

Meeting September 8, 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, Stevenson, Davis, Barnes, Czekanski and Wojnar. Council President Ruszkowski. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 2025. Motion second by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0

Medic 10 Report:

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

Director Gergas added the following to his report:

- Total Call for the month of August:

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- Upcoming events:
 - Skills review Class (9/23) - Myersdale
 - Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival (9/26-9/28)
 - 5k Run/Walk (9/27) – Bear Rocks
- Sport Standbys
 - 17 Sporting Events
 - 1 Soccer Tournament
- Building:
 - Medic 10 landscaping project is complete.
- Employee Concerns:
 - Two employees out on workman's comp (on duty injury).
- Fundraiser
 - 50th Anniversary T shirt fundraiser continues on.
 - Contributions for the upcoming Glass Festival received from;
 - Allegheny Health Network and neighboring hospitals \$700.00
 - Wal-Mart \$100.00

Fire Department Report:

Fire Department Chief Paul Harenchar provided a report. A copy of the report is attached.

Fire Department Chief Paul Harenchar added the following to his report:

Fire Report for the month of August:

Total Calls – 51

10-45's – 18

Entrapment – 2

Other Rescues – 0

Vehicle / PED – 0

Fires – 13

AFA'S – 13

Hazardous Calls – 6

Ambulance Assist – 0

Standby's – 1

Landing Zones – 0

Drills – 0

Public Service Calls – 4

Turnpike Calls – 2

Total Members Answering – 543

Avg. Member Per Call – 11

Total Calls to Date – 364

Chief Harenchar stated the fire department will be participating in the upcoming 911 service for traffic control and the Glass & Ethnic Festival taking care of streets for parade. Will have one truck in parade.

New members will be joining the fire department, along with junior members.

A hose replacement repair was made to one of our engines at a cost of \$28,000.00. The last repairs were made in 1988. The fire department needs additional hoses at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00 per hose. They are currently looking into applying for grants to cover the cost of additional hose equipment. Councilman Barrick asked how long the hose are. Fire Chief Harenchar stated they are 1200' of 5" large diameter hose.

October is fire prevention month. Dry season is coming. Borough Manager Lesko asked Fire Chief Harenchar to notify her if a "No Burn Ban" is put in place.

Public Comment:

Sarah Buzzard, Library Director provided a report. A copy of the report is attached.

Sarah Buzzard, Library Director added the following to her report:

- September is National Library; card sign up month. There is no cost to sign up. Library cards are free.
- Helltown fundraiser will be a 50/50, raffle baskets and games. Helltown donates \$1.00 for every draft they pour. It is one of the library's biggest fundraisers of the year.
- Holding a book sale during the Glass Festival Friday and Saturday with a book sale at the library.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report: None.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- June 25, 2025 EPA inspection was done on our MS4’s meeting with the Borough Manager, Streets Department crew leader and Borough Engineer. EPA sent a couple hundred pages report on September 2, 2025 that was sent on to Gibson Thomas for review. Gibson Thomas will prepare a letter of response for Borough Manager Lesko to respond back to EPA with respect to the comments they made.
- Ordinance No. 675 for the curfew on the agenda. One change was made at the recommendation of the Police Chief. The curfew hours starting June 1, to August 31, 2025 from 10 to 11pm. Councilman Davis had a question about people driving. The curfew ordinance is for people that are loitering on the streets.
- Received letter of resignation from Tony Vecchio of the DBA. Council should seek letters of interest to make an appointment to fill that vacancy on the Board.
- Asked to hold an Executive session after Presidents Report to discuss Tax Assessment Appeals that are being filed in the Borough.

Treasurer’s Report:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-25			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2025
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank				
General Fund Budgetary	19069335	1,272,342.60	78,302.35	242,218.22	1,108,426.73
Reserve	Standard Bank				
	321615	1,126,216.61	3,103.23	0.00	1,129,319.84
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	435,625.91				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers					
Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	27,873.09				
** Frick Park Gas Well	31,329.79				
**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	38,686.56	255.34	0.00	38,941.90
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank				
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	19069343	64,890.77	226.51	0.00	65,117.28
	19123645	292,181.47	1,019.91	0.00	293,201.38
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank				
	318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank				
	19069350	29,011.98	53,021.97	77,861.38	4,172.57
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Military Banners Fund	2003058309	16,002.56	1.50	0.00	16,004.06
	2004522337	2,779.90	0.25	175.00	2,605.15

Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,350.94	4.72	0.00	1,355.66
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	275,119.11	960.35	0.00	276,079.46
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	58,336.58	0.00	0.00	58,336.58
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund Balance					3,289,646.18
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	509,148.45	93,797.96	122,518.59	480,427.82
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	63,849.55	222.88	0.00	64,072.43
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	13,606.96	37.49	0.00	13,644.45
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	7,034.10	24.55	0.00	7,058.65
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318047885	5,823.97	0.00	0.00	5,823.97
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					591,545.62
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	951,888.00	3,322.74	0.00	955,210.74
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	504,212.87	1,682.97	0.00	505,895.84
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					5,250,125.76
Total Borough funds					9,131,317.56
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the July 2025 Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0

Tax Collector’s Report:

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

Property Taxes	\$ 2948.77
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 1768.90</u>
Total Collected	\$ 4717.67

Carol would like to remind taxpayers to mail early. Do not wait until the last day as the mail can be late some time.

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 Councilwoman Wojnar to approve the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 8-0

Received a letter from Denise DeSabato requesting to decorate the gazebo in October for Breast Cancer Awareness. Council agreed they can decorate as they have in the past.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson for an Executive session. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0

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

Council President Ruszkowski stated the Executive session was held from 7:13pm to 7:23pm.

Solicitor Mlakar stated the purpose of the Executive session was to discuss with the Board. There is a new amount of Tax Assessment Appeals being filed in the Borough. There have been hearings held and probably more coming. Explained how tax program works and that potential loss of revenue the Borough will have with respect to the reduction of taxes. No official action is going to be taken.

Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:

Councilman Barrick stated a copy of the Street Department Committee report was submitted for Council review.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the Property/Streets department report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0

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A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the purchase of security cameras from Armory Locksmiths in the amount of \$4225.00 which includes installation for the 2nd and 3rd floor of the Borough Building. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0

Parks & Recreation: None

Public Safety/Human Resources Report: None

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- T-shirts will be sold during the Glass Festival, Friday thru Sunday for \$25.00 each, along with an order form for the purchase of additional T-shirts plus shipping. They will make

between \$7.00 - \$9.00 per shirt. Anyone that orders there will be shipping costs. They are having a tablecloth made for the event.

- Spoke with Borough Manager Lesko concerning planting new shrubs. Discussed painting of the fountain. It has been a while since it was last done. Would like to do it in the spring.
- Spoke with Councilman Phillabaum about the Banner Project. This project would allow families a photo opportunity with the banners. He has not met with his committee. He didn't make the last meeting or request an extension. The committee decided they would scrap it. The project was to have the banners either at Veterans Park or Frick Park so families could come and take a picture with them and hopefully get some donations. Councilman Phillabaum wanted to wait until he talked with Somerset first. Councilwoman Barnes stated she wants Council to recognize that they support this project but they have not gotten any feedback from him about what he wants to do. Time is running out. Councilwoman Barnes reported that they voted unanimously to scrap the project. However, the door is open if he wants to pursue it but it won't be next year. They need time to prepare for it.

Finance/Ordinances:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2025-25 to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee for Earned Income Tax. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2025-26 approving the submission of a demolition application to Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority and Westmoreland County to seek potential grant funding to remove said blighted property at 647/651/653 West Main Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0

Councilwoman Lasko asked what property it is. Borough Manager Lesko stated it is the property next to Town Clock Church formerly Falbo's Pizza was there. Property is owned by the Town Clock Church.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2025-27 affirming compliance with Keystone Grant requirements regarding property ownership and Public Library Use. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0

Solicitor Mlakar stated this is the second step in the grant application that the library is going to file through the Borough. We have to pass a Resolution proposal ensuring that the property will remain a library for 50 years or the useful length of the property which ever is earlier. This Resolution affirms that will be part of the grant application.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No 2025-28 authorizing the Borough to enter into Settlement Agreements with Purdue/Sackler and Alvogen, Inc. ("Mylan"), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. and Zydus Pharmaceuticals, USA and agree to the terms of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0

Solicitor Mlakar stated the more municipalities that join in, the more funding the county gets. Municipalities can apply for funding. It has to be education such as DARE Programs. It is like a class-action Program like National Night Out use the Opioid funds.

