

Meeting February 3, 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 Phillabaum. Mayor Bailey was present. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2025 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Medic 10 Report:

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

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Paul Harenchar gave the following report:

- A copy of the fire report is attached
- Since this is a slow time, we have multiple members in training courses.
- Request June 26, 2025 for the Street Fair Parade.
- Request the Levin's lot and Smithfield Street from Church to Diamond from June 25-28, 2025 for the Fair as well.
- We are still looking for more vendors for the Street Fair.

Rich Pologruto, President of Fire Department – We also submitted paperwork for a Harbor Freight Grant and they awarded us \$300 grant. Our State Grant we submitted for portable radios was about a \$12,000.00 we are not sure if we got that yet. We also have a FEMA Safety Grant which was \$111,000 and is what we are using to buy Bunker Gear for all the new guys going to fire school and their physicals and all of that kind of stuff. We spent around \$62,000 so far in Bunker Gear so far. Our 501(c)3, the paperwork was filed October 24, 2024 and it takes 4-6 months for that to be approved. This will make it so we can submit a lot more Grants. Our guys are doing a great job with training. We have around \$6,000 per man with the Bunker Gear.

Public Comment:

Chris Hall – 645 South Geary Street – I am with the Little League Board and we're just requesting all your permission to again use the ballfields this year for Little League.

Councilwoman Lasko – He gave me the schedule and the insurance so we have that.

Solicitor Mlakar – We haven't gotten the Lease back from you guys yet. I talked to Mr. Rega awhile ago and sent him the lease. He said he made some recommendations and sent it to your Board and he hadn't heard back.

Chris Hall – We had approved those changes that we had wanted to make and as far as I know Don sent it back to you all. I'm unaware of any other communication that's gone on between you all.

Solicitor Mlakar – He did not. I will check with him and the other issue is the keys.

Chris Hall- Yes, as far as I understood as the Board we voted until we signed the Lease Agreement no keys.

Councilman Phillabaum – That's what they told me too. I told them we need those keys.

Solicitor Mlakar – That has nothing to do with the Lease. So, we would like the keys please.

Chris Hall – Okay. Thank you.

Sara Buzzard – Library Director – I would like to moving forward, give a report every month. We are having a fundraiser on March 1, 2025 at Yinzer Valley Farms from 5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. It's called "Get Lucky Gift Card Giveaway. We'll have a cash bar and live music. \$5.00 a ticket.

James Rega Sr. – 10 North Church Street – I want to know what yins are deciding on my handicap space. Sharon did you get that Pulmonary Letter from my doctor?

Borough Manager Lesko – Yes, George brought it up today. I do not have an application for you. I mailed one to you.

James Rega Sr. – Well, I already filled that one out. I didn't give it to you. Now listen to me, okay, there's a person in this room that never spoke up. That knows that I did this because Steve Fontanazza presented it with a letter from my Cardiologist and nobody, everybody points to the last administration. Well, what happened then it carries over, it just don't go away ok? I already presented that Patience Barnes, ok, now you know what I'm talking about. You was at the meetings, you have a video tape of it being presented at a council meeting. I asked you probably 30 times that I want that tape back and you refuse to give it to me.

Councilwoman Barnes – No, I went to give you the tape because my VCR is not working and I said these are the tapes and you said check it out yourself. Well, mines not working that's why I tried to give it to you.

James Rega Sr. – Patience I'm not going through your family stuff. You borrowed the tape, k? So you look through the tapes you find out which one it is and you give it back to me.

Councilwoman Barnes – My VCR is not working.

James Rega Sr. – Now, as far as, none of these people seen that letter from my Pulmonary Doctor?

Borough Manager Lesko – Yeah. I gave them out right now. I mean I just got it when George brought it up this afternoon to me.

James Rega Sr. – Ok, now, I went down there and had a nice conversation with George, cause I like George I've known him over 25 years. We are straight up with each other and I'm reading off all my doctors. I got to pain clinics I've done all of this and you guys are still refusing to give me a handicap spot. My doctor thinks its ridiculous. So, how far are we going to take this? You know what I mean? You know as far, see Patience, here's all the papers from the previous council meeting. Its all documented in here presentation, everything that is here. I've tried everything.

