs to drive their own car back to their house. Councilwoman Stevenson said that there is a lot to be considered. Solicitor Istik asked if Council would like her to pull some Ordinances from other local municipalities and begin a draft amending the Ordinance. Councilman Wojnar stated that he received a call from a resident on Vine Street regarding parking issues with a tow truck being parked on the street. Borough Manager Landy said that he also has noticed a couple of the short buses now parked outside of residences.

Mayor Bailey read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the Month of April 2022:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	141
Criminal Arrests	6
DUI Arrests	2
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	23
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	42
Assist Other Departments (Police, Fire, EMS)	16
Accidents Investigated	5

#### Income

Parking Meters	\$443.42
Parking Tickets	\$66.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$30.00
Clerk of Courts	\$246.73
District Court	\$957.53
Parking Permit	\$15.00
Fingerprinting	\$25.00

DUI Task Force \$0.00

Total Revenue \$2302.80

## **Solicitor's Report:**

• Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held in executive session.

# Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2022:

Mt. Pleasant Borough T	reasurer's Report	Apr-22			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2022
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	926,218.34	172,721.18	190,108.05	908,831.47
**Town Clock	619.92				
**Holiday Lighting General Fund	1812.51 Standard Bank				
Budgetary Reserve	321615	866,806.04	101,569.14	0.00	968,375.18
**Police	48,591.82		,		, , , , , , , , , , , ,
**Streets	157,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	321,288.02				
**Infrastructure **Workers	206,588.62				
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells ** Frick Park Gas	23,623.48				
Well	22,875.82				
**Levins	970.06				
**Fire	0.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10  **Marcellus Impact	100,000.00				
Fee Act 13	23,477.60				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616 Scottdale Bank	26,779.75	66.63	572.08	26,274.30
Escrow Account	19069343	4,405.25	0.70	0.00	4,405.95
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	222,825.33	70.75	311.65	222,584.43
	Standard Bank	<b>7.000.00</b>	0.00	0.00	<b>7.000</b> 00
Monument CD	446635 Scottdale Bank	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	19069350	2,686.72	53,530.00	53,529.11	2,687.61
,	Somerset Trust Co	_,	,	22,52,51	_,,
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	24,819.45	51.23	0.00	24,870.68
Storm Water Retrofit	Scottdale Bank	1 222 40	0.10	0.00	1 222 50
Phase II	19069368 Scottdale Bank	1,222.40	0.19	0.00	1,222.59
Turn Back Account	19069384	24,867.54	3.95	0.00	24,871.49
ARPA Covid-19	Scottdale Bank 19123652	221,549.16	70.41	0.00	221,619.57
(American Resuce Plan Act)	Standard Bank	221,349.10	70.41	0.00	221,019.37
Standard Bank CD	432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
Scottdale/MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318007294	52,396.87	0.00	0.00	52,396.87
(200yr Anniversary) Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank	32,390.87	0.00	0.00	32,390.67
/MidPenn CD	318012650	53,527.71	0.00	0.00	53,527.71
Total General Fund Balance					2,734,305.25
	Scottdale Bank				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Medic 10 Checking	19069533	160,641.68	35,421.57	49,258.02	146,805.23
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	50,843.58	8.08	0.00	50,851.66
Medic 10 Money	Scottdale Bank				
Market	19069376	6,019.90	0.96	0.00	6,020.86
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	9,425.38	0.00	0.00	9,425.38

M. P. 10 CD	Standard Bank	10 450 71	0.00	0.00	10 450 71
Medic 10 CD	371917	19,458.71	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
	Standard Bank	<b></b>			
Medic 10 CD	410053	5,269.88	0.00	0.00	5,269.88
Total Medic 10 Fund					
Balance					237,831.72
WWT Capital Reserve	Scottdale Bank -				
Account	19123702	897,571.13	141.94	6,649.00	891,064.07
Capital Reserve M. A.	Somerset Trust Co				
Account	2004129745	457,951.20	22.58	0.00	457,973.78
	Scottdale Bank -				
Oceanview Annuity CD	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
Athene Annuity CD					
(created Jan. 2021)	Somerset Trust	507,249.99	0.00	0.00	507,249.99
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					5,063,804.28
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					8,035,941.25
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Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko

