

## **Meeting October 6, 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 Stevenson, Davis, Barnes, Czekanski, Wojnar and Phillabaum. Council President Ruszkowski. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2025. Motion second by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

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### **Medic 10 Report:**

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

### **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 September:

Total Calls – 56

10-45's – 16  
Entrapment – 1  
Other Rescues – 1  
Vehicle / PED – 0  
Fires – 10  
AFA'S – 18  
Hazardous Calls – 3  
Ambulance Assist – 2  
Standby's – 1  
Landing Zones – 0  
Drills – 0  
Public Service Calls – 5  
Turnpike Calls – 3  
Total Members Answering – 549  
Avg. Member Per Call – 10  
Total Calls to Date – 416

Chief Harenchar stated the following upcoming events:

- Will be attending the Trunk or Treat at Harmon House along with Medic 10, VFQ and the Police Department on Thursday October 23, 2025 (5:30 PM – 7:30PM)
- Sunday October 26, 2025 Trick or Treat from 2-4 PM
- Wednesday October 29, 2025 will be the Halloween Parade to begin at 7 PM

Breast Cancer Awareness will not hold a Run/Walk this year.

### **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:

- Had a successful fundraiser at Helltown Brewing.
- The library book sale fundraiser held during the Glass Festival was successful.
- The library will be hosting the Zoo for adults on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October at 3:00 PM. Animals will be on display inside the library.
- Will be holding an adult art show in November

**Speakers: None.**

**Mayor's Report: None.**

**Solicitor's Report: None**

Solicitor Mlakar stated that we will need to hold an Executive session to discuss the following:

- Road Workers Contract for snow removal and grass cutting or to put this out to bid.
- We received a proposal from the Road Workers. Borough Manager Lesko will be meeting Dan Hewitt to discuss the proposal and start negotiations.

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- On the agenda is Resolution No 2025-32 Establishing a Policy for the Disposal of Electronic Tape Recordings of Public Meetings. Once a previous meeting has been approved the recording of that meeting should be destroyed or erased.
- On the agenda is Resolution No. 2025-30 to approve the Lease Agreement with the Borough of Mount Pleasant and the Mt. Pleasant Free Public Library. It has been approved by the Library Board.
- On the agenda is Resolution No. 2025-31 to Extend Residential Garbage Collection with Republic Services for 1 year as an option-year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Republic Services has agreed to extend for one year as well. There is an additional option year and that can be decided next year if they would like to extend it.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	Scottdale Bank	Aug-25			Balance 2025
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	
General Fund Checking	19069335	1,108,426.73	179,608.42	110,435.26	1,177,599.89
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,129,319.84	91,910.86	0.00	1,221,230.70
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Parking Lots	71,396.39				
**Contingency Fund	438,824.35				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	28,318.80				
** Frick Park Gas Well	32,200.11				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	43,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Parks & Recreation	16,000.00				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13	23,477.60				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	38,941.90	127.16	0.00	39,069.06
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	65,117.28	212.64	0.00	65,329.92
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	293,201.38	957.44	0.00	294,158.82

	Mid Penn Bank				
Monument CD	318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	19069350	4,172.57	47,539.63	47,517.99	4,194.21
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	16,004.06	1.50	0.00	16,005.56
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Military Banners Fund	2004522337	2,605.15	0.24	0.00	2,605.39
	Scottdale Bank				
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	19069368	1,355.66	4.43	0.00	1,360.09
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	19123652	276,079.46	901.53	0.00	276,980.99
	Mid Penn Bank				
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	318039102	233,991.26	0.00	0.00	233,991.26
	Scottdale Bank				
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	318012650	54,335.15	0.00	0.00	54,335.15
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD(200yr Anniversary)		58,336.58	0.00	0.00	58,336.58
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	6677418044	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>3,452,956.78</b>
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 Checking	19069533	480,427.82	87,960.65	82,936.68	485,451.79
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 Savings	19069723	64,072.43	209.23	0.00	64,281.66
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	0000358253	13,644.45	37.60	0.00	13,682.05
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	19145689	7,058.65	23.05	0.00	7,081.70
	Mid Penn Bank				
Medic 10 CD	318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30
	Mid Penn Bank				
Medic 10 CD	318047885	5,823.97	0.00	0.00	5,823.97
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>596,839.47</b>
	Scottdale Bank				
WWT Capital Reserve Account	- 19123702	955,210.74	3,119.22	0.00	958,329.96
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	505,895.84	1,688.58	0.00	507,584.42
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	318016303	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	318037592	222,207.13	0.00	0.00	222,207.13
	Scottdale Bank -				
American National (9/5/2023)	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
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>5,254,933.56</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>9,304,729.81</b>