Council President Ruszkowski – Mr. Rega, I don't mean to interrupt you, but public comment is 3 minutes.

Solicitor Mlakar – Do you have a placard from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania? We need a copy of that. Sharon can make a copy of it.

James Rega Sr. – I do

Speakers:

Mayor's Report: See Police Report Attached

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- To address Mr. Rega. I had sent 2 memos to the Board, 1 in April and 1 in November with recommendations and for the Board to get back to me and haven't heard anything. What happens under your present Ordinance then this will go to the Police Committee or

whatever it is now for review and recommendation, back to council, and council will vote on it. Remember it is just a handicap spot and not a reserved parking spot. Anyone can park there with a placard.

Treasurer’s Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson gave the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2024:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Dec-24			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2024
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,028,721.15	235,036.46	149,351.61	1,114,406.00
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,103,997.16	3,222.20	0.00	1,107,219.36
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	414,576.39				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	27,520.53				
** Frick Park Gas Well	30,631.39				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	43,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act 13	23,477.60				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	37,693.65	144.08	0.00	37,837.73
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	53,656.28	205.10	0.00	53,861.38
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	187,540.95	716.87	0.00	188,257.82
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	3,734.00	84,489.98	84,448.74	3,775.24
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	26,987.65	2.45	11,190.89	15,799.21
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,853.23	0.25	175.00	2,678.48
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,318.68	5.04	0.00	1,323.72
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	268,549.61	1,026.52	0.00	269,576.13
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	53,527.71	0.00	0.00	53,527.71

	Standard Bank				
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					3,144,256.37
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 Checking	19069533	442,090.63	112,653.97	143,473.02	411,271.58
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 Savings	19069723	61,343.62	234.48	0.00	61,578.10
	Standard Bank				
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	0000358253	12,423.67	36.26	0.00	12,459.93
	Scottdale Bank				
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	19145689	2,483.14	9.49	0.00	2,492.63
	Standard Bank				
Medic 10 CD	371917	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mid Penn Bank				
Medic 10 CD	318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30
	Mid Penn Bank				
Medic 10 CD	318023688	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Mid Penn Bank				
Medic 10 CD	318038116	5,593.84	0.00	0.00	5,593.84
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					513,914.38
	Scottdale Bank -				
WWT Capital Reserve Account	19123702	929,158.08	3,551.67	0.00	932,709.75
	Somerset Trust Co				
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	2004521230	493,911.36	1,526.94	0.00	495,438.30
	Scottdale Bank				
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	318015215	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Scottdale Bank				
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	318016303	201,034.05	0.00	0.00	201,034.05
	Scottdale Bank -				
American National (9/5/2023)	MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31
	Mid Penn Bank -				
	Scottdale Bank				
American National (9/5/2023)		518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74
Total WWT Balance					5,195,994.15
Total Borough funds					8,854,164.90
Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve December 2024 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

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 accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

- We signed the contracts for the Frick Park Grant money and hope to start getting it out for bid this summer.
- Street Department received their new streetsweeper which was bought with Grant Money as well.

President’s Report:

- I had a request that our next meeting we be here at 6:30 so we may talk about the intermunicipal transfer of a Liquor License.
Solicitor Mlakar – Yes, there is a request by Jaffre’s to transfer a Liquor License that is originally in Salems Township to former Leo’s. We have to have a public meeting on this.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski 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.

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A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to appoint Ken Phillabaum to serve as the Voting Delegate at the annual PSAB Conference in June 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Ken Phillabaum to serve as the Voting Delegate at the annual PSAB Conference in June 2025:

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

Vote passed 7-0 Abstained - 1

Property Report: None.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, Intent to Follow the Schedules and Procedures for the Disposition of Records. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, Intent to Follow the Schedules and Procedures for the Disposition of Records.:

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

Vote passed 8-0

Streets / Stormwater Report:

President Ruszkowski stated that everyone has received a copy of her report and asked if anyone has any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. A copy of the report is attached.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the streets/stormwater report as submitted by President Ruszkowski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement with Roehl Transport, Inc. for a damaged crosswalk light in the amount of \$8,800.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the proposal from Bridgeport Technology in the amount of \$2,179.97 for the Cisco Meraki Firewall, Soft Licensing and Computer for the Street Department. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0

