

Meeting June 9, 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, Czekanski, Wojnar and Phillabaum. Council President Ruszkowski. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar was present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

Medic 10 Report:

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the report provided by Mr. Gergas. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Paul Harenchar gave the following report:

- A copy of the fire report is attached.
- Fair setting up June 22, 2025. Fair begins on June 25, 2025 from 5 to 11pm.
- Parade is June 26th starting at 7:00pm with line up at 6:00pm - Council invitation.
- Rescue truck out of service due to a radiator issue. It is being repaired.
- Pumper trucks passed testing
- Concerns over Hoza Way pumping out residents' basement. The fire department is not required to pump out the yard. Young couple residing alley of Hoza Way, request letter be sent to the resident residing at Hoza Way. Borough Police were called over the safety of the Firemen due to the actions of the resident. Fire Chief requests a letter be sent to the resident stating if the home itself is flooded, the fire department will respond; however, they will not for a yard.

Fire Department President Richard Pologruto gave the following report:

- Fireman's Fair begins June 25, 2025 and runs through Saturday, June 28, 2025 from 5:00pm to 11:00pm. Posters have a misprint. Parade is on Thursday, June 26, 2025 and Council is invited and encouraged to attend.
- 40% of the firefighters that attended school are Firefighter 1's, Firefighter 2's and instructors now. They have come a long way within the last 2 years with qualifications. Presently have 2 more people in classes.

Around the monument at the Central Station, it needs sprayed due to weeds. Borough Manager Lesko stated that the street department is no longer permitted to spray for weeds due to employees not being certified/licensed and that is why the Borough has Silvis Landscaping spraying at the parks. Councilman Barrick stated that it is an insurance issue, we are not licensed and it is a safety issue with Round Up.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that something needs to be add to the agenda. We had the the public sale of the property on West Main Street, referred to as the Gromley Property at 2:00pm today. There was a successful bidder, Michael Alan Phillips, who bid \$16,000.00 for the property. We will need authorization tonight to approve the preparation of the Sales agreement with authorization of the Borough President and Secretary signing the agreement. Mr. Phillips will then sign the agreement and we will be able to close in sixty (60) days. Mr. Phillips owns the adjacent property which is in the process of becoming a bakery.

Public Comment:

John Platt 751 Orchard Avenue Mt. Pleasant spoke to Council regarding the drains were getting overflowed between Orchard Avenue and Hoza Way due to the heavy rains. There is a paper alley next to his property is constantly being flooded and water cannot go down the drains fast

enough. The resident on Hoza Way built driveway about a foot high which is causing a dam, which is causing that channel to flood and it is overwhelming the drain. Also, had an issue with fireworks on the 4th of July being set off with the same resident, concerns of homes being so close. Mr. Platt stated that they live on a hill on Orchard Avenue, the water runs down the hill and before it gets to the drain, the water is running into his driveway, into his garage and house. Mr. Platt asked if the Borough could build a curb along the property line to the drain, which will keep it from running into their home.

Council President Ruszkowski stated she can address the fireworks issue and advised that they call 911 when the problem arises.

George Kershey 19 W. Vine Street, Mt. Pleasant spoke to Council by saying the following:

“The last few times I stopped here I was trying to so it in a positive way, work with you guys and try to do anything positive in the community. The last time I was here I mentioned volunteering and two (2) days after, I was able to volunteer at the Senior Center, I don’t know if somebody was responsible for the that, but I appreciate it. I was able to volunteer for a month and half every day without pay, which is what volunteering is. I had to have surgery and fell ill and went back and the lady acted like she didn’t know me. For twenty (20) years I have been improving who I was from being a teenager to an adult to being somebody my children could respect as their father and not to be ashamed of. I am still working at that bur for a while now I have been doing everything respectful a man should do, have a job, a home, etc. The problem I am having here might be a lifelong issue but it is continued here and I am not sure what it is but I know it won’t get done if you don’t act in a positive fashion even though I am pretty upset about it but I have been targeted and I am not sure exactly by who, I am pretty sure everybody in this room knows more about it than I do. It has gone on a long time in Connellsville, as well, I didn’t even notice until the last few years. I don’t want to mince words with this because it is pretty scary but if you look at my leg that is one of the effects that’s going on, the targeting, pretty much being drug out of my job, had my vehicle stolen off of me, my daughters don’t look at me the same way. They are afraid to come around me because of what is being done to me. They don’t want to be targeted either. I would rather them be on the other side than them go through what I went through. You know what, I expect everybody to act like they don’t know what I am talking about even though we all know. I just want somebody to work with me. I’m not singling any certain person out. I voted four (4) times to try to be pro-community as well. Each time since 2016 and not one of those votes have counted. I get sent to a provisional ballot. I see Ms. Barnes down there working every year and she sends me to the provisional ballot even though I am in the voter roll like everyone else who has been registered for a very long time. It’s not one person. Personally, I like Ms. Barnes, she is my neighbor actually.”

