

Borough of Mount Pleasant
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Agenda

Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting January 5, 2026

Magistrate Charles Moore swears in newly elected Officials:

Kenneth Phillabaum, Mayor
Susan Ruszkowski, Councilwoman
Andrew Davis, Councilman
Michael Barrick, Councilman
Rudy Brnilovich, Councilman
Nicholas Lucia, Councilman

Call to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

- A) Matters of Business
- Mayor calls for nominations and elections for President of Council.
 - Council President calls for nominations and elections for Vice President of Council.
 - President calls for nomination and elections for President Pro Tem.
- B) Appointment of Borough Officials.
- Motion to retain Sharon Lesko as Mount Pleasant Borough Manager.
 - Motion to retain George Grippo as Mount Pleasant Borough Police Chief.
 - Motion to retain K2 Engineering as the Mount Pleasant Borough Code Officer and Zoning Officer.
 - Motion to retain Hewitt & Leechalk, LLC and Leslie J. Mlakar, Esq. as Mount Pleasant Borough Solicitor.
 - Motion to retain Opst and Associates as Mount Pleasant Borough Auditor.
 - Motion to retain K2 Engineering as the Mount Pleasant Borough Building Inspectors.
 - Motion to retain Gibson-Thomas Engineering as the engineering firm for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.
 - Motion to retain Paul Harenchar as Fire Chief/Fire Marshal for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.
 - Motion to retain Jeffrey McGuinness as Emergency Management Coordinator.
 - Motion to retain Zachary Gergas as Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator.

- Motion to retain Leslie J. Mlakar of Avolio Law Group, LLC as Solicitor of the Planning Commission for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.
- Motion to retain Robert Regola as Government Consultant and Grants for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.

C) Borough Appointments

- Motion to appoint Sharon Lesko as Secretary/Treasurer for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.
- Motion to appoint Sharon Lesko as the Open Records Officer for the Borough of Mount Pleasant.
- Motion to appoint Ken Phillabaum as Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association.
- Motion to appoint Patience Barnes as Alternate Representative to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association.
- Motion to appoint Cindy Wojnar as Representative to the Library Board.
- Motion to appoint Ken Phillabaum as Alternate Representative to the Library Board.
- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 appointing Michael Ruszkowski as Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

D) General Administrative Business

- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 adopting Roberts Rules of Order for Council meeting procedure.
- Motion to designate President, Vice President and Borough Manager as authorized signers for Borough fund accounts.
- Motion to designate depositories of Borough funds as Dollar Bank, Scottdale Bank & Trust, a division of Mid Penn, and Somerset Trust Company.

E) Appointments to Boards and Authorities

- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 appointing Phyllis Mecurio to Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term which expires 12-31-2030 (expired 12/31/2025).
- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 appointing Hallie Chatfield to Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board for the remaining 5-year term which expires 12-31-2029 (expired 12/31/2024).
- Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05 appointing William Hare, Sr. to Mount Pleasant Zoning Hearing Board for the remaining 5-year term expiring 12-31-2026. (expired 12/31/21).

Regular Meeting:

Motion to approve Previous Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of
December 8, 2025

Medic 10 Report

*Zach Gergas, Director

Fire Department Report

*Paul Harenchar, Fire Chief

Public Comment — 3-Minute Limit Per Person

Speakers

Mayor’s Report

Solicitor’s Report

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurers

*Motion to approve November 2025
Report.

Tax Collector’s Report

Borough Manager’s Report

Sharon Lesko
*Motion to approve the Borough
as submitted by Borough Manager
Lesko.

Managers Report

President’s Report

*Motion to authorize the solicitor to
prepare and advertise Ordinance
officially dissolving the Business
District Authority.

*Motion to approve the updated by-
laws of the Westmoreland County
Chamber of Commerce.

*Motion for Executive Session (if
needed to discuss permissible
issues).

Start time: _____ End
time: _____

*Motion to Reconvene.

Executive session held for _____
_____issues/matters

Committee Reports:

Property/Streets - Stormwater:

Mike Barrick, Susan Ruszkowski,
Cindy Stevenson, Patience Barnes
*Motion to approve the property /
street-stormwater report as submitted
by Councilman Barrick and Council
President Ruszkowski.

*Motion to authorize the Solicitor to
take the appropriate steps to offer for
sale the property located at 25 West
Main Street, Tax Map No. 21-02-03-
0-274 (former Morris Barron car lot).

Parks & Recreation / Events

Diana Lasko, Patience Barnes,
Mike Barrick, Cindy Wojnar

Public Safety/Human Resources

Susan Ruszkowski,
Linda Czekanski, Cindy Wojnar

Veterans Park

Patience Barnes, Ken Phillabaum,

Finance/Ordinances:

Andy Davis, Linda Czekanski

Cindy Stevenson, Diana Lasko,
Linda Czekanski, Andy Davis

*Motion to approve Resolution
2026-06 setting the 2026 Quarterly
Contribution for Non-Uniform
Pension at \$4.05 per hour.

*Motion to approve Resolution
2026-07 waiving the required Police
Pension member contributions for
calendar year 2026 only.

*Motion to approve Resolution
2026-08 establishing Standard
Business Mileage Reimbursement
Rate for the year 2026.

*Motion to accept the terms of the
contract with Borough Manager
Lesko retroactive to January 1, 2026
and authorize solicitor to prepare
contract.

New Business

Reading of Communications

Sharon Lesko

Discussion and Payment of Bills
approved bills

*Motion to pay all authorized and

Mayor / Council Comments

Miscellaneous and Adjournment

END TIME: _____