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

#### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- After commencement the students, will cruise through town. No streets are blocked off. They will cruise through town on the May 27, 2022 at approximately 7:00pm.
- The cavalcade of champions and pep rally will be held at the firemen's parade.
- The YMCA asked the Borough to suspend the annual supervised summer playground program at Frick Park this year due to staffing shortage.
- Names were placed on Veterans Wall before Memorial Day.
- Met with Joe Zelenak of the VFW regarding the installation of a perpendicular sign on the building of the VFW. The sign would extend out two (2') feet. Under the Sign Ordinance, they can have a perpendicular sign. The sign must be ten (10') feet high and extend out. Borough Manager Landy stated that he gave Mr. Zelenak the ok.
- There will be a motion to approve our liability insurance this evening. The insurance broker was trying to get a confirmation on numbers; however, we were notified this morning that they did not have the different numbers back as of today and could not get it on the agenda in the required 24hours prior to the meeting. The insurance broker asked that we approve the motion with the number he gave us and he will get the company to hold to the price that he initially gave us. Our liability insurance will expire June 1, 2022 before the next meeting.
- Attended the library board meeting.
- Held the monthly safety meeting and a required safety certification webinar that was approximately one (1) hour long.
- Have been working with Councilwoman Lasko on a lot of parks and recreation things.
- Received the grant for the marketplace at the east end of town. The grant was for \$23,000.00. The cost of the sheds/buildings will come in close to \$21,000.00, which allows a little for electric, heating and air. We will need to take money from the capital reserve fund to complete the project. The buildings size will be 12' x 20' which includes a front porch approximately 4'. There will be a double barn door on the back of the building for loading and unloading.

- Held a Managers Meeting with Police Chief Grippo, and Jeff McGuinness. Mayor Bailey was invited but could not attend. Councilman Phillabaum attended.
- Attended a Medic 10 meeting. The supervisor, Ryan King, is leaving Medic 10 and will be working for Life Flight. Borough Manager Landy stated that he believes Zachary Gergas can pick up, if not all the slack, most of the slack.
- The Berkheimer report shows that the Borough is 12% ahead of last year.

## **President's Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to have Mayor Diane Bailey attend the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association Conference, July 21 – 24, 2022 at Holiday Inn Lancaster, Pennsylvania at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to hold an executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:49pm to 8:06pm to discuss personnel and legal.

## **Property / Grants:**

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- Met with Borough Manager Landy and contractor regarding the gazebo renovations.
- Contacted Suters for an estimate regarding the east end marketplace project.
- There are several grants coming up. Borough Manager Landy spoke about a grant that will be for only specific counties, Westmoreland being one of them. The grant opens July 1, 2022. They would like to come up with something creative unique since there is a lot of competition for the grant money. The amount of the grant can range from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

Council President Ruszkowski asked if the blinds could begin to be replaced in the entranceway and the office since they are falling apart. Councilman Barrick agreed that they could do that. Mayor Bailey and Council President Ruszkowski stated that they should look into the better grade of blinds and not the metal slatted ones from Walmart. Councilwoman Czekanski stated that she and a friend of hers got blinds from Blinds-R-Us and they did a great job. Mayor Bailey agreed. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if they install them. Councilwoman Czekanski stated that they do. Councilwoman Stevenson will look into the blinds.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that she set up a committee for the garbage contract that will be coming up. The committee is Councilwoman Stevenson, Councilwoman Lasko and Councilman Czekanski. The committee has one council person from each ward.

Borough Manager Landy stated that there will be a speaker at the next meeting to discuss reverse bidding for the garbage contract. Borough Manager Landy stated that our contract now is at approximately \$43.00/quarter. The contract that the Township got is \$43.00/month.

#### Streets / Stormwater:

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the 2022-2023 Exhibit "A" for the Winter Municipal Snow Removal Agreement with PennDOT for an amount of \$10,566.94. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion failed 0-8. Motion does not pass.

Councilman Wojnar asked if this is something that can be renegotiated especially since the rise in the cost of fuel. Solicitor Istik stated that it is something they could try and the most they can say is no.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to hire Jacob Proctor-Kraus as part-time summer help with the street department at a rate of \$11.50 per hour pending physical and drug screen. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to take two (2) parking spaces adjacent to the library to install two (2) handicap signs. The library will pay for the signs at a cost of \$75.00 each and the street department will install the signs, including painting and removing the meters, at no cost. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

• They alleyway below the Fireman's Club, once they get blacktop, the street department will address the curb. Councilman Barrick asked if the email that was received regarding this issue was responded to. Councilman Phillabaum stated he reached out by phone to the resident and spoke with him.