Council President Ruszkowski advised Mr. Kershey that his three (3) minutes were up and thanked him for his comments. Mr. Kershey replied “That’s what I expected. Thank you.”

Library Report:

Sarah Buzzard, Library Director, gave the following report:

- Kicked off their summer reading program last week. They had over 50 kids registered.
- They have an intern for the summer.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Bailey gave the following report:

- Received and read a thank you note from Mr. Steve Simon for the Certificate of Recognition and being a part of the celebration as the Rotary’s Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Bailey read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of May 2025:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	117
DUI Arrests	1
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	1
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	5
Assist Other Departments (Police Fire EMS)	7
Accidents Investigated	5
Special Details	0

Income	
Fingerprinting	\$25.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Meters	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$0.00
OClerk of Courts	\$556.42
District Court	\$618.00
Parking Permit	\$0.00
DUI Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,199.42

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- With respect to the gentleman on Orchard Avenue, Solicitor Mlakar stated that he had a discussion with him before the meeting with what appears to be a paper alley that abuts his property, which looks to be a lot of the flooding concerns along with the Borough taking a look at the other issues, Solicitor Mlakar will take a look at it and let him know what his rights are and will send him a letter explaining it all.
- Had the public sale today for 211 West Main Street, (referred to as the Gormley Property), which is on the agenda.
- Prepared a Curfew Ordinance that has been submitted to the Police Chief for review. Police were having trouble enforcing the curfew as it was written. Solicitor Mlakar met with Police Chief Grippo and went through it and made substantial changes, which will help with the magistrate as well.

The Borough has been having issues with abandoned vehicles on the streets. The existing procedures in the Borough Code are too cumbersome. Prepared an Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance which is being reviewed by Police Chief Grippo which will allow us to tag the vehicle, we will have to hire a salvor and after 48 hours the salvor can tow the vehicle. There are documents that have to be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Once that is done, the Department of Transportation will take over disposing of the vehicle with the salvor. We should look to get quotes from salvors and they should not be further than 30 miles away by statute. We can retain one or more salvors to be called and remove the vehicles when needed. They are becoming a nuisance for the Police.

Councilman Barrick asked if this will be only for vehicles on private property. Solicitor Mlakar responded “No, roads”. Councilman Barrick asked it will be for vehicles parked on the street, has a flat tire, hasn’t been moved in a year. Solicitor Mlakar stated they will have 48 hours and we can do it for private property owners; however, there is another format for that.

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilwoman Czekanski gave the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2025:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report

Apr-25

		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2025
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,104,076.70	141,817.13	110,632.67	1,135,261.16
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,116,125.90	2,976.05	25.00	1,119,076.95
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	426,433.98				
**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	38,292.84	129.36	0.00	38,422.20
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	54,409.44	183.80	0.00	54,593.24
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	191,098.80	645.55	0.00	191,744.35
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,839.70	55,547.44	55,525.41	3,861.73
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	14,998.30	1.36	0.00	14,999.66
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,679.21	0.22	700.00	1,979.43
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,337.19	4.52	0.00	1,341.71
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	272,319.16	919.92	0.00	273,239.08
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	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(200yr Anniversary)	Scottdale Bank	0.00	58,336.58	0.00	58,336.58
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	4,093.41	58,336.58	0.00
Total General Fund Balance					3,188,941.66
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	464,229.37	71,886.15	88,042.54	448,072.98
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	62,204.68	210.13	0.00	62,414.81
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	13,622.23	36.15	125.00	13,533.38
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,518.00	8.51	0.00	2,526.51
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					552,889.95
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	942,200.41	3,182.83	0.00	945,383.24
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	499,542.02	1,375.45	0.00	500,917.47
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					5,235,319.89

