

Meeting May 5, 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, Davis, Barnes, Wojnar, and Phillabaum. Council President Ruszkowski. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

James Meredith of the Mount Pleasant VFW Post 3368 presented a check to Councilwoman Barnes in the amount of \$1000.00 and stated “Patience I would like to thank and your committee for the maintenance of Veterans Park. Hopefully, this will help”.

Councilwoman Barnes I would like to thank the VFW for allowing us to do this. I want to thank Mayor Bailey, Council President Ruszkowski and also thank the Veterans Park Advisory Committee for their interest in doing this.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 7, 2025 and special meeting minutes of April 25, 2025 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 6-0.

Medic 10 Report:

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

Fire Department Report:

Fire Department President Richard Pologruto gave the following report:

Fire Report for the month of April 2025:

Total Calls – 53
In Town – 20
Out of Town - 33
10-45's - 8
Entrapments – 0
Extrication - 0
Fires - 14
AFA's - 11
Hazardous Calls – 10
Public Service Calls – 8
Ambulance Assistance –1
Standby's – 0
Turnpike Calls – 0
Landing Zones – 0
Drills – 0

- Members enrolled in various training, completion of classes and certifications.

Public Comment:

Kim Landis 819 Hecla Road Mt. Pleasant – I am currently the President of the Library. Thank you to the Mt. Pleasant Garden Club and newspaper for their support to the library. I have presented a letter for permission to do a Story Walk at Frick Park during the summer reading program. July a \$5.00 ticket will be sold to benefit the library. Applying for the Keystone Grant in October for a new roof, carpeting, lighting hopefully, handicap accessible restrooms.

James Rega 10 N. Church St. Mt. Pleasant – I’m here to rebuttal a letter I got for the now of a handicap parking space. Sharon if we lose friendship tonight, I’m sorry but this is going to be, okay. I won’t call you a liar.

Solicitor Mlakar stated to Mr. Rega, “You are not to address any person like that Sir. Go on with your comments”.

Mr. Rega I’m sorry. I’ll say this is not true, okay. I have Pittsburgh National Bank okay, she says it’s not true. The funeral home says it’s not true. The legion says it’s not true. The pizza shop says it’s not true, okay. So, if you want to get a hold of the bank or PNC bank, I will give you their card and you can call them, okay. Now, where it says here 18 feet, what’s 18 feet? You never say what 18 feet is, okay? The second one, it says that it’s two ways. Well, it’s always been like that, okay. Now it says here obstructing the flow of traffic, well that’s not true. And it says here, PNC I’m obstructing the in and out of PNC parking lot and the drive thru which is not true. I’m going to tell you I have been living there for 35 years I have high tech cameras that I had there for 20 years it videos 24 hours a day 30 days a month and right here (I’ll let you pass it around)’, these are the pictures of what I’m saying. I don’t come here, yeah right there, there’s all the cameras right here on the right-hand side, here’s the pictures of what we’ve talked about PNC property right there. If I take that off it will film the whole parking lot. So, you’ll pass it around so that everyone can see it, okay. As far as, fact is, I want to know where you want to go with this Sharon? Everything I ask you

Solicitor Mlakar stated again to Mr. Rega, “You address council not the Manager specifically, Sir”.

Mr. Rega Alright, well she’s the person I’m addressing all of the time.

Solicitor Mlakar responded “No, you address council.”

Mr. Rega Well, okay. I have neighbors okay, I proved it to Mark, the ordinance guy, now we’re talking 5 months now; and, they built a structure that everybody agrees with that should be torn down, that hasn’t been torn down yet. I sent Mark the proof. The variance of 5 foot.

Council President Ruszkowski stated “Mr. Rega your time is up, three minutes”.

Mr. Rega Of course

Councilwoman Barnes I’ll make a motion to give him three more, if somebody else would second it.

Twila Guidas Rt. 819 Mt. Pleasant – I’m here on behalf of First United Church of Christ on the corner of 5th & Main and Hitchman Street. I have a letter of respectful request to have the area blocked off from Smithfield Street to Main and Hitchman Street. Date of the Summer Street Market event is August 16th, from 10AM to 5PM. We are asking to have the street closure from 9AM to 5PM or shortly after. We’ve met with the Borough previously to discuss as to what we are and are not allowed to do.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report: None.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Mlakar stated First, I will address Mr. Rega. You have legal rights and I suggest you seek council. You were properly denied the permit pursuant to our ordinance based upon the recommendation of our Chief of Police.

