

Meeting June 3, 2024

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Ruszkowski 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Lesko to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barrick, Lasko, Stevenson, Davis, and Czekanski. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar was present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Phillabaum attended via phone.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Medic 10 Report:

- Zach Gergas, Director of Medic 10, gave his monthly report. A copy of the report provided by Mr. Gergas is attached hereto.

Fire Department Report:

Mr. Harenchar spoke gave the following report:

- They have 4 new members
- The Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating its 125th anniversary
- The Fireman's Street Fair will be held June 26 – 29 and will open nightly at 5:00pm to 10:00pm each night. The parade will be on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:00pm. Vendors will be open for lunch.
- Had an incident on South Diamond Street and would like to be sure the homes along South Diamond Street from the cemetery to Warden Avenue keep their trees and shrubs cut back not to obstruct views.

Mr. Harenchar provided a copy of the fire report, which is attached hereto.

Public Comment:

- Bob Keeler of 509 Mount Joy Road, Mt. Pleasant, representing the Coal and Coke Trail. Mr. Keeler gave the following update on the Coal and Coke Trail:
 - They approached the Borough through Councilman Phillabaum regarding assistance with cutting the trailhead along the walking trail in the Borough. They do not want to have to haul a mower. They can do all of the weed eating and trim.
 - Last year and the year before they pretty much resurfaced the entire trail, spending \$32,000.00 on materials; \$5,000.00 on contract/labor. The majority of the labor was done by Mount Pleasant Township and East Huntingdon Township crews. They hauled all of the material and laid 2/3 of the surface. They also do the mowing through the season on 3 miles of trails in the Township. They did not resurface the parts of the trail in Mount Pleasant Borough because it was in good enough shape and did not need it. They did not resurface the other end of it in Scottdale, which is the Jacobs Creek Walking Trail. It is a trail that was built by Scottdale Borough and they maintain it. Scottdale donates \$2,000.00 every year to the Coal and Coke Trail.
 - Finished redoing the bridge in Bridgeport, costing approximately \$3,500.00 and approximately 300 volunteer hours doing it. Last year the redid the bridge in Sherrick Run in East Huntingdon Township.
 - Many years ago, they specified along with Council's help an on-road bike route to try and get people from the trail into the Borough. This was done in Scottdale and Mount Pleasant. They have had trouble getting people to utilize it for many reasons, one being trying to mark the roads and it fades and was not a good idea.

They have found an app that can be put on your phone, which cost them \$500.00 annually. It will allow people to download the app and get GPS turn by turn guidance to come up in to town. The trail has been marked out. They are in the process of pinning different points of interest such as restaurants, convenience stores, municipal services, etc. They are hoping it will be available within the next month or two. They are going to be redesigning and refurbishing the bulletin boards with weather proof cases. This cost will be approximately \$4,000.00. There are 4 boards that need to be redone and 3 of them are within Mount Pleasant Borough.

- Twila Guidas and Joseph Benford of First United Church of Christ, North Hitchman Street, Mt. Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the following:
 - Requested to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to the alley behind their church for their Summer Harvest Festival on August 10, 2024 from approximately 10:00am to 5:00pm. Event is from noon to 5:00pm. Would like to expand and invite vendors and low acoustic music. They will not be having vendors on the outside. Council agreed that the Borough will give approval to close the street and they can have the acoustic music.
 - Provided a proposal for a LED digital sign. Mr. Benford stated he met with Councilman Davis. There are a few placement proposal with what he provided and hope that there can be some sort of agreement to be able to place their sign. The first section in the proposal is similar to where the sign was originally. They will be raised up a little higher that what is pictured as they were before. The second proposal would be in the original area they were in only they would raise them high enough that when you come off of Hitchman Street you will be able to see down Main Street so there are no visibility issues pulling out of Hitchman on to Main Street. The third proposal is to have them mount it on their already existing sign and placed on each side and it sets back off of the road so that it does not hinder any traffic issues.