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

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- Thanked Mayor Bailey, Borough Manager Landy, Councilman Phillabaum, Councilwoman Barnes and Police Chief Grippo for helping to address nuisance issues at some of the parks.
- Thanked Borough Manager Landy for working on the removal of the railroad ties and the bank at Frick Park and keeping the project moving forward.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept bids for the removal of the railroad ties and the trees and shrubs on the hillside adjacent to Frick Park walking trail and renovate into a slope bank with new trees and seeding, including piping, drainage and rocks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

## **Public Safety Report:**

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to approve the purchase of 3 body cameras for the Police Department with a 5yr plan, includes software, updates, 2 additional batteries and training at a cost of \$49.00 per camera/per month for a total overall cost of \$9,018.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to pay the balance cost of \$11,549.00 for the purchase of Holmatro Rescue Tools, P5P40 Spreader and PC040 Cutter for the Mount Pleasant VFD to be taken from general fund line-item number 411.12. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Solicitor Istik asked if the VFD has their own money set aside for things like this? Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough budgeted \$80,100.00 for the VFD this year. Councilman Barrick stated that they are already at \$84,452.00. Borough Manager Landy stated that they are not even half way through the year. Mayor Bailey stated that the money that was transferred from the General Fund Budgetary Reserve – Fire line item does not reflect on the number that Councilman Barrick mentioned. Mayor Bailey stated that there should have been \$65,500.00 transferred to the General Fund. Borough Manager Landy asked where is the money coming from? Mayor Bailey stated it is coming from the budgetary reserve but the Fire budget on the profit & loss does not show a true picture because the \$80,000.00 should be higher by

\$65,000.00 that we moved over. Borough Manager Landy asked where is the \$65,000.00 coming from? Mayor Bailey stated that it is coming from the fire department budgetary reserve line. Borough Manager Landy asked how much is in that line? Councilwoman Stevenson stated zero. Borough Manager Landy said there is no other place to take it from. Mayor Bailey said you've expended it but you never put it in here. It doesn't show it there on the profit & loss budget vs actual report. Mayor Bailey continued that it isn't a true picture because the transfer that was done does not reflect in the fire expense category.

Solicitor Istik stated that Borough Manager Landy said that the fire department received a grant to purchase one tool and they are asking the Borough to purchase the second one. Borough Manager Landy said that the big purchase was the breathing apparatus' / air rigs that Council approved for \$65,500.00 as the Borough's share.

Solicitor Istik asked if they have other ones of these, similar tools that they can use that they don't need a second set now. Councilman Barrick stated that the new tools are battery operated. Mayor Bailey stated that the older tools are hydraulic and need to be hooked up. Councilman Wojnar stated that the old ones take two men to operate where the new ones only take one. Mayor Bailey stated it takes approximately 10 minutes to hook up that old one as where the new ones are instantaneous.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that she believes that the Borough has to do whatever they can to support the VFD; however, she is uncertain how to know when there is a true need as opposed to just wanting to get things. Councilwoman Czekanski stated that if it was her family, she would want them rescued immediately as opposed to having to wait to get equipment hooked up. Councilwoman Stevenson agreed. Councilman Barrick used an incident that happened on the turnpike last evening where there was another bus accident where 5 people died and 50 people injured. Solicitor Istik asked if Council could have Mr. Bauer attend the next meeting for clarity before approving the motion.