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- I supplied the ordinance to terminate the existence of the Parking Authority. I’ve been authorized to advertise that for June’s meeting for adoption.

- The request for the church should go on the June meeting for approval.

Councilman Phillabaum commented For the Parking Authority everything is done.

Solicitor Mlakar Yes, we have to adopt the ordinance, send to the state, advertise and then terminate. Everything is done.

- Also, would like to remind Council of the Gourley Property Public Auction June 9th, 2025 at 2pm on site. The property has been posted with public notices.
- On the agenda there is a request to submit for proposal for General Code that we clarify the existing ordinances. Last code recodification was 2010. The Borough should have an ordinance book; within it all of the ordinances and respective documents that are adopted by the Borough are to be in this book. There is a need for these to be reclarified due to inconsistencies between the ordinances that are clarified and those that are adopted. Borough Manager Lesko and I discussed getting a quote from General Code for the Ordinance Books and Borough Website online updates.

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilman Davis gave the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of March 2025:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Mar-25			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2025
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,027,534.62	192,089.27	115,547.19	1,104,076.70
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,113,051.83	3,074.07	0.00	1,116,125.90
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	423,482.93				
**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	38,089.78	203.06	0.00	38,292.84
	Scottdale Bank 19069343	54,220.17	189.27	0.00	54,409.44
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19123645	190,434.05	664.75	0.00	191,098.80
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Monument CD	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,818.04	47,334.84	47,313.18	3,839.70
Payroll Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	14,996.90	1.40	0.00	14,998.30
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,678.96	0.25	0.00	2,679.21
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,332.54	4.65	0.00	1,337.19
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19123652	271,371.89	947.27	0.00	272,319.16
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Mid Penn Bank 318039102	233,991.26	0.00	0.00	233,991.26
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	54,335.15	0.00	0.00	54,335.15
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)					

Total General Fund Balance					3,149,505.98
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	453,319.04	83,187.16	72,276.83	464,229.37
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	61,988.30	216.38	0.00	62,204.68
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	13,584.71	37.52	0.00	13,622.23
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,509.24	8.76	0.00	2,518.00
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318038116	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318047885	5,823.97	0.00	0.00	5,823.97
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					568,916.55
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	938,922.93	3,277.48	0.00	942,200.41
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	498,124.75	1,417.27	0.00	499,542.02
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318016303	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318037592	222,207.13	0.00	0.00	222,207.13
American National (9/5/2023)	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					5,230,761.61
Total Borough funds					8,949,184.14

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve March 2025 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. 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 had any questions. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Philabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

President’s Report:

Council President Ruszkowski stated the President’s report is under Streets with Councilman Barrick.

Council President Ruszkowski stated “Mr. Rega can we have order, please”.

Officer Tripoli stated “Mr. Rega, they are speaking, the President is speaking, you were asked to stop talking right now while they are conducting their meeting.

Mr. Rega Yeah, I agree with that.

Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:

Councilman Barrick made a Motion on behalf of Council President Ruszkowski to accept the President’s report attached under the Streets report in the attachment of May 5 Committee Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Barnes commented Veterans Banners are all up with the exception of the last fourteen to arrive soon. Jeff McGuinness will get them up as soon as they come in.

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- Councilman Barrick A grant was submitted for the study for the work on First & Second Ward between Forty Street to Mullin Avenue for Stormwater. Gibson Thomas Engineering is working on a process to do the MS4 design work to apply for the Growing Greener Grant Application on behalf of the Borough for Shupe’s Run.