Speakers:

- Jessica Stout spoke to Council regarding child trafficking awareness and child dangers on social media. She would like to be able to set up at events in Mt. Pleasant to bring awareness.
- Justin Fitz, a ministry motorcycle rider, spoke to Council regarding anti-bullying and anti-human trafficking. Mr. Fitz works alongside with Jessica Stout at events making people aware of these happenings.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Bailey read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the Month of May 2024:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	141
Criminal Arrests	2
DUI Arrests	0
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	50
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	84
Assist Other Departments (Police Fire EMS)	5
Accidents Investigated	10

Income

Parking Tickets	\$119.00
Parking Meters	\$546.07
Fees for Police Reports	\$60.00

Clerk of Courts	\$81.99
District Court	\$1,145.78
Parking Permit	\$100.00
DUI Task Force Refund	\$0.00
 Total Revenue	 \$2,127.84

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- With respect to the bushes and trees overhanging that Fire Chief Harenchar spoke about, the Borough does have an ordinance that addresses this, Chapter 10, Section 102 through 105 requiring property owners to cut trees, shrubs, etc. that encroaches. The code officer can address the property owner. The property owner has 5 days to correct the violation.

Councilman Phillabaum also stated that there is a fence along South Diamond that obstructs the view of people pulling out of Howard Street onto South Diamond Street. Solicitor Mlakar stated that he would have to look further into our ordinances about it.

- Received a Resolution from the Chamber of Commerce waiving all of their rights to the parking lots that are located behind Levins. Solicitor Mlakar has prepared a Resolution for the Parking Authority, which is the first step for the Parking Authority to adopt requesting dissolution and has also begun preparing the deeds for transfer. Once the Resolution is adopted, they will be able to sign the deeds. He will also prepare a quit-claim deed for the Chamber of Commerce to transfer to the Borough. Mr. Mlakar said that the dissolution will be a four-step process. The Parking Authority will have to adopt the Resolution to dissolve, transfer all assets to the Borough, file a certificate of termination; and then the Borough will pass an ordinance terminating them.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Apr-24			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2024
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	951,159.91	185,189.72	100,300.48	1,036,049.15
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,053,565.02	3,451.09	25.00	1,056,991.11
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	386,620.26				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers					
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	26,773.10				
** Frick Park Gas Well	29,106.70				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	23,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13	23,477.60				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	34,176.08	506.00	0.00	34,682.08
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	4,612.42	18.04	0.00	4,630.46
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	193,063.88	754.91	0.00	193,818.79
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,382.80	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,266.84	50,913.92	50,765.35	3,415.41
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	25,918.36	2.34	0.00	25,920.70

Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,476.46	0.22	0.00	2,476.68
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,279.86	5.00	0.00	1,284.86
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	260,643.80	1,019.15	0.00	261,662.95
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	215,254.60	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	53,527.71	0.00	0.00	53,527.71
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					2,951,340.47
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	360,187.74	178,760.97	123,202.89	415,745.82
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	59,537.72	232.80	0.00	59,770.52
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	12,129.68	39.69	25.00	12,144.37
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,756.55	9.67	322.99	2,443.23
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	19,458.71	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318023688	5,325.42	0.00	0.00	5,325.42
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					514,888.07
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	901,804.64	3,526.18	0.00	905,330.82
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	481,962.21	1,457.74	0.00	483,419.95
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318015215	201,508.38	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31
American National (9/5/2023)	Mid Penn Bank - Scottdale Bank	518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74
Total WWT Balance					5,157,071.20
Total Borough funds					8,623,299.74
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the April 2024 Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Tax Collector’s Report: **None.**

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager Lesko stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

President’s Report:

Council President Ruszkowski asked that Council members be courteous and if possible, call the office to see when the best time would be to meet with the Borough Manager. This is best if she is in meetings they do not interrupt the meeting or have to sit and wait or come back.