Luke Strickland of 124 S. Church Street, Mount Pleasant and a member of the Mt. Pleasant VFD spoke to Council regarding the efficiency of the tools that the VFD wanted to purchase. Mr. Strickland stated that he has been a member about one (1) year with the VFD. Approximately 6 months ago there was an accident near the gas station at the top of town, it was raining, there was an elderly lady and another that was approximately 40 years old that had a head-on collision. Central station was first on scene with the 38-4 truck which is there first. Elderly lady was entrapped in the vehicle, they were trying to get her out, there's hydraulic tools in the back, they may a decade older or more, there was an articulate that was preventing the hydraulic system from engaging properly, so they were not getting enough tension to make the cut and they had to wait for Scottdale VFD to get there. Scottdale VFD arrived on scene approximately 10 minutes later with their electric cutter tools, got the doors off and was able to get the patient out and they were saved. Solicitor Istik asked Mr. Strickland in his one-year time frame, how many incidents have occurred at the same time where you needed to utilize two (2) sets of these tools? Councilwoman Stevenson stated she does not believe its two sets of the same thing. Mr. Strickland stated that the tools that they are asking for are not two of the same tools. They are two tools that are independent usage. One is a cutter and one is a spreader. The cutter separates the metal the spreader pops open a door frame or give access. What they are asking for is to complete the set. It comes in a set. Solicitor Istik stated that there was a grant for one of the tools and they are asking the Borough to purchase the other one. Mr. Strickland stated that is correct, the remainder of what is due. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the grant was \$15,000.00. The spreader was \$14,251.00 leaving \$749.00; so, they are contributing \$749.00 towards the cost of the second piece, which costs \$12,298.00 leaving a balance of \$11,549.00, which is what they are asking us to pay. Council thanked Mr. Strickland for the clarification and attending. Councilwoman Stevenson asked Borough Manager Landy if there is a way to come up with the \$11,549.00 to purchase the tools. Borough Manager Landy said bottom line is Council picked \$65,500.00 to pay towards the air tanks, which is fine and they can do that. There was a motion made as to where to take the money from and that was done. Borough Manager Landy continued by saying when there isn't enough money in the checking it is taken from the budgetary reserve. Mayor Bailey said not to forget that they asked, and we took \$48,900.00 out of the budgetary reserve - fire department line, which was the \$20,000.00 that they paid every year of that loan that we legally could not forgive, so we chose to put it in the budgetary reserve fire line. They were short by \$16,600.00, which was fine because when they make their next payment of \$20,000.00 the remainder balance of \$16,600.00 was to be reimbursed to the general fund, which

will leave a balance of \$3,400.00 in the general fund budgetary reserve fire line and now they are asking for \$11,549.00 that they do not have that in their reserve account. Borough Manager Landy stated that we received the VFD payment of \$20,000.00 on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Councilman Wojnar asked if the VFD had a budget set at the end of last year and what is the deviation now that were not even halfway through the year. Mayor Bailey stated that the only budget that we see from the VFD is the budget that the Borough sets up for them. Mayor Bailey said that they have a budget and that we never see it. Borough Manager Landy and Council President Ruszkowski stated that is correct. Councilman Wojnar said do they know what we have available for them so they can set their budget. Borough Manager Landy said they already know. Borough Manager Landy asked how much money did Jerry Lucia ever ask for the fire department. Mayor Bailey stated very little. Borough Manager Landy said that Jerry would go back to the fire department and inform them of what the Borough gives them. Jerry is no longer here, so now they are coming many times to ask for money because Jerry isn't there to buffer it. Councilman Wojnar said so that is what changed. Borough Manager Landy said yes that is what changed, he was the buffer between Council and the fire department and now there is no buffer so they are coming asking for money.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked is there some of this stuff that is really needed and we should have an up-to-date fire department as much as possible and Jerry was tamping down the man. Borough Manager Landy stated he can only assume this; Jerry was the fire chief and he would never do anything to hurt the fire department. Borough Manager Landy continued by saying, he was up here for how many years as the fire chief and the Mayor, 38 years, I don't think he tamped it too much. Councilwoman Stevenson asked then so why all of a sudden since Jerry is gone, they need this and they need that? Borough Manager Landy said I don't have the answer to that. Solicitor Istik asked if the fire department received their 501(c)(3)? Councilwoman Stevenson asked Mr. Strickland if they have received their 501(c)(3) yet. Mr. Strickland stated it is not completed yet. Councilman Wojnar stated he would just like to know why they are so close to being out of money in less than 6 months of the year.

Council President Ruszkowski asked Mr. Joe Bauer if he could answer some questions about the equipment they want to purchase. Mr. Bauer had just returned to the meeting. Councilwoman Stevenson said to Mr. Bauer that the year is less than half over and they have less than \$5,000.00 in their budget with the Borough and that this is what they have been discussing. Councilwoman Stevenson also said that they have seen several requests come through for buying equipment and it feels as if the requests are coming more frequently than they have in the past.