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the April 2025 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Borough Manager Lesko read the following report for the month of April 2025:

Property Taxes	\$ 375,436.50
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Collected	\$ 375,436.50

Borough Manager Lesko read the following report for the month of May 2025:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,379.07
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Collected	\$ 8,379.07

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 Barrick to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

President’s Report:

Council President Ruszkowski gave the following report:

- Thanked Councilman Phillabaum for helping her and Borough Manager Lesko around at the PSAB Convention last week and showing where everything was and made us feel very welcome there.
- Attended the PSAB Convention with Borough Manager Lesko, Councilman Phillabaum and Councilwoman Barnes. Learned a lot at the PSAB Convention, and probably more at lunch and dinner than the whole conference by communicating with the other municipalities.

Solicitor Mlakar stated we will hold an Executive session to discuss the hiring of a new Code Enforcement Officer and Salary.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for Executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to Reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:25pm to 7:53pm

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the purpose of the Executive session was to discuss the hiring of a part-time code enforcement officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay / two pay periods a month. Action will be taken on it. The other issue was the discussion of other personnel and wage issues but no action is to be taken at this time.

Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:

Councilman Barrick gave the following report:

- A Storm Water meeting was held with Gibson Thomas approximately two (2) weeks ago in prep of the Growing Greener Grant Applications. Gibson Thomas Engineering will be submitting a Growing Greener Grant for the MS4 Project at Willows Park to help us meet our MS4 commitments. They are also looking at a grant application for the 1st and 2nd wards, which will be the area that the gentleman that was just here for public comment. It will include the study area from Quarry Street to Mullin Avenue and a study grant for the area from Braddock Road Avenue to Satcho Park. We also submitted last fall a similar grant with SLSA for Shupes Run
- Held a public meeting 2 weeks ago regarding the Frick Park Hillside Project that we have received a SLSA Grant for. There was a comment period and Gibson Thomas took all comments back and will review and implement our comments to see what can or cannot be done. Will follow up with a committee meeting once they have made the changes.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve verbal Property / Streets and Stormwater report as submitted by Councilman Barrick and Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 8:00am to 7:00pm for the First United Church of Christ Summer Street Market. 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 for closing North Hitchman Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2003 Waste Water Treatment Dump truck with plow and salt spreader, appx. Mileage 30468 with a reserve bid of \$20000.00 for sale on Municibid. Money will go towards Streets in Budgetary Reserve Account. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll to authorize Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2003 Waste Water Treatment Dump Truck with plow and salt spreader, appx. Mileage 30468 with a reserve bid of \$20000.00 for sale on Municibid. Money will go towards Streets in Budgetary Reserve account.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize Borough Manager to seek quotes replacing gutters, soffit and fascia for the Medic 10 building. 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 for Motion to authorize Borough Manager to seek quotes replacing gutters, soffit and fascia for the Medic 10 building.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the signing of the Sales Agreement of By the Borough President and Secretary after signed by perspective purchaser and hand money in the amount of \$1,600.00 has been received. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the terms are \$16,000.00; Ten Percent (10%) hand money payable within five (5) days after the signing; buyer will pay all real estate transfer taxes and recording fees. There is also a condition that if the buyer wants to access Main Street, he will get that permit from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The money received must go into Parks. Solicitor Mlakar stated once we close, he must send a copy of the Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General Charitable Division and the receipt showing that we deposited in the parks.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote for Motion for Sales Agreement for Gormley Property.

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

Vote passed 7-0

Councilman Phillabaum reported that the BDA has been given notice that they must vacate their current office by June 28, 2025. Some members of the BDA would like to know if it come to it could they use the Chambers for their monthly meeting. They are exploring other options as well. Also looking to possibly rent office space on the second floor of the Borough building.