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

Vote passed 8-0

Parks & Recreation: **None.**

Public Safety 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 Davis to accept the Public Safety Report as submitted by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to authorize solicitor to meet with Police Chief Grippo to review and draft an updated curfew ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to authorize solicitor to meet with Police Chief Grippo to review and draft an updated curfew ordinance:

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

Vote passed 8-0

*Reminder: The BDA Meeting is Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 P.M. It will be in the Diamond Mini Mall.

Veterans Park: None.

- We did meet last Thursday and washed all of the banners. I wanted to thank everyone who is here that helped do that.

Ordinances: None.

Councilman Davis: “I would like to get something done for the Church regarding the Sign Ordinance. I know we are addressing it at zoning, the last meeting you asked for a Variance. Today I found out that a Variance costs \$350.00 with no guarantee of it actually happening. I do not feel like the Church should have to pay \$350.00 for this. I would like if maybe we could find a resolution for them specifically and then look at the Sign Ordinance as a whole.”

Council President Ruszkowski: “Are they doing the paperwork?”

Borough Manager Lesko: “It was sent to them today.”

Councilman Davis: “Well with \$350.00, they are not gonna do it.”

Borough Manager Lesko: “But everyone who files for a Variance, that’s what it costs.”

Councilman Davis: “So, is there a way to do it without them having to do that? I mean does everyone agree that the Church should have this or are we still hung up on this?”

Borough Manager Lesko: “I mean, I don’t know another way. I mean I think it comes down to the Ordinance, don’t you think? So, when we wanted to change the Ordinance, Les needed some additional information as far as sizes, where they can be placed, a lot of things go into it. I mean we can’t just go by one person; it’s the whole town. So, I think those were things we were to get back and once we went to the zoning it kind of went to the wayside.”

Councilwoman Lasko: “Andy, I’m confused about something. So, that is your committee? So, why aren’t you working on the sign Ordinance?”

Councilman Davis: “Last time I sent an email to my committee, no one answered me.”

Councilwoman Lasko: “I answered you; I answer almost every email I get. I answered you the other day and you never got back to me. I mean if you want to meet, we can meet.”

Councilman Davis: “All I want to do with this Sign Ordinance is get the Church what they want.”

Councilwoman Lasko: “You can’t, that’s the 80-20 rule. You can’t do this for a small fraction of

people, you have to do it the right way. That’s how we end up with all these different bits and pieces that Les has to go through now.”

Councilman Davis: “Did I mention the part of the last meeting where we did an Ordinance like that?”

Misc. Members: “There’s a difference. There are stipulations.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “You’re dealing with a Zoning Ordinance.

Councilman Davis; “I understand that but no one is asking for this other than the Church.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “Well, you can not specially legislate for one person or group. You can’t do that.”

Councilwoman Lasko: “I swear to you if you make time, I will sit down with you Andy and we can get Les what he needs.”

Councilman Davis: “I would do away with a Sign Ordinance.”

Borough Manager Lesko: “Anyone can put up any sign, anywhere??”

Mayor Bailey: “Just remember though when you are talking about Digital Signs, you have a small community and you have residential people right up against businesses. You know what those digital signs are like and how bright they are so make that into your work when you’re making this.”

Councilwoman Lasko: “Right, that’s why you need an Ordinance.”

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to advertise Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 456, adopted on January 16, 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 624 adopted on January 19, 2010, and codified as Part V of Chapter 1, Administration and Government, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pleasant, which said Ordinances created a Fire Department designated as the “Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.” Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-2.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to repeal Ordinance No. 456, adopted on January 16, 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 624 adopted on January 19, 2010, and codified as Part V of Chapter 1, Administration and Government, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pleasant, which said Ordinances created a Fire Department designated as the “Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department”:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	No
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	No
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 6-2

Human Resources:

Councilwoman Czekanski 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 Czekanski to approve the Human Resources report as submitted by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Events Report: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson 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 finance report as submitted by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize solicitor to meet with the finance committee regarding reserve accounts and updating a 3-year capital reserve plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to authorize solicitor to meet with the finance committee regarding reserve accounts and updating a 3-year capital reserve plan:

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

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve sending Borough Manager Lesko, Councilman Phillabaum and Councilwoman Barnes to the 12th Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025 at a cost not to exceed a total of \$3,000.00, which includes registration (\$250.00), lodging (\$239.00 + 11% occupancy tax per night \$265.29), Fuel and turnpike tolls. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion Carried 6-0.