Mr. Bauer responded by saying "when we come up here last year about the rescue truck to make the final \$80,000.00, we were told that if we needed that money to use for any equipment, we would be able to get into that money for equipment. I think maybe the problem why you're seeing more requests is, our stuffs old, air packs as of April we weren't allowed to use them anymore. We're sending guys in with firefighting gear on that's over ten years old, someone gets killed, we're getting sued, you're getting sued, because you can't send a guy in with ten-year equipment. There's a lot of new requirements. It all came after 9-11. The equipment was never this expensive before; but after 9-11 when the government started pumping money into the fire departments, which we don't see all that, we're hoping to get our 501(c)(3), that will help us out; but I really think after we get this tool you really shouldn't hear anymore requests from the fire department on any equipment. This is just something that the tools on that truck are from 1983, as I said, it's a time thing. I'm going to tell you, put yourself in that situation, if you are in an accident and that car is on fire, and it takes me five (5) minutes to pull the stuff off of the truck and get it started up, where I could pull a battery tool off and have you out of the car in less than a minute, it's about life saving. It's not about the money. Councilwoman Stevenson responded "you should know that this young man did a really exemplary job of having us understand it and what this new tool is all about". Mr. Bauer continued "We're not really looking to buy anything else and like I said tonight, that thing, I got a little more explanation. I went back down to the station because I was mad about that because it didn't even come to the floor. We would have paid for that, but I'm not going to nickel and dime the Borough for stuff like that. We got the air rigs and we're thankful for that. We need this tool. I'm losing guys because of tickets. I'm telling you that this training and tickets is killing this fire department. It really is. Guys are tired of it. Their tired of selling tickets. We got the street fair ticket now and then right after this one is done; we got the \$20,000.00 one; we have the street fair and then we have another ticket at the end of the year, and it's all for the budget just to do the basic stuff that we have to do for truck inspections, the tower is up for inspection and keep that certified. Once the trucks not certified

you can't use it. I know you heard the rule that after 25 years the truck is no good, that's a bunch of bull. I know departments that run the trucks to 45-50 years old. They pass the certification and guess what, if you do what we have been doing here, keeping it up to date like they cleaned that tower the other day and greased it, that's the kind of stuff we do to keep our equipment so we don't have to buy any trucks". Councilwoman Stevenson stated "there is no criticism here, it's just a question". Mr. Bauer continued "I don't want to talk on Jerry because he is a good friend of mine. There were times that the department said that we want you to ask Council for this and he just didn't do it".

Councilwoman Stevenson said "may I just say something about the whole idea of a fire department. I've said this before but it's been years. We are obligated by the Borough code to provide fire protection for our citizens and so that can either be done through a volunteer fire department, which you can see how hard these people work to earn money and keep up with their training to provide what they can for themselves or we could provide fire protection by a paid fire department. Do you know what that will cost, what kind of taxes we would have to have, so I'm not saying this because you're in the room, I have said this many times before, I think that we have a moral obligation if we have the money, if we see that they are looking for a two-piece thing that goes together, and so far, what they've done is got a grant that paid a big chunk of it, I think we have to do it. I think we have to pay for the rest of it. Whether it's in the budget or it isn't, and I know it's untidy, Jeff likes a tidy spreadsheet, I don't like that either, it's untidy, it was unplanned", Borough Manager Landy interrupted "wait a minute, I'm the one that wrote the motion up, so I'm not against it. I'm just telling you this is how the motion was written to be able to spend the money". Councilwoman Stevenson responded "ok, I understand. I think we have to do it".