Borough Manager Lesko stated that there are two (2) spaces available on the second floor. Councilman Phillabaum stated that he would have them look at the spaces available if they want.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that they should address the first question about using Chambers for their monthly meetings. Councilman Barrick stated that it should not be a pain or interfere with the Borough Manager and daily operations and asked when they hold their meetings. Councilman Phillabaum stated that the meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm. Councilman Barrick asked if it could be moved to earlier to fit the schedule. Councilman Phillabaum stated he would have to discuss it with the Board. Councilman Phillabaum stated they are just exploring options and will need to discuss with the Board. The other options are the Legion, the fire station, Haydens Pharmacy.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that in the past there was a standing rule that no one could use it because of documents on the desks and Councilwoman Barnes asked for the use of Chambers for the Veterans Park Committee meetings and was not permitted.

Councilwoman Czekanski stated that she does not believe that the BDA will want to change the meeting date because someone previously asked for it to be changed and it was a huge ordeal. They want it Wednesday at 6:00pm. Council President Ruszkowski stated that it would not be fair to Borough Manager Lesko to have to stay to open and to lock the building.

Councilman Phillabaum asked Solicitor Mlakar to explain a quorum for municipal authorities. Is it the majority or if the by-laws call for more which is correct. Solicitor Mlakar asked Council to move on while he is researching.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Parks & Recreation / Events report as submitted by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Foundation to use Frick Park for its annual car cruise on Friday, August 15, 2025 with a rain date of Friday, August 22. 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 for Motion to approve the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Foundation to use Frick Park for its annual car cruise on Friday, August 15, 2025 with a rain date of Friday, August 22.

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

Vote passed 7-0

Councilman Barrick stated that in the future there should not need to be a vote to use the park. The complete an application for the park and it would be signed the same as other park permits are done.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that he has an answer to Councilman Phillabaum's question about quorums. Solicitor Mlakar reported the following:

“Under Section 5610(e) of the Municipalities Authorities Act says: A quorum – a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Board for the purposes of organizing, conducting the business of the authority and for all other purposes and shall take all action and all action may be taken by a vote of the members present unless the bylaws require a larger number.”

Solicitor Mlakar stated that if the by-laws require six (6) then it is six (6).

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Mt. Pleasant Library the use of the outside of the fence at the playground area of Frick Park to hang a Story Walk Book for the summer from the end of May through the first week of August. 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 Motion to approve the Mt. Pleasant Library use of the outside of the fence at the playground area of Frick Park to hang a Story Walk Book for the summer from the end of May through the first week of August.

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

Vote passed 7-0

Councilman Barrick reiterated that this should all be done by a permit and not have to be done by a vote of Council. Use the park under a permit. They are permit items. Solicitor Mlakar stated that because this has always been done this way; however, you can create a policy and procedure and outline what can occur without formal Council approval. It can be done by Resolution. Most municipalities have a protocol for the parks. Councilman Barrick stated anything with soccer, everything was just by permit.

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 7-0.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- They are having t-shirts made for Veterans Park. They will be selling them at the Glass Festival.

Finance/Ordinances:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to hire Josh Andrykovitch as a part-time employee as Code Officer and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay period and sign employment agreement the 11th of July 2025 start date. 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 Motion to hire Josh Andrykovitch as a part-time employee as Code Officer and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay period and sign employment agreement.

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

Motion passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to adopt Ordinance No. 673 to Dissolve and Terminate the Parking Authority of Mount Pleasant. 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 Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 673 to Dissolve and Terminate the Parking Authority of Mount Pleasant.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to advertise the Ordinance authorizing Mt. Pleasant VFD to contract with a collection agency to permit for collection of reasonable costs incurred by the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Council Phillabaum

Councilwoman Czekanski asked for an explanation of the Ordinance. Councilman Davis stated that the Fire Department will be able to bill for an incident inside the Borough. As an example, if you are in an accident, they can bill the insurance company to help make up the costs of the things that they used during the scene. When they bill and the insurance company does not pay, this provides the option of the fire department to use a collection agency to attempt to collect.

Councilman Barrick asked why is the Borough involved if we are trying to separate themselves from the Fire Department. Solicitor Mlakar stated that insurance companies will not honor a bill if the municipality does not have an Ordinance allowing them to bill for an incident within the municipality. Solicitor Mlakar stated that he also put in the Ordinance that they have the option to not bill a Borough resident if they choose not to.