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary  
Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0

#### **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 has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

## **President's Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the Resolution No 2025-32 Establishing a Policy for the Disposal of Electronic Tape Recordings of Public Meetings. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

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

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0

Council President Ruszkowski stated the Executive session was held from 7:08pm to 7:22pm.

Solicitor Mlakar stated the purpose of the Executive session was to discuss with the Board the Road Workers Contract negotiations and acceptance of service contracts for snow removal and grass cutting service for the upcoming year 2026.

## **Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Property/Streets department report as submitted by Councilman Barrick and Council President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

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Councilwoman Barnes stated the project was not culturally inclusive enough. The depictions on the stained does not give adequate representation or depictions of people of color in the stained glass.

Councilman Davis stated council may want to insure the windows for the gazebo due to vibration from main street and vandalism. Borough Manager Lesko will ask the insurance company to quote the cost for the windows.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hire Gary Ciarimboli for the appraisals of the former Synagogue Building located at 26 South Church Street, Tax Map No. 21-01-14-0-310 at a cost of \$1950.00 and the small building located next to Pritts Feed Mill on East Main Street Tax Map No. 21-02-03-0-281 at a cost of \$850.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

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Solicitor Mlakar stated that it is a 50-year lease as required by the Pennsylvania Library Board.

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Solicitor Mlakar stated Republic Services prices will increase Electronic will remain the same; Commercial \$160.00/weekly or \$605.00/5 week contract; residential \$75.00/quarterly and Rolloff rates will remain the same.

Councilman Davis asked Solicitor Mlakar if he recommended doing the extension. Solicitor Mlakar stated if you go to bid for a new contract costs will be much more than the extension would be. Councilman Phillabaum asked if it is worth getting the Borough into the trash business. Solicitor Mlakar stated absolutely not, if they would become unionized, the state would determine the bargaining unit. Councilwoman Stevenson said that staffing would be an issue along with the costs of the equipment. Equipment alone is over one million dollars.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize Gibson Thomas to advertise for bids for the Frick Park Hillside Project. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

Councilwoman Czekanski asked for a street pole on the corner of Ann and N. Geary to be replaced due to deterioration.

### **Parks & Recreation / Events**

Councilwoman Wojnar gave the following report:

- Would like to do a dedication for the stained glass at the gazebo at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Veterans Park event for the Banners.
- Applications for Junior Council will go to the Borough Manager; however, Councilwoman Wojnar would like to take the lead on it to conduct interviews for Junior Council elect.

Council President Ruszkowski stated when the dedication is done for the stained glass, the gentleman that made them would like to be involved. He would like to have an unveiling and be here for the event.

### **Public Safety/Human Resources Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the public safety/human resources report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

### **Veterans Park:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- The total sales of our Veterans Park T shirts sold during the Glass Festival was \$800.00. We sold 32 T shirts and received \$77.00 in donations as well.
- We placed an ad in the newspaper to let the community know T shirts are available to purchase or order. They can do this by going to the VFW, American Legion and Fire Department.

