

Meeting April 7, 2025

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, Davis, Barnes, Czekanski, Wojnar, and Phillabaum. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the minutes liquor license transfer hearing of Monday, March 3, 2025 and the regular meeting minutes of March 3, 2025 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Medic 10 Report:

Director Zach Gergas provided a report. A copy of the report is attached.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Paul Harenchar gave the following report:

- A copy of the fire report is attached
- Members enrolled in various training
- Street fair tickets are now available
- We have a few grants out
- We will not have the Easter egg hunt due to low participation last year
- If we can get the truck up and running, we may have it go thru the Boro on Palm Sunday

Richard Pologruto gave the following report:

- I talked to Representative Davanzo about the grant for the radios and we did miss the window
- We have another grant out it is due June or July and has to be submitted by council. We get the paper work filled out, Eric said we could set up a meeting to go over it all.

Borough Manager Lesko: Do you know when he plans to meet with us? This will have to approved at a meeting and probably will need resolutions done.

Richard Pologruto: I'm not sure we have only had the one phone call. I believe there is one in June and July.

Borough Manager Lesko: We will need to know so we can put it on the agenda.

- We are working on a grant for equipment and driver gear
- We are also working on grant with Anheuser Busch for skids of water
- We submitted paperwork for thermal energy cameras
- We have six members completing basic rescue training, two members completed their fire fighter one, one member completed their fire fighter two
- Our air truck has bad springs and braking system which total around 4500.00 in repairs
- Our service truck we think may have blown up and the motor is not going to be cheap to replace
- I talked to Representative Davanzo regarding the Safer Grant we got. We have to use this to pay for our gear, physicals, etc. We have 100,000.00 of our own money out that we have not received back yet. They did not release any of the grant money yet. We are sort of strapped for money right now.

Mayor Bailey: You guys are paying for the training for the fireman?

Richard Pologruto: We currently are paying 300.00 per physical, that's cheap usually they are around 1000.00 each.

Councilman Phillabaum: So, the 300.00 is adding up?

Richard Pologruto: Yes, we picked up 15 new members and it is strapping us.

Councilman Davis: If, I can add one thing too, just so everyone is aware on what Rich is saying, how much money we have out, it's not even really meeting the edge of what we could need going to fire school. They have an entire class one target of cancer prevention. They want you to have multiple sets of gear. Because after you go into a fire, they want you to take your gear you have to wash it. The problem is once you have one set of gear, you can't take it out of service immediately. Like the other day we had a second call and it was back-to-back. Today, there is a lot more needs that the community doesn't realize.

- We have a fundraiser including a patio furniture set, 10.00 a tip 500 tip

Public Comment: Michael Phillips 207 West Main Street: I just wanted to let everyone know I am putting in a bakery and want to request to put signs in front of my building for parking. This is my short-term request. My long-term request is to buy the borough lot next to my building for parking.

Library Report: See attached.

- We will be having Chick-Fil-A in front of the library on Friday, April 18, 2025 between 9 to 3. Chick-Fil-A will be serving breakfast, lunch and non-chicken items. The Easter egg hunt will also be held on this day. Also, a book and bake sale for that day.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report: See Attached:

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- I wrote on behalf of the Borough to the ethics commission on Mr. Davis. They came back to say that they do not want to do an official report on him because they do not want to address comment. However, I did some research on him and sent a memo out to the board. Basically, because Mr. Davis gets most direct benefits from the fire department personally, he can continue to collect. However, any member who is an officer or becomes a member of council, has the right to get second opinion from the ethics council. Someone who is not an officer that they should write before they take office if they would be elected to get an opinion from the ethics commission.
- Received approval from the courts to sell the Gormley property.