Solicitor Mlakar said that there is a separate statute under the Emergency Management Code that allows assisting municipalities to collect certain things. It will depend on what it is. Councilman Barrick stated would it be things like the use of oxygen and Solicitor Mlakar stated yes. Solicitor Mlakar stated that municipalities that do this get approximately a 70% collection rate.

Borough Manager Lesko stated that at the PSAB conference this was discussed and said if municipalities do not have this Ordinance in place they should get it in place for their fire departments.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to advertise the Ordinance authorizing Mt. Pleasant VFD to contract with a collection agency to permit for collection of reasonable costs incurred by the Mt Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Motion passed 7-0

New Business:

Councilwoman Barnes asked if there is a farmers market this year. Borough Manager Lesko stated that she has not received any calls this year about a farmers market.

Citizen Comment: None

Reading of Communications:

- United Steelworkers will be holding its USW District 10 Golf Outing – Friday, July 18, 2025 and Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Linden Hall in Dawson, PA. Cost to sponsor a green is \$500.00. Cost per golfer/day is \$150.00 (four-person scramble) 8:00AM shotgun start.
- Mt. Pleasant Vikings Football Boosters sponsorship letter.
- Letter from Solicitor Mlakar regarding the new distracted driving law that has gone into effect June 5, 2025.
- Westmoreland Conservation District RE: Watershed Planning Advisory Committee updating Westmoreland County’s Act 167 Stormwater Plan.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to write a letter of support to Westmoreland Conservation District. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

- National Night Out will be August 11, 2025. Council would like to have a booth.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor / Council Comments: None

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting of June 9, 2025

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the report provided by Mr. Gergas. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the April 2025 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for Executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to Reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:25pm to 7:53pm

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the purpose of the Executive session was to discuss the hiring of a part-time code enforcement officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay / two pay periods a month. Action will be taken on it. The other issue was the discussion of other personnel and wage issues but no action is to be taken at this time.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve verbal Property / Streets and Stormwater report as submitted by Councilman Barrick and Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to close North Hitchman Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 8:00am to 7:00pm for the First United Church of Christ Summer Street Market. 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 for closing North Hitchman Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2003 Waste Water Treatment Dump truck with plow and salt spreader, appx. Mileage 30468 with a reserve bid of \$20000.00 for sale on Municibid. Money will go towards Streets in Budgetary Reserve Account. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll to authorize Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to place the 2003 Waste Water Treatment Dump Truck with plow and salt spreader, appx. Mileage 30468 with a reserve bid of \$20000.00 for sale on Municibid. Money will go towards Streets in Budgetary Reserve account.

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize Borough Manager to seek quotes replacing gutters, soffit and fascia for the Medic 10 building. 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 for Motion to authorize Borough Manager to seek quotes replacing gutters, soffit and fascia for the Medic 10 building.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the signing of the Sales Agreement of By the Borough President and Secretary after signed by perspective purchaser and hand money in the amount of \$1,600.00 has been received. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis.

Solicitor Mlakar stated that the terms are \$16,000.00; Ten Percent (10%) hand money payable within five (5) days after the signing; buyer will pay all real estate transfer taxes and recording fees. There is also a condition that if the buyer wants to access Main Street, he will get that permit from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The money received must go into Parks. Solicitor Mlakar stated once we close, he must send a copy of the Settlement Agreement to the Attorney General Charitable Division and the receipt showing that we deposited in the parks.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote for Motion for Sales Agreement for Gormley Property.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Parks & Recreation / Events report as submitted by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Foundation to use Frick Park for its annual car cruise on Friday, August 15, 2025 with a rain date of Friday, August 22. 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 for Motion to approve the Mt. Pleasant Glass & Ethnic

Festival Foundation to use Frick Park for its annual car cruise on Friday, August 15, 2025 with a rain date of Friday, August 22.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Mt. Pleasant Library the use of the outside of the fence at the playground area of Frick Park to hang a Story Walk Book for the summer from the end of May through the first week of August. 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 Motion to approve the Mt. Pleasant Library use of the outside of the fence at the playground area of Frick Park to hang a Story Walk Book for the summer from the end of May through the first week of August.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Public Safety/Human Resources Report as submitted by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- They are having t-shirts made for Veterans Park. They will be selling them at the Glass Festival.