Councilwoman Czekanski stated November 1, 2025 the VFW will hold a Cash Bash. T shirts will be on display for sale by the raffle baskets.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Veterans Park Report as submitted by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0

### **Finance/Ordinances:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to transfer \$12000.00 from Budgetary Reserve Police K-9 funds to General Fund line-item Police 410.92 – Other Expenses for desks, seating for interview room, lockers and computer for police department and move the remaining balance of \$1828.76 to General Fund Budgetary Reserve Police Line. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Czekanski reminded everyone that in addition to the Harmon House Trunk or Treat on Thursday October 23, 2025 (5:30 PM – 7:30PM) the VFW will also host a Trunk or Treat in their parking lot on Sunday October 26, 2025 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Medic 10 to bring an ambulance and the Borough Police to bring a vehicle.

Councilman Davis stated he was trying to get three (3) bids for painting the firehouse. He asked for recommendations on receiving a third bid to paint the Fire house.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Lesko stated the Community Redevelopment Authority annual workshop will be on Friday, October 17, 2025, 9AM to 2PM at Westmoreland County Community College (Youngwood Campus). Blighted properties are the topic.

Councilwoman Stevenson stated the Historical Society will be continuing their series of a dinner and reading on Saturday, October 18, 2025, “The Night Beyond the Grave, Stories of the Mt. Pleasant Cemeteries”. Dinner and reading.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. 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 Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sharon Lesko  
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

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Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

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# MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA 15666



Mount Pleasant Borough Council 10/6/2025  
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10 Report (September)

## Call Volume Statistics

Total Calls - 249	YTD - 1,972	219.1 / month
Transports - 205		
Standbys - 15		
Refusals - 11		
Lift Assists - 9		
Cancelled - 8		
DOA - 1		
Wheelchair Van - 23	YTD - 332	36.8 / month
Missed Calls - 7	YTD - 97	10.7 / month
Sport Standby - 31	YTD - 43	

## Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting - 10/8  
Trunk or Treat (Harmon House) - 10/23 5:30-7:30 PM  
Trick or Treat - 10/26  
Trunk or Treat (VFW) - 10/26  
Jam a Van Toy Drive - Helltown Tap Room 11/16 12:00-5:00 PM

## Misc. Updates

T Shirt fundraiser is continuing  
New sign purchased recently from HomeRun Graphics will be installed  
Glass Festival - Seen roughly 10 people at First Aid (bandaids/bee stings)  
ATV responded to 2 incidents, resulting in 1 transport from the grounds.  
Looking to fill multiple paramedic positions

Respectfully Submitted,  
Zachary Gergas



Director of Operations,  
Mount Pleasant Medic 10

## Fire Department Report - October 2025

<b>FIRE REPORT</b>	
<b>TOTAL CALLS-- SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>56</b>
10-45'S	16
ENTRAPMENT	1
OTHER RESCUES	1
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRE	10
AFA'S	18
HAZARDOUS CALLS	3
AMBULANCE ASSIST	2
STANDBY'S	1
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	5
TURNPIKE CALLS	3
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING</b>	<b>549</b>
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	10
<b>TOTAL CALLS TO DATE</b>	<b>416 054</b>

Mount Pleasant Free Public Library  
Borough Council Meetings

September 2025 - reported October 6, 2025

<b>Area</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Circulation	2,174	21,391
Door Counter	2,341	179,523
New Library Cards	38	295
Total Registered Patrons	2,695	-
Programs Held	48	386
Program Attendance	289	2,854
Computer Usage	149 sessions for 88.50 hrs	1,334 sessions for 813.11 hrs
WiFi Usage	78 sessions for 939.65 hrs	513 sessions for 6,131.16 hrs
Chat with a Librarian Service	42	172

**October 6, 2025**  
**Committee Reports**

**Borough Manager Report:**

Met w/Police Chief Grippo and LPR Solutions  
Re: LPR Program that they are possibly going to be coming to Pennsylvania

Prepared brochures and attended the 9-11 Event at the Gazebo

Met w/Renee Shipley of Republic Services Re: Solid Waste Contract

Met w/Resident Re: Dilapidated Structure

Met w/Contractors Re: Quotes for VFD Roof and Electrical

P/C Bob Regola Re: LSA Grant

Several P/C's with Dakota Bocan of Gibson Thomas Engineering; Mike Barrick; Les Mlakar  
Re: LSA Grant