Treasurer's Report:

Council President Ruszkowski gave the following Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2024:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Feb-25				
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2025	Balance 2024
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,030,363.46	151,812.77	154,641.61	1,027,534.62	993,573.53
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,110,282.56	2,769.27	0.00	1,113,051.83	1,050,010.69
**Police	48,591.82					
**Streets	148,604.25					
**Contingency Fund	420,408.86					
**Infrastructure	206,588.62					
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00					
**BOMP Gas Wells	27,520.53					
** Frick Park Gas Well	30,631.39					
**Levins	0.00					
**Fire	43,400.00					
**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	37,970.07	119.71	0.00	38,089.78	33,803.54
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	54,049.76	170.41	0.00	54,220.17	4,596.13
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	188,916.26	11,594.83	10,077.04	190,434.05	53,816.79
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,797.95	48,665.93	48,645.84	3,818.04	3,243.53
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	14,995.63	1.27	0.00	14,996.90	25,915.95
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,678.73	0.23	0.00	2,678.96	2,476.23
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,328.35	4.19	0.00	1,332.54	1,275.34
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	270,518.98	852.91	0.00	271,371.89	259,723.45
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039102	233,991.26	0.00	0.00	233,991.26	233,991.26
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	53,527.71	807.44	0.00	54,335.15	53,527.71
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					3,067,857.52	2,758,843.46
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	454,415.73	73,658.79	74,755.48	453,319.04	362,967.80
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	61,793.47	194.83	0.00	61,988.30	59,327.49
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	12,494.40	1,090.31	0.00	13,584.71	12,088.76
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,501.35	7.89	0.00	2,509.24	254.12
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30	20,518.30
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318038116	5,593.84	230.13	5,823.97	0.00	5,593.84
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318047885	0.00	5,823.97	0.00	5,823.97	5,593.84
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					557,743.56	459,422.30
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	935,971.93	2,951.00	0.00	938,922.93	898,620.32
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	496,847.92	1,276.83	0.00	498,124.75	480,460.57
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap.	Scottdale Bank 318016303	201,034.05	12,579.95	213,614.00	0.00	201,034.05
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap.	Scottdale Bank 318037592	213,614.00	8,593.13	0.00	222,207.13	213,614.00
American National (9/5/2023)	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31	3,048,217.31
American National (9/5/2023)	Mid Penn Bank - Scottdale Bank	518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74	518,594.74
Total WWT Balance					5,226,066.86	4,628,806.58
Total Borough funds					8,851,667.94	7,847,072.34
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko						

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve February 2025 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Tax Collector’s Report:

- **Remittance end of March Property Taxes totaled 121,022.02**

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 Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

President’s Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the resignation letter from Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to accept the resignation letter from Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the resignation letter from China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to accept the resignation letter from China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority:

Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 appointing Linda Czekanski to fill the vacancy of Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-12).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 appointing Linda Czekanski to fill the vacancy of Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote:

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Abstain
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0 Abstain -1

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 to appoint John Lobinger to fill the vacancy of China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-13).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 to appoint John Lobinger to fill the vacancy of China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 to appoint Susan Lobinger to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-14).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 to appoint Susan Lobinger to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 to appoint Greg Hirak to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-15).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 to appoint Greg Hirak to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 to appoint Dee Ankney to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5)

year term expiring December 31, 2029. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-16).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 to appoint Dee Ankney to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029:

Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2025-17 to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar (Resolution No. 2025-17).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-17 to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski for Executive Session to discuss sale of formerly Gormely Property, Tax Map No. 21-02-03-0-248. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:34pm to 7:45pm.

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar for the sale of the former Gormley property tax map no. 21-02-03-0-248 for public auction on June 9th, at 2 PM at the site, \$16,000.00 minimum starting price, conditioned as 10 % of selling price within 5 days and closing within 60 days. Successful bidder pays 2 % real estate transfer tax. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote for the sale of the former Gormley property tax map no. 21-02-03-0-248 for public auction on June 9th, at 2 PM at the site, \$16,000.00 minimum starting price, conditioned as 10 % of selling price within 5 days and closing within 60 days. Successful bidder pays 2 % real estate transfer tax:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to file application with Penn Dot to close Route 31, Main Street, for the following parades: Monday, May 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:00am for the annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion and VFW. Thursday, June 26th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the annual Fireman’s Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to file application with Penn Dot to close Route 31, Main Street, for the following parades: Monday, May 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:00am for the annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion and VFW. Thursday, June 26th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the annual Fireman’s Parade:

Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to file application with Penn Dot to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2025 from 4pm to 12am for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to file application with Penn Dot to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2025 from 4pm to 12am for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park:

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 25th – June 28th, 2025 for their annual Fireman’s Fair and to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 25th to June 28th for the Fireman’s Fair. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 25th – June 28th, 2025 for their annual Fireman’s Fair and to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 25th to June 28th for the Fireman’s Fair:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

Parks & Recreation:

- Reminder there is a meeting scheduled with Gibson Thomas regarding the Frick Park Hillside Project on April 17th at 9am.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Independent Athletic Association and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Independent Athletic Association and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement.:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

Public Safety/Human Resources 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 Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Public Safety/Human Resources Report as submitted by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve hiring of Karen Rattanni as part-time secretary at a rate of \$15.00/hour plus workers compensation and unemployment compensation benefits and with no other benefits with a starting date of April 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve hiring of Karen Rattanni as part-time secretary at a rate of \$15.00/hour plus workers compensation and unemployment compensation benefits and with no other benefits with a starting date of April 8, 2025:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

Solicitor Mlakar discussed amending the employee handbook. He stated the following;

- The Boroughs current employee handbook does not specify what a part time or full-time employee consists of.
- I suggest we make it so the part time employee is anyone working less than 40 hours a week and full-time employee being anyone working more than 40 hours per week excluding union contracts, etc.
- The prior solicitor said fireman are employees of the Borough and they are not. The only time they are considered employees of the Borough is when they have Workers Compensation and that’s by statute.
- Sharon and I will go through and list any other contradictions we find and make them available to you all.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to amend the employee handbook. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

- **Reminder the yard sale date for 2025 is June 7th and 8th.**

Veterans Park: None.

Finance/Ordinances: None.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 672 recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 672 recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to permit Council President Ruszkowski to ratify the Worker’s Comp Renewal Proposal with Century Insurance for the year 3/1/2025 to 3/1/2026 in the amount of \$28,852.00. Previous year quote was \$27,536.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

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Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the registration fee of \$250.00 for Council President Ruszkowski to attend the Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the registration fee of \$250.00 for Council President Ruszkowski to attend the Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025:

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Abstain

Vote passed 7-0 Abstain-1

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 appointing Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager as the Chief Administration Officer for the pension plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 appointing Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager as the Chief Administration Officer for the pension plan:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

New Business: None.

Citizen Comment: None

Reading of Communications: None.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting of April 7, 2025

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Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
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Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 appointing Linda Czekanski to fill the vacancy of Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-12).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-12 appointing Linda Czekanski to fill the vacancy of Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote:

Councilman Davis	Yes
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Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Abstain
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0 Abstain -1

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 to appoint John Lobinger to fill the vacancy of China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-13).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-13 to appoint John Lobinger to fill the vacancy of China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 to appoint Susan Lobinger to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-14).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-14 to appoint Susan Lobinger to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 to appoint Greg Hirak to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-15).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 to appoint

Greg Hirak to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a four (4) year term expiring December 31, 2028:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 to appoint Dee Ankney to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum (Resolution No. 2025-16).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-16 to appoint Dee Ankney to fill the vacancy to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029:

Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2025-17 to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar (Resolution No. 2025-17).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve Resolution No. 2025-17 to authorize participation in the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs Junior Council Person Program:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Council President Ruszkowski for Executive Session to discuss sale of formerly Gormely Property, Tax Map No. 21-02-03-0-248. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:34pm to 7:45pm.