Mr. Bauer stated "I'm going to tell you; we have a bunch of committee guys. Most of our guys right now are fifty some years and older. They really don't have to be there. They can take life membership tomorrow and not even be there. It's a commitment, protected by the Borough and we do have a good core of guys. It's like a family, we'll work through our problems and these are little problems. I knew this was going to happen when Jerry passed. We knew it. We were told by the State Fire Commissioners Office this is going to happen. We all laughed about it. Well now here we are and we are dealing with it and we will deal with it. It's just going to take a couple hard headed guys like me to keep driving the rules down the road and how we're going to operate and keep this department going, but unfortunately when you get this stuff like these tools and that happen, it throws a wrench in your work. We try to follow a budget. They never did that in the past. Since I'm the President we made the budget and we're sticking by it. We had our meeting the other night, the Board of Directors meeting, we got smacked with \$4,700.00 bill for flags for the cemetery for our deceased members and they wanted to go and buy cheap flags that don't say nothing of the fire department. I'm not doing that. Those guys gave their life in the service of the department for 30 some years. They need to have a flag that says Mt. Pleasant Fire Department on. So, we don't have the money, we will figure it out. That's what we did. We figured it out. Actually, how it worked out, I had a guy give me a donation of \$3,000.00 so it covered the flags. It always works out; but when it comes to these big tools, they always say don't take it home with you, but I go home at night, my wheels are spinning half the night trying to think how we're going to get this done and how we are going to do that. Then the call today from the insurance company about a residence homeowners insurance going up. My insurance company does not go by an ISO rating. It goes by if you have a fire department, you have a fire hydrant and how far is your hydrant. A resident got a \$30 to \$40 increase on her homeowners. For a person on a fixed income that is a lot of money. Ultimately it will come back to Council because it is about the equipment. This is how the rating goes. Its about the equipment and the training. I will guarantee we're going to pass the training with flying colors. So, we are trying to do the right things. It gets kind of hard when you got to come home from work and now you have 2 fire department meetings this week, training on this night, another meeting this night and you have to go out and try to sell tickets yet.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated "I would not like for the members of the fire department to end up with some kind of impression that we are less than 100% supportive. Council President Ruszkowski stated "we have a motion on the floor, we need a second". Councilwoman Stevenson seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about all the fundraisers. Mr. Bauer said they sell so many tickets and offered if anyone would like to help sell tickets.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about the firemen being tired of selling tickets. Mr. Bauer said they sell them to offset costs of inspection for the trucks and various things. Councilwoman Barnes stated "so my point is how come up can't just say, Council this is what our budget should be and maybe we will only have one or two ticket sales a year, but this is what we're going to need because we're not going to have so many to burden our people". Councilman Barrick stated "it makes sense". Mr. Bauer said "the reason we do four (4) main fundraisers because we do not want to burden the Borough". Councilman Barrick continued "it would help us understand if you would put together your budget in September and say it costs us \$100,000.00 to run the fire department and of that \$100,000.000". Mr. Bauer stated that their budget is right around \$101,000.00. Councilman Barrick stated that if it is \$101,000.00 it would be nice to know this is what we need for equipment, repairing of equipment, inspections, maintenance, etc. Mr. Bauer stated that there were some inspections that they did not do such as hose inspection and pump inspections on the truck. They have decided to do those this year because it helps the ISO rating and certify the trucks. Mr. Bauer said next year they should have a better idea of where they are. Councilman Barrick said the budget should be pulled together before the Borough does theirs. Mr. Bauer said the firemen will not do a budget before January. Councilman Barrick stated that he should do it before the Borough does theirs that way if they need money, it can be discussed before the Borough budget is set. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if the fire department runs on approximately \$101,000.00 and Borough sets aside \$80,000.00, the VFD only has to raise \$20,000.00 in a year? Mr. Bauer said "no, the Borough's part is gas, insurance, etc. Borough Manager Landy said there is workers comp, there's a lot. Mr. Bauer said that is not included in their budget. Borough Manager Landy said "I have been here 17 years and this has never come up before, but, it's the big items that maybe the fire department can plan ahead for". Mr. Bauer said the air rigs should have been brought to Council because they have been a discussion of the fire departments for the last year knowing they were going to be outdated and need replaced. Borough Manager Landy said that Jerry (Lucia) did tell him about it and said that the fire department has the money and they can do it themselves. Borough Manager Landy said if he remembers correctly, Jerry also took a copy of the Borough budget to the VFD meeting. Mr. Landy asked Mr. Bauer if that was right and Mr. Bauer said yes. Mr. Landy continued by saying, Jerry said this is what the Borough already gives us, we have the money. Borough Manager Landy said Jerry didn't tell him where the fire department had the money. Mr. Bauer said the air rigs had to come out of the relief association and at one time that relief association had over a million dollars. Now, they can't afford anything. They spent more than they were getting in. Borough Manager Landy said the foreign fire money that the VFD gets is approximately \$18,000.00 a year and when he started it was approximately \$23,000.00.

Councilwoman Stevenson said we need more transparency and understand the needs ahead of time. Mr. Bauer said that is why they have been coming to the meetings just to let you know what is going on at the fire department.

Council thanked Mr. Bauer for helping them to understand all of it and for coming.

#### **Veterans Park:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

• If she didn't hear from anyone at Spectrio she was going to go higher. She text the gentleman in the organization to make him aware that if she did not hear from him that was what she was going to do. She went higher and spoke to someone in Florida and informed them that we not getting anywhere with them and that we need someone to get busy. They gave her name which she called and she has not heard back from him. However, she did hear from Greg Crossey and they agreed that there is a problem with trying to correct it and that there is miscommunication on their end and they are trying to correct it. They are trying to have an update where things stand by the end of the week. Councilwoman Barnes said that they tell her this every week and then nothing happens. They have not contacted her or Mr. Landy so she will be calling them again tomorrow to follow up with them and that we need to know who is going to take care of updating the digital wall.