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

Vote passed 6-0

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Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

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Councilman Wojnar	Yes
Councilwoman Philabaum	Abstain
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 5-0. 1 Abstain

Councilman Barrick Parks and Property shared, received an LSA Grant to improve the parking area to keep citizens off the wall at Frick Park. Everyone has received a copy of the concept and keep in mind that this is only a concept at this point. The Grant is for grading the hillside and moving the walks and additional parking stalls. Discussion included changes to handicap parking commitment to ADA. Councilman Barrick would like to have the concept completed by the middle of June to tighten the plans up. There are a few things that were asked to happen on the concept. One is a sidewalk on the left side of the map. They are to see if they can get an ADA complaint sidewalk there. It would be better than the one on the right side of the map which has a lot of winding and is long. If it cannot be done, then may have to scratch the sidewalk and look at other possibilities. The grant included lights around the walkway, remove the bollards that are currently around the park.

Councilman Phillabaum asked if anyone spoke with the softball league about the grant that they received. Councilman Barrick stated that is different lights. Those are for the lights on the ballfield. The lights that we are doing are for pedestrian walking at night and for safety. They will grade the hillside to allow for a sitting area in the middle of the hillside along with removing and replacing some trees. We will be having another meeting to discuss this and we would like Council’s feedback. There will be lighting at the parking lot along with a stormwater feature to help us meet our MS4 commitment. Would like to have a brick paver for the parking area if it is possible. Councilman Davis asked what the longevity is on the pavers. Councilman Barrick stated it depends on the type of pavers; however, there are ones that is around 15years as long as salt is not used on them. You can plow it. They will deteriorate faster with salt and you will be replacing brick. Councilman Barrick discussed possibly adding additional handicap spaces in the front of the Borough building. There are currently 5 handicap spaces in the lot, suggested adding 2 additional since the grant is committed to ADA.

Parks & Recreation: None

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 Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- T shirt prototype is being worked on for Veteran's Park T shirt sales (see report). They are trying to raise money for the banners. If any damage is done to a Banner, we replace the Banner, so the family does not have to replace the Banner, at a cost of \$200.00. We only had to replace one this far. This is why we do fundraisers to incur future cost. We are looking to get the T-shirt project going.
- Thank you to the VFW for The National Day of Service.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve Councilwoman Barnes Veterans Park report. Motion second by Councilman Philabaum. Motion carried 6-0

Finance/Ordinances:

Councilman Davis stated I prefer not to, at least none of the people that are on this committee have had any communication with me since the last meeting. So, I don't know what any of this is about.

Borough Manager Lesko stated This is for our liability insurance that we have to renew.

Councilman Davis asked Do we have the \$11,740.00 difference from this year to last year report? Borough Manger Lesko stated Either that or we do not have insurance, one of the two. Councilman Davis asked why is there such a big difference? Borough Manager Lesko asked for which one? Councilman Davis responded the second one down. Borough Manager Lesko stated that is the Fire Department we have accidents and a big fire truck that was repaired. With a 17% increase. Councilman Davis asked the next one down. Borough Manager Lesko stated that is the Borough insurance those automatically go up.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to seek a written proposal for General Code for the purpose of recodifying the existing Borough Ordinances. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion passed 6-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to permit Council President Ruszkowski to ratify the liability insurance with Utica National Insurance Group through Century Insurance for the year 05/01/2025 to 05/31/2026 in the amount of \$39,266.00. Previous year quote was \$27,536.00 in Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar.

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Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 6-0

Councilman Barrick stated I would have to say that if there are questions about it look at the estimate cost from the previous year. So, I would think before it was \$27, \$26, I remember quoting this the year before I thought we went down from \$27 but we went down from \$37. So, if you put that into perspective that \$39,000.00 is very realistic.

Councilman Davis responded So we went back up?

Councilman Barrick replied Yes. We went back from various accidents and other items.

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the liability insurance effective June 1, 2025 through May 31st, 2026 through McGown Government Underwriters through broker, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance for a total cost of \$57,692.00. (Last year's cost was \$54,019.00). Motion seconded by Councilman Philabaum.

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Councilman Davis stated I do have one other thing under ordinance that I was made aware of, the bushes on Hitchman Street & Warden are hanging out over the road and needs addressed.

Councilman Phillabaum There's a couple of nuisances out there, we just have to reach out.

Borough Manager Lesko responded I have reached out to the Code Officer with a list. Also, it's been hitting hard with the rain.