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar for the sale of the former Gormley property tax map no. 21-02-03-0-248 for public auction on June 9th, at 2 PM at the site, \$16,000.00 minimum starting price, conditioned as 10 % of selling price within 5 days and closing within 60 days. Successful bidder pays 2 % real estate transfer tax. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote for the sale of the former Gormley property tax map no. 21-02-03-0-248 for public auction on June 9th, at 2 PM at the site, \$16,000.00 minimum starting price, conditioned as 10 % of selling price within 5 days and closing within 60 days. Successful bidder pays 2 % real estate transfer tax:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to file application with Penn Dot to close Route 31, Main Street, for the following parades: Monday, May 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:00am for the annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion and VFW. Thursday, June 26th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the annual Fireman’s Parade. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to file application with Penn Dot to close Route 31, Main Street, for the following parades: Monday, May 26, 2025 from 10:00am to 11:00am for the annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion and VFW. Thursday, June 26th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the annual Fireman’s Parade:

Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to file application with Penn Dot to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2025 from 4pm to 12am for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to file application with Penn Dot to close S. Diamond Street from Main Street to Washington Street on July 3, 2025 from 4pm to 12am for the annual July 3rd Party in the Park:

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 25th – June 28th, 2025 for their annual Fireman’s Fair and to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 25th to June 28th for the Fireman’s Fair. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department to use the parking lots on Smithfield Street from June 25th – June 28th, 2025 for their annual Fireman’s Fair and to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 25th to June 28th for the Fireman’s Fair:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Independent Athletic Association and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Independent Athletic Association and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement.:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Public Safety/Human Resources Report as submitted by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve hiring of Karen Rattanni as part-time secretary at a rate of \$15.00/hour plus workers compensation and unemployment compensation benefits and with no other benefits with a starting date of April 8, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve hiring of Karen Rattanni as part-time secretary at a rate of \$15.00/hour plus workers compensation and unemployment compensation benefits and with no other benefits with a starting date of April 8, 2025:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to authorize Solicitor Mlakar to amend the employee handbook. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 672 recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 672 recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant:

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to permit Council President Ruszkowski to ratify the Worker's Comp Renewal Proposal with Century Insurance for the year 3/1/2025 to 3/1/2026 in the amount of \$28,852.00. Previous year quote was \$27,536.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to permit Council President Ruszkowski to ratify the Worker's Comp Renewal Proposal with Century Insurance for the year 3/1/2025 to 3/1/2026 in the amount of \$28,852.00. Previous year quote was \$27,536.00:

Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the registration fee of \$250.00 for Council President Ruszkowski to attend the Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the registration fee of \$250.00 for Council President Ruszkowski to attend the Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025:

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Abstain

Vote passed 7-0 Abstain-1

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 appointing Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager as the Chief Administration Officer for the pension plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 appointing Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager as the Chief Administration Officer for the pension plan:

Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

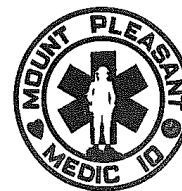
A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA 15666



Mount Pleasant Borough Council Meeting (4/7)

Medic 10 Monthly Report (March)

Call Volume

Total Calls: 185

Transports: 141

Cancelled: 17

Refusals: 11

Standbys: 9

Lift Assists: 6

DOA: 2

Wheelchair Van Trips: 42

Missed Calls: 4

Year to Date:

Total Calls: 639 (213/month)

Wheelchair Van: 88 (29/month)

Missed Calls: 36 (12/month)

Grants/Donations

23 donations/grants written so far

Received payment from Columbia Gas (\$2,000)

Received Steelers item and Pirates tickets for donation raffle

Applebees's Dine to Donate event 5/8 (11:00 AM to Close)

Subscription money still coming in

Business Fund Drive (donations) continuing to receive money (\$2,875)

Allegheny Health Network (Garage Space Rental) \$2,600

Community Events

EMS coverage at Hitachi Energy (4/8 - 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM) paying \$175/hr

Setting up a career day with Frock Childcare

New Facebook Page up and running

Equipment/Employees

Trucks are good, Medic 426 recently displayed at Seven Springs for EMS Update

LUCAS Device delivered, trained on and in service

Two new casual EMTs joining the team (Kimmy Whalen and Nathan Saloom)

Zachary Gergas,
Director of Operations
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

Fire Report – April 7, 2025 meeting

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- MARCH	31
10-45'S	4
ENTRAPMENT	
OTHER RESCUES	
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRES	13
AFA'S	7
HAZARDOUS CALLS	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	1
STANDBY'S	1
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	2
TURNPIKE CALLS	4
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	362
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	12