#### **Human Resources / Ordinances:**

Councilman Wojnar gave the following report:

- Solicitor Istik will be looking an Ordinances from other municipalities regarding recreational vehicles and commercial vehicles for parking.
- Has a couple of Ordinances and a newspaper article regarding Quality of Life Ordinance.
   Borough Manager Landy said that it is an Ordinance that gives more authority to code officers and violations and covers a lot.

Councilman Barrick asked if there is something they can consider with jake brakes and if it can be enforced. He hears them on South Diamond Street. Borough Manager Landy said that letters have been sent to PennDOT and they have said based on their calculation of the grade of the road that jake brakes are permitted by some, not sure if it is the state or who, almost have to be the state, that this is allowed. Mayor Bailey stated that she would caution in requesting that no jake brakes are allowed coming off of that hill and asked if they have ever saw a truck lose its brakes and you don't want to do that and it is the same as coming off of the hill on Route 31 by Cogo's. Mayor Bailey continued that even though the jake brakes are obnoxious, they are a safety issue. Councilman Barrick said he does understand that.

Councilman Wojnar asked if we are still looking to have an officer certified to do truck inspections. Mayor Bailey stated that they are and that Police Chief Grippo has been in touch with either the PUC or DOT officer who has been helping out and working at getting us a spot in the class.

Borough Manager Landy said there are two (2) options and one would be that the Borough would have to buy scales and the second they could look at tarps, dirty license plates, covers on taillights, speeding, running a light. Police Chief Grippo believe that they could do the second option now. Borough Manager Landy said if they did the second option now it may deter trucks.

Councilman Wojnar said that we should do what we can now. Councilwoman Stevenson said with the roundabouts being put in the trucks through town is only going to get worse. Councilwoman Stevenson said the reason that they got the new Main Street by PennDOT was due to the truck traffic. PennDOT says the road is a state highway and built for truck traffic.

Mayor Bailey said that the DOT officer that helped Police Chief Grippo with this did stop several trucks that day and will continue to try and do that until the training is in place.

### **Finance Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to amend the agenda to approve the liability insurance effective June 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the liability insurance effective June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 through Berkshire Hathaway Insurance Company through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance for a total cost of total cost of \$44,208.00. (Last year's cost was 46,508.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

## **New Business:**

Councilwoman Stevenson said "I would like to ask Councilwoman Barnes to make some comment on the fact that we now been notified that we will be sued based entirely, 100%, on her actions and her words, all of which she was advised repeatedly could lead to this bad outcome. So, how do you feel now that that's happened"?

Councilwoman Barnes replied "no comment, no comment".

Council President Ruszkowski said "I feel bad".

Councilwoman Stevenson said "I know. The whole thing just stinks, it just stinks".

Discussion and Payment of Bills:
A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.
Public Comment: None.
Miscellaneous and Adjournment:
A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.
Meeting Adjourned 9:25pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey A. Landy, Borough Manager  BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT
Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

None.

**Reading of Communications:** 

#### **Motions from Meeting May 23, 2022**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to extend the 3-minute rule for public comment. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to have Mayor Diane Bailey attend the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association Conference, July 21 – 24, 2022 at Holiday Inn Lancaster, Pennsylvania at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to hold an executive session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the 2022-2023 Exhibit "A" for the Winter Municipal Snow Removal Agreement with PennDOT for an amount of \$10,566.94. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion failed 0-8. Motion does not pass.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to hire Jacob Proctor-Kraus as part-time summer help with the street department at a rate of \$11.50 per hour pending physical and drug screen. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to take two (2) parking spaces adjacent to the library to install two (2) handicap signs. The library will pay for the signs at a cost of \$75.00 each and the street department will install the signs, including painting and removing the meters, at no cost. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept bids for the removal of the railroad ties and the trees and shrubs on the hillside adjacent to Frick Park walking trail and renovate into a slope bank with new trees and seeding, including piping, drainage and rocks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to approve the purchase of 3 body cameras for the Police Department with a 5yr plan, includes software, updates, 2 additional batteries and training at a cost of \$49.00 per camera/per month for a total overall cost of \$9,018.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

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