Mayor Bailey asked They have adopted a list of streets for the new parking. Where are we on that process? Borough Manager Lesko stated that the list was a recommendation from Police

Chief Grippo and Councilman Phillabaum. Council was to review and give input on them as there were some that did not agree with the list.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that there were Council members that had questions or recommendations but we never received those recommendations.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications: None.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Mayor/Council Comments: None

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting of May 5, 2025

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

Vote passed 6-0

MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

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Mount Pleasant Borough Council Meeting (5/5/2025)
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10 Report

Call Volume

Total Calls - 202	YTD - 842	Average - 210.5/month
Transports - 137		
Standbys - 20		
Canceled Responses - 15		
Refusals - 15		
Lift Assists - 14		
D.O.A. / Field Termination - 1		
Wheelchair Van Trips - 36	YTD - 124	Average - 31/month
Missed Calls - 10	YTD - 46	Average - 11.5/month

Donations/Grants

- Enbridge Fueling Features - \$2,000.00 (Grant)
- Hitachi Energy - \$1,050.00 (Donation) - Medical Standby
- Allegheny Health Network - \$2,600 (Donation) - Garage Space
- Applebee's Dine to Donate - 5/8/2025 11:00 AM - Close

Community Events

- Career Presentation at Frock Child Learning Center - 4/23
- Touch-a-Truck (Bullskin VFC) - 5/4
- Mount Pleasant Firemen's Festival - 6/25 through 6/28
- Whiskey Throttle Fair (Westmoreland Fairgrounds - 6/27 & 6/28
- T-shirt Fundraiser for upcoming 50th Anniversary

Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Gergas

Director of Operations,
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

Veterans Park Advisory Committee Meeting
April 24, 2025

Agenda:

1. Old Business
2. National Day of Service
3. Landscaping

Meeting:

1. Old Business:

A. Electric Pole:

We talked about gluing lights at the top of each panel. They would be solar lights. The gluing of the lights might not work because the glue might not last in the weather. Also, mounted top lights might take away from the wall.

We also talked about mounting lights at the curve, on the ground, shining at the mural. Diane will present ideas to Scott Electric for their feedback.

B. Railing:

Patience will send Mr. Kunkle a thank you for installing the rail. He did not send a bill for parts.

know that the money raised will be for the maintenance of the Veterans Park and the Veterans Banners. Patience will check with Denise at Stick-up Graphics for pricing.

2. Dealerships :

We will visit the dealerships in June. Robert Beale will join us in pursuing Mr. Huffman.

3. VFW: Donation :

Joe indicated that the VFW voted to give a \$1,000.00 donation to Veterans Park. Patience will send a thank you to the VFW.

2. National Day of Service :

Joe indicated that May 3rd is the "National Day of Service" for the VFW. He wants to get a crew to :

- a. Wipe down the veterans wall
- b. Spray/clean stones with a power wash.
- c. Uncover the monuments

3. Landscaping :

Patience will talk with Sharon, at the Borough, about getting new bushes for those that have died up.

**May 5, 2025
Committee Reports**

Borough Manager Report:

- Karen Rattanni has started on April 8, 2025. Kenzi Whipkey finished her last day with us on April 25, 2025. Kenzi is willing to fill in for future vacations or in the event of an emergency.
- Attended the Medic 10 meeting
- Met with Twila Guidas, Lisa Grate and another member of First United Church of Christ Re: Church Festival – They would like to use all of North Hitchman Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street. Would also like to have the community involved in their event.