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

Vote passed 6-0 Abstained 2

New Business:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize the solicitor to write to Ethics Commission regarding Councilman Davis voting, conflicts and abstaining on topics of the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to write to Ethics Commission regarding Councilman Davis voting, conflicts and abstaining on topics of the Volunteer Fire Department:

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

Vote passed 8-0

Councilman Davis: “Can you ask if anyone that sits on any committee that would affect Council matter?”

Solicitor Mlakar: “No, you have to understand Mr. Davis as I have explained to you three times. There is a decision from the Ethics Commission with respect to a Fire Chief, the fireman in Hempfield Township who was also a Township Supervisor, and they ruled that he was not allowed to vote on any issues.

Councilman Davis: “He’s a chief, I’m not an officer.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “They said it didn’t matter.”

Councilman Phillabaum and Davis both begin responding as Les is trying to explain.

Solicitor Leechalk: “Let Les talk please. Please let Les talk.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “I don’t think there’s probably going to be an issue, because I have read that decision five times. I think that because there’s actually no money that passes to the Fire Department, okay? There’s a budget, but it’s for expenses, so that benefits everyone as a whole. I don’t think there is a conflict, I will draft the letter on that, saying that’s what I think, but the Ethics Commission will make the final decision. That’s where the conflict is.

Councilman Davis: “Ok. So, if we vote on something that involves the Glass Festival would others abstain?”

Councilman Phillabaum: “I was gonna ask this same questions. I’ve been blasted with this question.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “I don’t see where closing of the streets, because you’re not expending money. That’s why there’s no conflict.”

Councilman Phillabaum: “I just didn’t know if anyone else got hit with this.”

Borough Manager: “No, just Andy asked us.”

Solicitor Mlakar: “Well, the opinion is only for your protection. So, if you do not want me to write to them, I won’t.”

Councilman Davis “Yeah cool, no write to them.”

*Councilwoman Barnes wanted to Congratulate Val's Beauty Shop for being in business for 30 years.

Citizen Comment: None

Reading of Communications: None.

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 8-0.

Public Comment: None

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

Motions from Meeting of February 3, 2025

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Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Abstain
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0 Abstained - 1

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, Intent to Follow the Schedules and Procedures for the Disposition of Records. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

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Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the proposal from Bridgeport Technology in the amount of \$2,179.97 for the Cisco Meraki Firewall, Soft Licensing and Computer for the Street Department. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to approve the proposal from Bridgeport Technology in the amount of \$2,179.97 for the Cisco Meraki Firewall, Soft Licensing and Computer for the Street Department:

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

Vote passed 8-0

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to authorize solicitor to meet with Police Chief Grippo to review and draft an updated curfew ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to authorize solicitor to meet with Police Chief Grippo to review and draft an updated curfew ordinance:

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

Vote passed 8-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to advertise Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 456, adopted on January 16, 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 624 adopted on January 19, 2010, and codified as Part V of Chapter 1, Administration and Government, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pleasant, which said Ordinances created a Fire Department designated as the “Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.” Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 6-2.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to repeal Ordinance No. 456, adopted on January 16, 1975, as amended by Ordinance No. 624 adopted on January 19, 2010, and codified as Part V of Chapter 1, Administration and Government, of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pleasant, which said Ordinances created a Fire Department designated as the “Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department”:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	No
Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	No
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 6-2

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the Human Resources report as submitted by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the finance report as submitted by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize solicitor to meet with the finance committee regarding reserve accounts and updating a 3-year capital reserve plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to authorize solicitor to meet with the finance committee regarding reserve accounts and updating a 3-year capital reserve plan:

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

Vote passed 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve sending Borough Manager Lesko, Councilman Phillabaum and Councilwoman Barnes to the 12th Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025 at a cost not to exceed a total of \$3,000.00, which includes registration (\$250.00), lodging (\$239.00 + 11% occupancy tax per night \$265.29), Fuel and turnpike tolls. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion Carried 6-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve sending Borough Manager Lesko, Councilman Phillabaum and Councilwoman Barnes to the 12th Annual PSAB Conference & Exhibition in Hershey, PA, June 1, 2025 to June 4, 2025 at a cost not to exceed a total of

\$3,000.00, which includes registration (\$250.00), lodging (\$239.00 + 11% occupancy tax per night \$265.29), Fuel and turnpike tolls:

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

Vote passed 6-0 Abstained 2

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to authorize the solicitor to write to Ethics Commission regarding Councilman Davis voting, conflicts and abstaining on topics of the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to write to Ethics Commission regarding Councilman Davis voting, conflicts and abstaining on topics of the Volunteer Fire Department:

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

Vote passed 8-0

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

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

MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA 15666



Mount Pleasant Borough Council Meeting
Mount Pleasant Medic 10 Report
2/3/2025

Call Volume Statistics

Total Calls : 236	Missed Calls (January) - 18
Transports - 191	
Refusals - 13	
Cancelled Response - 13	
Standbys - 12	
Lift Assist - 6	
D.O.A. - 1	
Wheelchair Van Trips : 26	

Total Incidents : 262

Grants

11 Grants Written *+ 5 added*
Harbor Freight - \$200 for in store use
NISource/Columbia Gas - \$2,000

Donations

Mega Million Bingo at Live! Casino - \$8,341

Subscriptions

for Kecksburg
Mailing routes obtained, subscriptions printed and will be taken to mailing specialist this week.

Equipment

New ambulance being picked up this week. Medic 10 purchased a new command vehicle, currently being outfitted. LUCAS Device being delivered in mid March.

Zachary Gergas,
Zach Gergas
Director of Operations
Mount Pleasant EMS, Medic 10

Fire Report – February 3, 2025 meeting

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- JANUARY	38
10-45'S	10
ENTRAPMENT	
PHYSICAL RESCUE	
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRES	11
AFA'S	9
HAZARDOUS CALLS	2
AMBULANCE ASSIST	3
STANDBY'S	
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	2
TURNPIKE CALLS	2
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	465
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	12

Mt. Pleasant Police Monthly Report

January 2025

Incidents: 118

Accidents: 5

Assists: 11

Arrests: 4

Income total: \$1087.26

Accident Reports: \$30.00

Clerk Of Courts: \$248.56

District Court: \$798.70

**February 3, 2025
Committee Reports**

Mayors Report: None.

Presidents Report: See Streets Report.

Borough Manager's Report:

Attended LSA Awards Ceremony at Live Casino regarding Frick Park Hillside Project and Streetsweeper Grant

Met w/Jeff McGuinness Re Snowplowing & Call-outs

Met w/Council President Susan Ruszkowski daily regarding borough issues, snow plowing, call-outs, etc.

Research of NIMS program

Attended Medic 10 meeting

Met w/Zach Gergas with various topics of Medic 10 (subscriptions, billing, etc.)

Held Safety Meeting – Topics were: “Cold Stress” and “Vehicle Safety”.

Met w/Councilman Phillabaum re: BDA

Met w/Councilman Phillabaum and Police Chief Grippo: Re: Street Parking Issues

Met w/Jeff McGuinness & Bridgeport Technology Re: Computer Firewall Issues at Street Department.

Discussions w/Bob Regola regarding Frick Park Hillside Project, Shupes Run streambank stabilization, Gibson-Thomas Engineering re: Willows Park Expansion Project.

Attended fundraiser at Live Casino for Medic 10.

Met w/Jeff Mayer of Bortek Industries and the Street Department. We have received our new street sweeper.

Met w/Dan Busatto of Century Insurance and Council President Ruszkowski regarding upcoming workers compensation and liability insurance renewal

Worked on Quarterly Reports for the following: Crossing Guard – Union Dues; Street Dept – Union Dues; Police – Union Dues; Police Pension; Non-Uniform Pension; Unemployment Compensation.