Property Report:

Councilman Barrick stated that everyone has received a copy of his report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the property report submitted by himself and Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Streets / Stormwater Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to install hydraulic pump at a cost not to exceed \$3800.00 from J&L Truck & Body, LLC on the 2019 Ford dump truck to assist with lifting the bed when salting. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the street department/stormwater report submitted by Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bailey said that she saw they were painting stop bars and crosswalks and asked when will they be painting yellow or the curbs on corners. Mayor Bailey asked that the corners be painted at College Avenue and Main Street. Council President Ruszkowski will follow up with the street department.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve First United Church of Christ to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to the alley behind the church on August 10, 2024 from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

Parks & Recreation:

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the parks & recreation report she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Phillabaum stated that everyone has received a copy of his report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to approve the public safety report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to hire Joseph Brehun as a part-time Police Officer at the part-time rate of \$20.00/hr. effective July 1, 2024 pending graduation of Police Academy in June and passing all required physical and background checks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Veterans Park:

Council President Ruszkowski stated that Councilwoman Barnes is absent however she has submitted her report.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the Veterans Park report that was submitted by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinances:

Councilman Davis stated that everyone has received a copy of his report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Davis reported that he would like to move forward with working with the solicitor about a fire pit ordinance. The Borough office receives a lot of calls asking if it is permitted and what the guidelines are. The ordinance would clarify what residents are permitted or not permitted to do.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the Borough prohibits burning. Solicitor Mlakar suggested to add language that will permit fire pits with setback requirements.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to draft an ordinance regarding fire pits. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that for some reason the Borough has two (2) sign Ordinances, one in the Zoning Ordinance and the other is a freestanding Sign Ordinance that are in conflict with each other. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you can have a freestanding ordinance; however, when you have a Zoning Ordinance that is where it should be. Solicitor Mlakar said that he can move everything over to the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Mlakar stated that he believes if the Borough was challenged on the digital sign ordinances, he believes that the Borough would lose. The way things are moving with respect to signage, a court would find that you are exclusionary by prohibiting them. Mr. Mlakar went on to say that we can move everything over to the Zoning Ordinance to clear up the conflicts and then do a section dealing with digital signs. When this is done, must go to the planning commission for review, must be advertisements and public hearings, and then you can adopt it. It is a couple of months process. There is no way to do it any faster. You cannot just say yes, it is okay.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked Solicitor Mlakar to speak about PennDOT regulations regarding digital signs. Solicitor Mlakar stated that Interstates have special regulations, state highways have certain regulations of where digital signs can be and he will blend that into the Ordinance. Councilman Davis stated that there is Main Street and Diamond Street that would have to follow PennDOT guidelines. Solicitor Mlakar stated that the PennDOT guidelines will be consistent with what he will be drafting. He went on to say that you will have to look at brightness, timing of the message, spacing of the message, moving, no flashing, you set up a time of how long between the scroll or rotating signs. Councilwoman Lasko asked what about regulations regarding advertising so they cannot use it as a revenue maker. Solicitor Mlakar stated that they can use it as a revenue maker and that there is a difference between sign and billboards. Billboards are where the advertising occurs. Signs for churches are not billboards. There are special regulations for billboards and the state becomes involved in that. Billboards are companies that charge to have an ad placed on them. Councilwoman Lasko asked if a storefront can charge another company for advertising. Solicitor Mlakar stated that is where you set your regulations on what they can do.

Councilman Davis asked if the Borough had digital signage could they allow people to advertise on them and charge them a fee. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you will run into a problem with that as a practical matter because who chooses who gets to advertise.

Mayor Bailey stated that she has a concern because our residential district abuts the business district can you put something special that it can't be so bright so residents would not be annoyed by it especially at night. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you don't have to allow signs in every zoned classification and you can establish the distance a sign has to be from a resident. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you could do spacing because as the concern of council, you don't want it to look like a Las Vegas strip. Councilwoman Stevenson asked for additional information on spacing such as if she has a business next to someone does that mean one can have and another not. Solicitor Mlakar stated it will depend on where you want to place it, if it is a window sign as opposed to free-standing signs, on the building is something different. You will distinguish between them.