- Spoke with manager at MAWC regarding South Depot Street regarding a complaint by a resident and the mud on the street. MAWC is cleaning the street at the end of the day. If it gets too bad, they will clean more than once a day.
- Silvis has begun cutting grass in the Borough
- Held the monthly Safety Meeting. Topic was: “Stairs and Walkways”.
- Met with Councilman Phillabaum and had an additional phone call with MAWC regarding the work being done on South Depot Street and a complaint from a resident regarding the street being muddy.
- Met with Chet Joseph to transfer the documents for the new street sweeper and get it titled.
- Met with Dominic from Gibson Thomas Engineering along with Councilman Barrick, Councilwoman Barnes, and Council President Ruszkowski regarding the Frick Park Hillside Project.
- Phone Conference (P/C) Doug Siler, Councilman Barrick and Solicitor Mlakar Re: Grant options for the Small Water and Storm Sewer Grant
- Held bid openings for the 2025 Street Paving Project. Lowest bid received was Derry Construction at a cost of \$194,255.50.
- Closed CD at Dollar Bank and reopened with Mid Penn Bank for 7 months at a rate of 4.40%. Dollar Bank could not match the rate. Their rate was 6 months for 4/25%.
- Met with Police Chief Grippo and Solicitor Mlakar regarding updating curfew ordinance.
- Attended Special Meeting for CFA Small Water & Storm Sewer Grant
- Attended the Annual Westmoreland County Borough’s Association Banquet
- Attended the Rotary’s Citizen of the Year Banquet naming Steve Simon as the 2025 Citizen of the Year. Steve is the Executive Director of YMCA of Laurel Highlands for the past 27 years and an active member of the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant for the past 26 years. Steve has a strong commitment to community service through his professional work, volunteer efforts and involvement in various initiatives, such as the Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival, flags on Main Street, as well as serving as a student chaperone for high school students to attend World Community Affairs Day to only name a few. We are most grateful for the dedication that Steve has for Mount Pleasant and our surrounding communities.
- Attended the National Night Out meeting. National Night Out will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at Frick Park. It is open to the public at no cost.
- Phone conversation (P/C) with Doug Siler and Solicitor Mlakar Re: Growing Greener Grant and if we need to do RFP’s in advance of the grant. Mr. Siler stated that we need to do that if we are awarded the grant and not beforehand.
- Met with Dan Busatto regarding the Borough liability insurance.
- Several conversations with Solicitor Mlakar throughout the month regarding road opening permits; building setback issues; sign permits; right-to-know request; stormwater grants.

Street Department Report:

We put the veterans banners up

We started to cut the grass in the parks and properties several times already

We put a drain box in at medic 10 parking lot in the rear of the ambulance station

We have swept the north side and the south side of Main Street in 1st ward and the north side and south side of Main Street of 2nd ward

We have swept Main Street, church street, and Diamond Street several times and we are doing it every other Friday

We cleaned out drains the first was at the corner of Vine street and Kennedy Ave and the second was at the end of the alleyway close to the glass festival building close to Diamond Street

We have weed whacked the rain gardens and cleaned them out

We had the tires repaired on the high lift because of them having a slow leak on them

We had the water turned on at the gazebo, veterans wall, Frick park and willow park and also got the bathrooms water turned on and cleaned at Frick park

We got the sprinkler system fixed at the veterans wall

Public Safety Report:

Medic 10 Meeting 4/9/25

Observed Lucas device demonstration performed by Zachary Gergas and Eric Bell. The Lucas Device (Lund university Cardiopulmonary Assist System Device) provides chest compressions to patients in cardiac arrest. Medic 10 recently acquired this life saving device.

BDA report

No BDA meeting or activity since our last council meeting held on 4/7/25.

BDA meets this Wednesday 5/7/25.

Coke and Coal Trail

National Trail Day is June 7th. The Trail Day event planned on both ends of the Trail is still scheduled with vendors set up at each of the trail. The list is yet to be finalized. Which should be made public in the near future. Vendors on the Mount Pleasant end of the Trail will be set up at Auction Pittsburgh from 10am - 4pm. A proposed Crossing agreement between the Trail and Railroad has been drawn up. Will be discussed at the next meeting held on 5/13/25.

Westmoreland County PSAB

Attended the annual Banquet with several members of Council. This year for the first time, Mount Pleasant brought the Presidents Trophy to Mount Pleasant. Which will remain in our possession until March of 2026. The award is given to the Borough with the most attendees at meetings during the year. Next Westmoreland County Meeting is at the Westmoreland County Conservation District Building on May 29, 2025.

Somerset County PSAB

Attended the Somerset County PSAB on 4/10/25. Kevin E. Huzsek of Somerset Borough Police received the Carnegie Hero Award. Officer Huzsek received the award for rescuing Mary Ellen Fockler from burning on March 26, 2024. Next Somerset PSAB meeting will be held in Meyersdale. Date, Time, and location will be submitted in my June committee report.

Thank You,
Kenneth Phillabaum