Met w/Brandon Firestone from PennDOT re: completing reports for upcoming Liquid Fuels allowance.

Met w/Jeff McGuinness – Updated Hazard Mitigation Documents.

Attended Stormwater/MS4 meeting with Doug Siler and Tammy of Gibson Thomas Engineering along with Jeff McGuinness, Councilman Barrick, Council President Ruszkowski, and Solicitor Mlakar.

Property Committee: None.

Streets/Stormwater:

We have salted and plowed the streets for most of the month

We patched holes that were formed after the salting and plowing that we have done

We took the Christmas decorations down at the borough building, the gazebo and the light poles around the gazebo, the light poles at the veterans wall, and at Penn Park

Attended Stormwater/MS4 meeting with Doug Siler and Tammy McBeth of Gibson Thomas Engineering along with Borough Manager Lesko, Jeff McGuinness, Councilman Barrick, and Solicitor Mlakar.

Waiting on report from Councilman Phillabaum Re: Street Parking

Parks and Recreation Committee: None

Diana Lasko, Chairwoman

Public Safety Committee:

Attended Medic 10 meeting 1/8/25. Board voted to retain the current board as the same board for 2025. Rico Cholock remains President, while Kenneth Stewart will remain Vice President.

Spoke with several business owners that are not happy with the BDA. Informed them, that I plan on meeting with the President in the near future to address the concerns they have such as receiving leans in some cases without being served first or receiving any notice. One particular case, the Owner had no knowledge of the leans on the property they were attempting to sell until they went to sell the property. Receiving signage and stickers that were promised for almost 3 years was another example of complaints that I received.

After reaching out to several individuals from Little League, it was communicated back to me that the key was to be provided once the agreement was signed between both parties (Little League and The Borough).

In late August/early September, there were discussions among myself and the Parks committee about moving one of the 2 sets of bleachers from the little league soccer fields to Frick Park to assist the Softball league with the crowds they have attended. If we can have that done by the start of the next season it would be great assistance to them.

Spent multiple mornings with Police Chief George Grippo scouting the current ordinance for parking. We looked into every street on the ordinance. Fire Chief Paul Harenchar and Dave Burt of the Fire Department were reached out to for advice on if Trucks could make it down some of the streets in question. Here are the suggestions we come up with based on our observations and findings.

South Hitchman Street - Both Sides Parking
Howard Street - Both Sides Parking
Spruce Street - Both Sides Parking
Warden Street - Both Sides Parking
Braddock - Both Sides Parking
Frick - Keep as is
College - Keep as is
Walnut - Parking Both Sides
Willow - Parking Both Sides
Pine - Parking Both Sides
Washington Street - Keep As is
Eagle - Keep as is
Spence Street - Keep as is
West Washington Street - Keep as is
South Quarry Street - Keep as is
Morewood Street - Both Sides Parking
Braddock Ave - Both Sides Parking
North Geary - Keep as is
Ramsay Ct - Keep as is

Park - Keep as is
Evans - Keep as is
Emerson - Parking both sides
Mullin - Keep as is
Broad Street - Parking Both Sides
Charles - Parking Both Sides
Hoza - Parking Both Sides
Vine Street to Shupe - Paint Curb Yellow
Morewood - Keep as is
Spring Street - Keep as is
Spence - Keep as is
Mullin - Keep as is
Broad - Keep as is
Orchard - Keep as is
Silver Street - Keep as is
Shupe Street - Keep as is
Depot (both sides) Keep as is
Sycamore to Warden -Paint Both Curbs

Kenneth Phillabaum, Chairman

Veterans Park Committee: None.

Patience Barnes, Chairwoman

Ordinance Committee: None.

Andy Davis, Chairman

Human Resources Committee:

Ad has been placed to hire a part-time secretary (appx 30 -32hours/week).

Linda Czekanski, Chairwoman

Events Committee: None.

Cindy Wojnar, Chairwoman

Finance Committee:

Treasurer's Report for December 1 - 31, 2024

Total Borough funds = \$ 8,854,164.90

Cynthia Stevenson, Chairwoman