Finance/Ordinances:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to hire Josh Andrykovitch as a part-time employee as Code Officer and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay period and sign employment agreement the 11th of July 2025 start date. 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 Motion to hire Josh Andrykovitch as a part-time employee as Code Officer and Zoning Officer at a rate of \$500.00 per pay period and sign employment agreement.

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes

Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Motion passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to adopt Ordinance No. 673 to Dissolve and Terminate the Parking Authority of Mount Pleasant. 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 Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 673 to Dissolve and Terminate the Parking Authority of Mount Pleasant.

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

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to advertise the Ordinance authorizing Mt. Pleasant VFD to contract with a collection agency to permit for collection of reasonable costs incurred by the Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Council Phillabaum

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to advertise the Ordinance authorizing Mt. Pleasant VFD to contract with a collection agency to permit for collection of reasonable costs incurred by the Mt Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Motion passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to write a letter of support to Westmoreland Conversation District. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0.

MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA 15666



Mount Pleasant Borough Council Meeting (6/9/2025) May 2025 Monthly Report

Call Volume

Total Calls - 192	Year to Date - 1,035
Transports - 139	
Standby - 14	
Cancelled Response - 14	
Refusals - 13	
Lift Assist - 12	
Wheelchair Van Trips - 34	Year to Date - 158
Missed Calls - 6	Year to Date - 52

Community Events

Mount Pleasant YMCA - EMS Presentation (6/12)
M.P.V.F.D. Fireman's Festival - 6/25 thru 6/28
Whiskey Throttle Fair - EMS Standby 6/27 and 6/28

Property

Roofing project is in progress
Painting interior (Bathroom, Foyer, Lounge)

Grants

Enbridge Fueling Feature - \$1,875
Frick/Westmoreland Hospital Foundation - \$4,500
Rivers Casino - \$2,500

Respectfully Submitted,

Zachary Gergas

Director of Operations,
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

June 2025 Meeting

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- MAY	45
10-45'S	23
ENTRAPMENT	
OTHER RESCUES	
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRES	9
AFA'S	7
HAZARDOUS CALLS	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	
STANDBY'S	2
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	2
TURNPIKE CALLS	6
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	499
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	11
TOTAL CALLS TO DATE	222

Library Report – June 9, 2025 meeting

Mount Pleasant Free Public Library
Borough Council Meetings

May 2025 - reported June 9, 2025

Area	Month	YTD
Circulation	2,095	12,022
Door Counter	1,923*	10,928
New Library Cards	26	168
Total Registered Patrons	2,575	-
Programs Held	36	196
Program Attendance	253	1,655
Computer Usage	157 sessions for 95.47 hrs	734 sessions for 441.4 hrs
WiFi Usage	69 sessions for 830.97 hrs	192 sessions for 3,047.85 hrs
Chat with a Librarian Service	17	88

June 9, 2025
Committee Reports

Borough Manager Report:

- Met with Solicitor Mlakar, Council President Ruszkowski, Dan Busatto of Century Insurance, Richard Pologruto and Joe Siska of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department regarding Borough and VFD liability insurance.
- Met with representatives of the First United Church of Christ to discuss closing North Hitchman Street from Main to Smithfield Street, vendors and options within the Borough for their annual fall festival to be held on August 16 which is a fundraiser for their church.
- Attended an invitational dinner with Council at the new Tuscan Table and Tavern located at 202 North Diamond Street, next to Shop N Save. It was a very nice atmosphere, remodeled and portions were very large. If you have not been there yet, please give it a try. Thank you to Michael and Jackie Jaffre for considering to have their restaurant in the Borough.
- All of the Street Department attended an MS4 seminar on May 15 hosted by Gibson Thomas Engineering at the Hempfield Park
- Met with George Wood of the Rotary and Mayor Diane Bailey at the Gazebo and Historical Society regarding the Peace Poles to be installed and were approved last fall.
- Held a safety meeting. Topic was Safety Signs.
- Met with Brandon Firestone of PennDOT to finalize and approve documents from the 2025 Paving Project.
- Met with Richard Pologruto, President of VFD, regarding invoice from Sutphen regarding fire truck damages / insurance claim.
- Met with Police Chief Grippo on several topics. Also met with Police Chief Grippo and Sargeant Ferree regarding personnel.
- Met w/Sargeant Ferree, Jeff McGuinness and Zach Gergas Re: Emergencies and Warning Siren Test
- Met with Jeff McGuinness and Council President Ruszkowski regarding Christmas lights that are being stored at the Glass Festival Building
- Met with representatives from the Mount Pleasant Library regarding the Keystone Grant that they would like to apply for. The Borough will need to be involved pursuant to the rules of the grant application.
- Attended the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association (WCBA) meeting with Council President Susan Ruszkowski, Council Vice President Ken Phillabaum and Councilwoman Czekanski. Topic was Comprehensive Presentation of the PA State Treasury's Programs. Speaker: Jesse Streeter, Regional Program Promotions Manager of the PA State Treasury Department.
- Attended the Special Meeting with Council and Gibson Thomas Engineering regarding discussions and revisions to the Frick Park Hillside Project

- Attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's Annual Convention in Hershey PA from June 1 through June 4, 2025 with Council President Ruszkowski, Council Vice President Phillabaum and Councilwoman Barnes. I attended the following forums:
 - Opening General Session – Speaker Cary Lohrenz, First Female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot in the U. S. Navy. Ms. Lohrenz spoke about the necessity to be tenacious, overcome your fear of failure, be committed to excellence, prepare, perform and prevail over accomplishing seemingly impossible missions every day.
 - Tips for an Effective Public Meeting – discussed transparency and professionalism in public meetings, compliance with the Sunshine Act, avoiding common problems during meetings.
 - Building Resilient Communities – Your Critical Role as a Local Leader – hosted by the Emergency Management Agency – discussed local leaders playing a vital role in shaping the resilience of their communities, creating a strong foundation, proactive planning and improve long-term outcome for your municipality. Council is required to take the NIMS 100 and 700 courses.
 - Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) Burning Questions – Q&A with municipalities regarding recruitment and retention, risk reduction for the community, grants and loans. I have requested additional information from them.
 - Manager / Administrator Roundtable – group discussion with Managers and Administrators from other municipalities sharing common mutual issues.
 - Bridging the Funding Gap for Police Departments – discussion of the various government grants that are available for police departments. Discussed the difficulties of getting grants, whether it is a good fit for your department and have a plan to continue funding your police when the grant ends.
 - Concurrent Sessions by Population (Population over 4000) – Open forum of discussions with municipalities that have a population over 4000.
 - Met with many vendors and discussed different products and/or programs that they offer.
- Attended National Night Out meeting – Confirmed date of Monday, August 11, 2025. Have received approximately 25 vendors. They are in the process of receiving additional vendors.

Submitted by Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

Street Department / Stormwater Report:

We cut the grass in the parks several times and weed whacked

We weed whacked the rain gardens and cleaned them out

We got all the veteran banners up before Memorial Day

We put in a new drain box in at medic 10 in the rear of the building

We got the fountain up and running for the season

We checked a hole in someone's back yard where one of our pipes were located and

didn't see a problem and filled it in and we are keeping an eye on it

We patched pot holes throughout the boro

We marked Pa one calls as they come in

We swept Main Street, North and South Church Street, and North and South Diamond Street twice

Attended an MS4 seminar on May 15 hosted by Gibson Thomas Engineering at the Hempfield Park

Installing peace poles for Rotary

Fixed water leak at soccer field

Submitted by Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Parks Committee report:

A public meeting was held on May 30 for the purpose of reviewing the Frick Park Hillside Project. The proposed plans for the project were reviewed with Gibson-Thomas and suggestions were made by council related to the moving the ADA parking and access walkways; adding a stairs and railing for easier access on the hill; and distribute lighting more evenly for the hillside, stairway, and walking track area. Gibson-Thomas is going to work on making the suggested changes after reviewing grant requirements, and return a new rendering for council to review.

Thank you to the Street's Department staff for installing playground equipment at the parks.