The flashing or scrolling of the digital signs will fall under the same lighting requirements, timing and etc. Councilman Barrick asked if the existing digital signs that are in the Borough would have to follow the new sign ordinance. Solicitor Mlakar stated that they will be grandfathered in but if they change the location or size of their original sign, they would then have to follow the new sign ordinance. Free-standing signs will have to meet the building code. You can allow a free-standing sign on site such as a garage could have a free-standing sign advertising for their own business. That is not considered a billboard. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if a billboard is distinguished by being owned by a third party and size. Solicitor Mlakar stated for the most part and they are advertising for someone else.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to meet with the Ordinance Committee to discuss the sign ordinance to include LED digital signs and draft a sign ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Mlakar addressed the fence issue that Councilman Phillabaum raised that is located on the corner of Howard Street and South Diamond Street. Solicitor Mlakar stated that if it obstructs the view of traffic, this would be handled by the Code Enforcement Officer. Solicitor Mlakar stated that if the fence was put in prior to 2010, it would be grandfathered in. He also stated that he will speak with the Police Chief regarding the motor vehicle code and sight lines. Solicitor Mlakar stated that none of our Ordinances addresses sight lines. Solicitor Mlakar stated that there are two (2) weed ordinances, one for trees, which is for trees overhanging streets and sidewalks, and one for weeds. Solicitor Mlakar stated you have duplicate, inconsistent sections of our Ordinance. Mayor Bailey asked if there is an Ordinance regarding planting trees between the curb and the sidewalk. Solicitor Mlakar stated “yes”, no branches, trees, etc. shall be closer than 15 feet above the surface of the street or 7 feet above the surface of a sidewalk. If the tree does damage to the sidewalk, you can make them remove it. He said that he will have to look into it further. Mr. Mlakar stated that is in the Borough right-of-way and you can restrict what is in your own right-of-way.

Solicitor Mlakar asked Council to please send him some comments of what they want or don't want regarding the signs. That will give him something to start with. He does not want to draft something that only one person wants and four others do not. Solicitor Mlakar stated that you grant special exceptions for religious facilities; however, you have to be careful what you allow on the signs because the signs have to be content neutral. There is a lot to it and it not just simply saying you can put a sign up.

Human Resources:

Councilwoman Czekanski stated that everyone has received a copy of her report, and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Human Resources report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

Events Report: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that everyone has received a copy of her report, and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Finance report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Blanket Bond from Century Insurance for Borough Manager, Borough Secretary/Borough Treasurer in the amount of \$1,243.75. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the reason for the bond is that the Pennsylvania State Borough's Code requires that your manager post a bond, the treasurer post a bond and the secretary post a bond. The bond is a \$500,000.00 bond. Solicitor Mlakar stated that his recommendation was to go with a blanket bond due to the cost being cheaper to do a blanket bond instead of 3 separate bonds. The Borough also has a separate theft insurance that covers a theft by any employee.

New Business:

- Received a request from Richard Kujawa to use Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival annual car show August 16, 2024 with a rain date of August 23, 2024. Council agreed that he can use Frick Park.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Lesko read the following communications:

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Somerset Trust Bank, Main Street on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30pm

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to hold an executive session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that executive session was held to discuss personnel matters from 8:00pm to 8:07pm.

Mayor/Council Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

June 3, 2024
Committee Reports

Mayors Report:

May 16 – Attended the Viking Foundation Meeting and received a report outlining the profits from the Dinner and a Show Project, the Red and Blue Gala and also the recipients of the Viking Foundation Scholarship.

May 21 – Attended the Safety Meeting and discussed “Reporting Unsafe Equipment”.

May 22 – Attended the Ribbon Cutting, as did Council Barnes, for Link + Bonded and also The Water’s Edge Boutique.

May 27 – Attended the Memorial Day Parade and participated in the Ceremony at Veterans Park.

Mayor Diane Bailey

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Audit for 2023-year ending has been completed and all files were in order and there were no findings. Council has received a copy of the audit

Met with Dan Busatto of Century Insurance regarding updating insurance renewal information.

Submitted PennDOT street closure applications for the Fireman’s Parade and for July 3rd Party in the Park.