Library Report – April 7, 2025 meeting

Mount Pleasant Free Public Library
Borough Council Meetings

March 2025 - reported April 7, 2025

Circulation	2,544
Door Counter	2,578
New Library Cards	24
Total Registered Patrons	2,522
Programs Held	45
Program Attendance	340
Computer Usage	184 sessions for 100 hrs
WiFi Usage	43 sessions for 519 hrs

Mt. Pleasant Borough Police Report for March 2025

Calls: 157

Accidents: 1

Assists: 12

Arrests: 2

DUI:1

Citations: 15

Parking Tickets: 10

March 2025 Finance Report

Report Fees: \$86.00

Magistrate Return: \$568.41

Clerk of Courts Return: \$689.78

Parking Tickets: \$110.00

Fingerprints: \$25.00

Total Income for March 2025: \$1,486.19

**April 7, 2025
Committee Reports**

Borough Manager Report:

- Auditors were in-house and working on the annual audit. Met with auditors for two days. It is ongoing.
- Met and discussed with Jeff McGuinness regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Prepared the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Met with Lee from Cintas regarding issues with Street Department Uniforms. Has been rectified.
- Conducted interviews for secretary. Kenzie Whipkey, current secretary will be leaving the position.
- Met with Leo Wisniewski and Dale Walker to finish signing final Parking Authority dissolution documents. Spoke with Joe Horrell regarding closing the bank account. We are waiting for a final payment from Penn National Insurance. Once received, it will be deposited and the bank account can be closed.
- JB Mechanical has begun the electrical work at Veterans Park.
- Received rates from Mid Penn, Dollar Bank and Somerset Trust on CD's that were maturing and renewed with Mid Penn Bank at a rate of 4.25% for 9months.
- Bridgeport Technology installed firewall and new computer at the street department.
- Have had several discussions with Spectrio and Dave Pritts regarding the Digital Wall. Dave Pritts has been great in helping us get the wall back up and running. Armstrong installed a new modem. Spectrio will be sending a new player card to be replaced.
- Attended National Night Out meeting. Tentative date for National Night Out will be Monday, August 11, 2025 (subject to change).
- Discussions with solicitor regarding street paving, bonds for electrical work at Veterans Park, right to know request regarding solar panels, softball lease, handicap parking, sign request for 923-927 W Main Street, Ethics Commission opinion, hiring part-time employee, Letter and request of documents from CBA, USA Local 14693-68 regarding contract negotiations for Street Department, Frick Park Hillside Project; free and clear sale of Porterfield property, Tax Map No. 21-10-14-0-025, mileage reimbursement for police at training.
- Held a manager's meeting with Police Chief Grippo and Jeff McGuinness. Councilman Phillabaum also attended.
- Gathered and sent many documents and had several calls with Brent Cindric who is conducting a 5-year pension audit.
- Met with Police Chief Grippo and Armory Locksmith regarding additional security cameras within the Borough.
- Placed ad for 2025 Street Paving Project. Bids are due on April 22, 2025 at 11:00am.
- Meeting with Solicitor Mlakar regarding Noise Ordinance, Destruction of Records, Softball Lease, Resignations for BDA and replacements, part-time employees.
- Will be meeting with Gibson Thomas Engineering and the Parks & Recreation Committee on April 17th regarding the Frick Park Hillside Project.

- Conference call with Solicitor Mlakar, Caprice Mills, Secretary for Mount Pleasant Township regarding paving a portion of Warden Street between Hitchman Street and Oak Street.

Street Department Report:

We patched holes on the roads and the alleyways

We removed the decking from the fountain so the lighting people could work in the fountain

We put up the small play set at Jack Bobbs park

We fixed signs and sign poles that were leaning

We changed the oil in the zero turn mower to get it ready for grass cutting season

We changed light bulbs at the veterans wall and the gazebo that were not working

We swept Main Street, Church Street, and Diamond Street with the new sweeper

Public Safety Report:

Medic 10 will meet at 6pm on 4/9/25 at Medic 10 for our quarterly meeting.

