UNCERTAINTY FOR BNY MELLON CENTER

By Mark Belko

In four years, Downtown’s second-tallest skyscraper could go from full to empty — perhaps overnight. That’s the fate of the U.S. Steel Building, currently housing the Society BNY Mellon Center in 2028 when the main tenant BNY Mellon leaves.

And, so far, it doesn’t appear that owner, MetLife, has been able to extend or cut new leases with the smattering of other tenants who are currently subleasing spaces that BNY has vacated. If nothing changes, that potentially could leave the building with one tenant and soon an ever-shrinking BNY lease. On paper, the building could be full one day and empty the next. Some real estate experts believe the zone of its main tenant BNY’s fate could be the biggest crisis facing the Golden Triangle.

“You can see it coming,” said Jeremy Kronman, a vice chairman. “After that lease expires, you will go from full to empty — perhaps overnight. That’s the fate of the U.S. Steel Building, currently housing the Society BNY Mellon Center in 2028 when the main tenant BNY Mellon leaves.

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By Megan Guza

Twenty-one of 26 Pittsburgh police officers who were previously beyond the state’s Municipal Police Officers’ Training and Education Commission (MPOEC) were found to be psychologically unsound, according to the city’s Civil Service Commission. The bureau’s psychological assessments are meant to evaluate police academy candidates’ emotional and psychological stability.

Last month, more than half of the candidates who took the assessments were rejected. In total, 87 people were tested based on standards set forth by the state’s Municipal Police Officers’ Training and Education Commission (MPOEC), which are performed by psychologists who have been recommended whether a candidate should move forward in the process. “We’re trying to determine if a candidate has a psychological disability that would prevent them from doing this job,” Chief Sciotti said.

The bureau has also recommended that the state’s Municipal Police Officers’ Training and Education Commission (MPOEC) be expanded to include more candidates who would be considered for special roles in law enforcement.

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The presence of COVID-19 and election season have been factors in the decision to limit the number of candidates who will be tested.

When riots in the U.S. and other countries led to the death of George Floyd, a police officer, the academy was forced to suspend testing. The academy has since resumed testing, but the number of candidates who will be tested has been reduced.

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