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

Several meetings with new tenant regarding plumber and work being done in their room. Found that there was no hot water.

Attended Safety Meeting Topic was “Reporting Unsafe Equipment”.

Hot water tank went out and there was no hot water in the Borough building. Received quotes on a new hot water tank for the Borough building. Kostyo Heating and Air was lowest cost. They replaced the hot water tank on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

Received quotes for roof damage at Medic 10 building. Waiting on quote for the plaster work.

Attended the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association with Council President Ruszkowski and Councilman Phillabaum on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Hoss’s Steak House in Greensburg.

Meet with Council President Ruszkowski daily regarding day-to-day business and issues.

Met with Jeff McGuinness, Street Department, regarding various issues. Line painting has begun.

Met with Police Chief Grippo regarding update on newest police vehicle and personnel updates.

Met with Councilman Davis regarding Fire Pit Ordinance and Sign Ordinance information.

Met with Mark Cypher, Code Officer, regarding various property issues.

Made copies and prepared documents of ten (10) new Veterans Banner requests for Councilwoman Barnes and StukUp Grafix. Sent new Veterans Park applications to Denise at StukUp Grafix.

Many conversations with Solicitor Mlakar regarding various ordinances, right-to-know request to BDA, revisions to Lease Agreements, right-to-know regarding police records and redaction, Dorsch Subdivision, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery complaints.

Secured entertainment for July 3rd Party in the Park, sent vendor applications for July 3rd Party in the Park. Schaefer Fireworks will provide the fireworks for July 3rd Party in the Park. Will be meeting with Somerset Trust requesting sponsoring the fireworks again as they have in the past.

Met with Joe Bauer from Visitation Church regarding approval for setting up fireworks in Visitation Cemetery and location.

Met with MidPenn Bank regarding renewing two (2) CD's that were coming to term.

Luke Strickland of the MPVFD retrieved all of the documents that they had previously brought to the Borough pertaining to the Fire Department Audit.

Will be getting rates for three (3) CD's that are coming to term with Dollar Bank.

Met with Councilwoman Stevenson to review the Treasurers Report

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

Requested extension of LSA Grant received for police vehicle. Waiting on parts for upfitting.

Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

Presidents Report: No report submitted.

Property Committee:

We needed to replace the hot water tank for the municipal building. The new tenant on the second floor who is installing a hair salon on the second floor had a plumber. Her plumber found out for us that the hot water tank was not working adequately. He gave us a price to replace the hot water tank. We called had two other plumbers for prices to compare.

The bid was advertised for veterans Park gazebo Park electric work. This will be due in June

Bids are going to be advertised this week for the MS4 mapping.

Mike Barrick, Chairman

The carpenter is and he will be in the week of June 10th to see what baseboards and window trim is needed and he will be installing the week of June 17, 2024.

Cynthia Stevenson, Property Committee

Streets/Stormwater Committee:

Cut grass in the parks

Started painting stop bars and crosswalks in the north and the south side of 1st ward

Patched pot holes throughout the town

Trimmed the bushes at Levins parking lot, Veterans Wall and Frick park

Trimmed some trees and bushes in alleyways that were growing out

Put the veterans banners up

Put up Orchard Ave, Evans Street and Jordan Street signs

Trimmed the trees up at the gazebo

Jeff McGuinness attended the Emergency Management Coordinator meeting in Greensburg.

Susan Ruszkowski, Chairwoman

Parks and Recreation Committee:

The Frick Hospital emergency department wants to have a softball game and has requested to use the Frick Park field on July 21. There are no conflicts.

The sliding board at Frick Park is damaged from normal wear and tear. The plastic is cracking and the equipment has been taped off and will be removed when possible. If funds allow it will be replaced eventually.

Diana Lasko, Chairwoman

Veterans Park Committee: No report submitted.

Public Safety Committee:

Coke and Coal Trail Committee is requesting we assist in mowing along the trail way between the old Cook's Lumber property and Willow Park. Spoke with Council President Susan, Councilman Davis, and Borough Manager Sharon. After meeting with the street department, we will meet with Mr. Keeler from the trail committee to discuss this further.