Several P/C's with Solicitor Mlakar RE: WCAG 2.1 ADA guidelines; Medic 10 Ambulance; Republic Services; Grass Cutting/Snow Removal; Second Baptist Church; Tax Assessment Hearings; Right to Know Requests; Stuart Slotnik & Diane Krier properties / paper alley; Opioid Settlement Agreement; swimming pool discharge; Library Lease Agreement; Street Department Contract; LSA Grant;

Attend Safety Meeting w/Mayor, Employees, VFD and Medic 10

Met with Sarah Buzzard and Kim Landis of the Mt. Pleasant Library Re: Keystone Grant

Met w/Dom of Gibson Thomas Engineering and Mike Barrick  
Re: Frick Park Hillside Project – finalization / advertising and when bids will be due

Attend Special Meeting on 9/29/2025 Re: Adopt Resolution for LSA Grant for VFD Roof & Electrical

Attended the PSAB Fall Conference at Penn State on October 3 – 5, 2025.

Submitted by Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

**Street Department Report:**

put a curb in on Orchard Hill Dr. because of water jumping the curb

cut grass at the parks and other properties that we take care of

put brakes on the rear of the utility truck which included brake pads, brake calipers, and caliper brackets

replaced some 25 MPH signs that needed to be changed because they were getting bad

repaired a drain in Goo's Way which was a small project that didn't need a new drain put in

took our high lift to get repaired because it was leaking hydraulic fluid

changed a green light at the intersection of Main Street and Diamond Street because it was not working

We took stuff up for the glass festival which included: garbage cans, gray water barrels, oil barrels, picnic tables, and barricades to block off the streets; cleaned the outside of the command post trailer for the festival.

check and mark one calls as they come in to us

patched pot holes as needed throughout the town

swept Main Street, North and South Church Street, and North and South Diamond Street every other Friday

cleaned up after the glass festival which included: sweeping the streets, picking up the garbage cans, picking the gray water and the oil barrels, picnic tables, and barricades; put up the glass festival banners and also the banners that were on the street that the festival was on up and then took them down after the festival

Submitted by Jeff McGuinness, Street Department Crew Leader

**Public Safety/Human Resources Report:**

Medic 10 meeting scheduled 10/8/25 6pm at Medic 10 building on East Main Street.

Attended Coke and Coal Trail Meeting 9/9/25.

The trail sadly was targeted along with others in the community and nearby area with vandalism. Asking everyone who view any of these acts to report them.

Attended Library Board meeting for the month of September. Discussed upcoming audit that will be completed by Ed Opst, upgrades to the building, as well as upcoming projects and Fundraising.

BDA Meeting 10/1/25

Motion carried 5-2 in favor of preparing all documentation to dissolve the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority. Kenneth Phillabaum, Sue Lobingier, John Lobingier, Greg Hirak, & Linda Czekanski voted in favor of the motion. David Brooks and Pam Depalma opposed. Solicitor Tim Witt Jr. for the BDA is preparing documentation to carry out this motion.

Westmoreland County Boroughs Association

meeting from 9/25/25. Appointed Vice President to President Andy Pinskey of Scottdale for Westmoreland County PSAB for the 4th consecutive year. Ronald J. Grutza, PSAB Senior of Government Affairs and Logan Stover PSAB Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs gave a presentation that was open question and answer session on all issues that the State and Boroughs are currently facing.

Next Meeting will be Held at the Westmoreland Conservation District October 30th.

Will be attending the Somerset County PSAB meeting in Windber on 10/16/25. Robert Regola will be the Headline Speaker for the evening.

Once again would like to Thank Council President Susan Ruszkowski as well as Borough President Sharon Lesko for preparing the annual 9/11 event and Thank everyone for attending and participating and give a Special Thank You to Joel Landis Somerset County E.M.A. for giving a memorable presentation.

Submitted by: Vice President Phillabaum, Chairman of Public Safety