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

Vote passed 8-0

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New Business:

Councilman Davis asked if the committee saw the email from Solicitor Mlakar have, they replied back to him. Council President Ruszkowski asked that they please read the email and respond. Westmoreland County Borough’s Association will be holding their dinner and meeting on September 25, 2025 - 5:30pm at The Barn at Donohue Center Westmoreland Conversation District – 218 Donohue Road – Greensburg, PA 15666.

Reading of Communications: None.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Mayor / Council Comments:

Mayor Bailey reminded everyone that the Glass Festival will be the last full weekend in September, Friday and Saturday 11am – 10pm. Sunday 11am – 7:30pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

We will also be holding the 911 ceremony at 6:30pm at the Gazebo. Please come out. Encourage everyone you talk to remember. Speaker is Joel Landis Somerset County, EMA Director.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting of September 8, 2025

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MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

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Employees

Adding 2 Casual Employees (Brian Price & Jimmy Shashura)

Fundraiser

T Shirt is still going on - Half Left

Respectfully Submitted,
Zachary Gergas

Director of Operations
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

Fire Report – September 2025

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Mount Pleasant Free Public Library
Borough Council Meetings

August 2025 - reported September 8, 2025

Area	Month	YTD
Circulation	2,446	19,217
Door Counter	1,799	17,182
New Library Cards	27	257
Total Registered Patrons	2,658	-
Programs Held	43	338
Program Attendance	205	2,565
Computer Usage	149 sessions for 75.02 hrs	1,185 sessions for 724.61 hrs
WiFi Usage	64 sessions for 770.80 hrs	435 sessions for 5,191.51 hrs
Chat with a Librarian Service	9	130

**September 8, 2025
Committee Reports**

Borough Manager Report:

Playground equipment at Jack Bobbs Park is complete.

Met w/Les and Michael Phillips Re: Closing for sale of Gormley Property

Preparation and Attendance at National Night Out

Met w/Les Re: Payment for Closing of Gormley Property

Meeting with Mount Pleasant Library, Council President Ruszkowski; Solicitor Mlakar; Re: Keystone Grant and Library Lease

Met w/various contractors Re: Quote for roof for Central Station Fire Department for LSA Grant

Reached out to electricians Re: Quote for electrical panels for Central Station Fire Department for LSA Grant

Meet w/Tabitha from Miller Woodworking Re: cracks in table

Meeting with Police Chief Grippo and Council President Ruszkowski Re: Security Window Covering at Police Station

Several P/C's w/Dakota Bocan of Gibson Thomas Engineering, Doug Siler of Gibson Thomas Engineering, Solicitor Mlakar, and Joseph Toth, Economic Development Analyst of PA Department of Community & Economic Development Re: SLSA 2024 MS Grant Application / Dividing the Project

Meeting w/Jeff McGuinness Re: Painting Crosswalks and Lines for streets

Meeting w/Brandon Firestone of PennDOT Re: 2025 Paving Project Finalization

Meeting w/Zach Gergas, Director of Medic 10 Re: 2026 Medic 10 Budget

P/C w/Josh Andrykovitch Re: various properties / code violations with in the Borough

P/C w/Solicitor Mlakar Re: various borough topics – Dissolution of Parking; Tax Appeals – Christofano 535 W Main Street / Zaitoon 1027 West Main St; Premoshis – College Avenue; 2025 5-Yr Winter Maintenance Agreement; Appointment to Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee

Submitted by Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

Property / Stormwater / Streets Report:

Street Department Report:

We cut the grass in the parks and other properties that belong to us

We have finished putting up the play set in Jack Bobbs park

We have cleaned out some drains that were full of sediment

We swept Main Street, North and South Church Street, and North and South Diamond Street several times

We put 3 more veterans banners up

We changed bulbs in the veterans park and gazebo decorative lights

We changed the filter in the fountain several times and cleaned the filter also

We patched pot holes throughout the area

We worked on the high lift trying to fix a hydraulic leak

We got truck 5 repaired because there was a leak on the hydraulic box that holds the hydraulic fluid

We painted speed lines for the police on North Church Street, North and South Diamond Street, Braddock Road Ave, and Morewood Street

We are going to start to paint stop bars, crosswalks, and parking space on streets that have been paved

Submitted by Jeff McGuinness, Street Department