Submitted by Diana Lasko, Park & Recreation Chair

Public Safety Committee Report:

Spoke with George Grippo and Tim Ferree of the Police Department as well as Councilman Davis about the Tornado alarm. A monthly test on the first Saturday of every month will be performed going forward.

Had conversation with Zack Gergas of Medic 10 to follow up on money discovered from the State owed to Medic 10 and other organizations in town. Zack informed me is was looking into the money and that he is looking into more grants for Medic 10.

Council

Election Bureau held 2025 Primary elections at Medic 10 for the second consecutive time. The continued success should lead to this being the permanent home of the elections for Third Ward going forward.

Attended the Library Board Meeting on 5/14/25. Wage increases were discussed. September 13th, 2025 The Library has an event scheduled at Helltown. Attended last year's event which was successful and a good time.

Put out all the Community Yard Sale signs on 5/26. Picked up all but one on 6/8/25. Will retrieve that sign when I speak to the resident that graciously put it in their yard to alert those driving by.

BDA

Attended two BDA meetings since the last council meeting.

For the many from town that have asked over the last few years, the address for the BDA is
BDA

PO Box 836

Mount Pleasant PA, 15666

Email is BDA@Gmail.com

Coke and Coal Trail

Attended Coke and Coal Trail Meeting on 5/13/25

Preparations for the Trail Day event connecting both Scottdale and Mount Pleasant were discussed.

The Trail Day Event held on 6/7/25 overall was a success. Many Trail users were appreciative of the effort put into maintaining the Trail as well as overall participation from both communities. Renovation Nation went above and beyond in accommodating the event on the Mount Pleasant end of the Trail. Would like to grow this event next year to include the actual Trail. Businesses, organizations, and residents of both communities will be encouraged to participate. Thank You to everyone that attended and participated.

PSAB

Westmoreland County Meeting 5/29/25

Mount Pleasant was represented by myself, as well as Council President Susan, Borough Manager Sharon, and Council members Linda and Patience.

Office of Treasury and State gave a presentation on unclaimed State money. This money can be found online at [PATreaury.gov](https://www.patreaury.gov). This isn't just for organizations or Municipalities. This is open to individuals as well. Jessie Streeter gave an excellent presentation.

PSA Conference Jun 1-4.

Attended the PSAB conference with Borough Manager Sharon, Council President Susan, and Council Member Patience.

On 6/1/25 I participated in voting on resolutions as part of the resolutions committee. Those resolutions are voted on then passed along to be voted on by the representatives appointed by each borough that participated. All 14 resolutions passed both voting stages. The resolutions can be viewed on PSAB's website. Spent the rest of the day visiting vendors that were set up as well as listening to the keynote speaker speaking on her time as the first Female Fighter Pilot in the Navy's F-14 Tomcat. Carey Lohrenz gave a great presentation.

June 2nd

Day started off in a general assembly with State Senators and Representatives. Various bills involving boroughs that are sitting in the house up for debate were discussed.

Sat in on the following sessions

Running effective meetings

Multi-Generational Workforce

Trends in Zoning

Participated in a Jeopardy style presentation on understanding how Boroughs are run.

June 3rd,

Sat in on a general assembly with State Reps reviewing State Programs available to our boroughs.

Sessions I sat in on for this day are the following.

Fostering a better relationship with Penn Dett

LTAP (LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) (will bring a class to us with 10 or more people present)

Call 1800forLTAP for any questions in the meantime

Mayors Association

Recommended for all elected officials to carry the book of the borough code on them if possible

Police Contract session

A session on Grants.

June 4th, participated in voting on resolutions before coming home.

Took over hundreds of pictures of slides from these sessions that I sat in on. If any member of council would like them, please contact me and I will email or text them over to you.

Some side notes to mention taken from the conference,

- The state is still not moving forward with Radar (flood your reps with calls)
- Grant writing, the more specific and knowledgeable, the better the chance of landing the grant.
- Learned about Bill 316 passed on 4/22/25. Puts an end to disingenuous practices, giving local governments the power to deny LLCs or corporations if they or any of their principal owners have tax delinquencies in the municipality.

Thank You,
Vice President
Kenneth Phillabaum