Attended Managers meeting on 3/27/25 with Borough Manager Sharon, Jeff McGuinness (Street Department), & George Grippo (Police Chief).

Caught them up on some upcoming events that are being discussed here in the Borough. Observed the Fire Department in person handle a call on Diamond Street 4/5/25. Several Fireman responded within a few minutes of the call. The matter was addressed and resolved within minutes. Job well done by the Fire Department in handling the emergency.

Friendly reminder to residents, please call 911 when you observe emergencies as they are happening.

Westmoreland County PSAB

Meet 3/27/25 in Greensburg. Mary Beth Brennan of Gordian gave a presentation on using the Keystone Purchasing Network for general construction, electrical, plumbing, etc.. For any council members that are interested in what they have to offer, I will have literature from the presentation with me. Councilwoman Patience Barnes attended as well. Next Westmoreland County PSAB event is the Banquet, Friday April 25th at Lakeview.

BDA

3/5/25 meeting. We did not have a quorum. Was informed of a resignation.

The Monday Munchies events for 2025 dates are June 16th, July 21st, Aug 18th, Sept 15th,. Was asked to include Mullen avenue and if a truck could be parked in front of Depalma's flooring and Fazio's. Depalma and Fazio are looking to use the parking space, which is along Main Street.

4/2/25

All 4 active BDA board members as approved by Council were present. There is confusion among the board. The rest of the board was under the impression that would could have a meeting with the 4 members. It was pointed out by myself that the bylaws state we are to have 6 members for a meeting. A non member of the BDA board stated the revised bylaws of 2023 stat we could meet this way.

No action was taken while I was present for the meeting.

It was requested by Tony Vecchio for the BDA subcommittee and the BDA to meet in the near future.

BDA would like permission to have the Breast Cancer 5k Race on 10/25/25. The route for this years race will remain the same as last years route.

On 4/3/25 I received a call from a resident on North Depot Street about flooding that was a result of the sewage project near his property. Council President Susan and I spoke about the matter, the resident that made the call had concerns about further flooding. Multiple solutions were discussed. The Street department visited the site on 4/4/25.

Coke and Coal Trail

On 3/11/25 I attend the RTC Trail Ambassador / Monitor Training held in Greensburg. My certificate as a Trail Monitor, I received is good for 2 years from the date I received it. All my activity on the trail will be logged and turned over to the Coke and Coal Trail Committee.

Scottdale Councilman and Trail Committee member Andy Pinskey submitted a letter to Scottdale Borough about using the park on Scottdale's end of the trail on June 7th, 2025 for a "Trail Day" event he and I have been working on the last few months. During this time I spoke with Dee Ankney about hosting the Mount Pleasant end of the trail event on her property which she has given verbal permission to us. All vendors will be informed that they will need a permit from the Borough to participate. The purpose of the event will be to promote the Trail as well as businesses in both communities. The first Saturday of every June is "National Trail Day". If this event is successful, we will likely make this a yearly event. The next Trail Committee meeting is 4/8/25 at Helltown. Leacom will be present as they have offered to assist in setting up the event.

Miscellaneous

Met with Borough Manager Sharon and Council President Susan about the Community Yard Sale. We agreed Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 8th, 2025 will be great days for the yard sales. Visitation Festival is going on June 8th and with the Trail Day event previously mentioned, this weekend should attract many people to town.

Also had discussions with the Veterans Wall Committee about doing a banner day event at Frick Park. Chelsae from Mount Pleasant Softball is supportive and wants to contribute and work with us on the event. As previously mentioned, this is a concept I come upon from attending PSAB events that other communities are doing. The concept is a day before all the banners are hung throughout town, we would display them along the outfield fence facing the hillside. Family and Friends of Veterans pictured on the banners will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken with the banners. Events like this have raised interest into others wanting banners displayed of loved ones and as well has helped raised money for restoring and maintaining the banners. The committee is still considering this suggestion.

Thank You,
Kenneth Phillabaum