Attended the Library Board meeting discussing fundraising. The library board has offered to work with the fundraising for the Dog Park Project on the soccer fields at Willow Park.

Attended Westmoreland County PSAB meeting with Council President Susan & Borough Manager Sharon at Hoss's in Greensburg.

Put out Community Yard Sale Signs throughout the community with the assistance of the Street Department and Councilman Davis.

Attended the Veteran's Wall Committee meeting with Councilwoman Barnes & Councilwoman Czekanski at the VFW. The 100-year anniversary of the Doughboy Statue event was discussed as well as the Veteran's Day Parade that will take place on November 11, 2024.

Spoke with Zack Gergas on 5/31/24. Medic 10 is working on apparel to be purchased to help support Medic 10.

Spoke with Fire Chief Paul Harenchar 5/31/24. The Tower Truck should be back in Mount Pleasant by June 12th, 2024. Friendly reminder, the street fair is this month. Stop out to support the Fire Department and other organizations from the community that will be represented.

Spoke with multiple business owners that are displeased with the BDA. Received complaints about the food truck event that will deter patrons from supporting the restaurants here in the Borough that pay into the BDA and support the community in various ways thru multiple local organizations. The businesses are not happy with the representation they are receiving and feel excluded. One particular business mentioned they were promised shop local stickers for more than a year that they have yet to receive. Another business complained to me about flower pots. When they asked about getting flower pots from the BDA they were told to request them. There was no previous mention of requesting the flower pots based on the claim from the business owner.

From June 2nd, til June 5th I will be out of town in Hershey representing the Borough of Mount Pleasant and Westmoreland County PSAB as part of the resolution committee during the Spring/Summer PSAB conference. Due to my participation in the conference, I will not be present for the June 3rd, 2024 meeting. Kenphillabaum@yahoo.com for anyone that needs to reach out to me or have any questions.

Spoke with Leo from the Parking Authority. We will meet this month to officially dissolve. This will clear the way for the Borough to take full possession of the 4 parking lots and all other assets that are in the Parking Authorities possession.

Kenneth L. Phillabaum, Chairman

Ordinance Committee:

I would like to make mention of the fire pit ordinance with what Les has proposed and I would like to discussing allowing the solicitor to proceed with drafts of the proposed Ordinances on signs.

I would like to also inform every one of the shared idea that the borough eventually have our own sign could be a big win for our community and potentially bring advertising and some revenue as I understand Councilwoman Barnes has mentioned in the past.

Andy Davis, Chairman

Human Resources Committee:

HR committee will be meeting on Tuesday June4th to discuss the borough managers contract

Linda Czekanski, Chairwoman

Events Committee:

Nothing to report this meeting.

Cindy Wojnar, Chairwoman

Finance Committee:

Treasurer's Report for April 1 – 30, 2024
Total Borough funds = \$ 8,623,299.74

Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman

Motions from Meeting of June 3, 2024

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 6, 2024 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the April 2024 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the property report submitted by himself and Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to install hydraulic pump at a cost not to exceed \$3800.00 from J&L Truck & Body, LLC on the 2019 Ford dump truck to assist with lifting the bed when salting. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the street department/stormwater report submitted by Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve First United Church of Christ to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to the alley behind the church on August 10, 2024 from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the parks & recreation report she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to approve the public safety report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski to hire Joseph Brehun as a part-time Police Officer at the part-time rate of \$20.00/hr. effective July 1, 2024 pending graduation of Police Academy in June and passing all required physical and background checks. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the Veterans Park report that was submitted by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the report that he submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to draft an ordinance regarding fire pits. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to meet with the Ordinance Committee to discuss the sign ordinance to include LED digital signs and draft a sign ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Human Resources report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Finance report that she submitted. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Blanket Bond from Century Insurance for Borough Manager, Borough Secretary/Borough Treasurer in the amount of \$1,243.75. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to hold an executive session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 6-0.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that executive session was held to discuss personnel matters from 8:00pm to 8:07pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.