

## **Meeting March 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, Wojnar, 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 Councilman Davis to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 3, 2025 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

### **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
- We have many members in various training.
- This Saturday is our gun bash from 12-4 at the social hall.
- Our Street Fair tickets are out and about now. There are only 1,000 tickets.

### **Library Report: See attached.**

### **Public Comment: None.**

### **Speakers: None.**

### **Mayor's Report: None.**

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- We had the Hearing on the Liquor License Transfer. I explained to the board in executive session. There was no one objecting.
- There is a list of Motions regarding the BDA. A little background, the BDA was created under the Municipal Authorities of 1945. Under the Municipal Authorities Act it has to have at least five (5) members and the 5 members are appointed one for one year, and then two years, three years, four years, five years, and then eventually it would cycle that everyone would have a five (5) year term. After the presentation last month, I started to look more at what had occurred and the Borough passed Ordinance No. 508 in October of 1983. The Ordinance 508 named five people but for some reason it appointed them for three-, two-, and one-year terms. Now that's inconsistent with the Municipal Authorities Act. So, I went and pulled the Articles of Incorporation, and they were filed the next day list them for a five, four, three, two, and one term. Then when I looked again at Ordinance No. 508 there's a little notation that says "terms were amended at a special meeting on November 28, 1983 to change the terms from three, two, and one, to five, four, three, two, and one. So, we got that far. We've looked at all the communications from the BDA and all of there information and they all indicate that people have a three-year term which is inconsistent with the requirement for a five-year term. The act also provides that any member of the Authority should either be a taxpayer in the Borough, maintain a business in the Borough, or a citizen in the Borough. That's the criteria. So, after reviewing this, we realized that they only have five people on the board. Three who have been appointed and two who haven't been appointed. The second thing is their bylaws say that it requires six members on the board to have a quorum. Two have to be from the executive committee, the other four are from the balance members of the Authority so they do not have a quorum. After a meeting with the committee that was

appointed, we decided that we would start filling vacant seats and the resolution appoints various people that are still on the board to fill certain terms. It gets confusing because they all worked under a three-year idea that they're three-year members but they are really five and it's almost impossible to go back and reconstruct from 1983. On authorities if you are appointed for a five-year term and then your term expires December 31<sup>st</sup> of the given year and you're not reappointed or you're not replaced by the governing body, in this case, the Borough, in the next year you continue to serve at the pleasure of the board. However, if you are reappointed or someone is appointed to take your place that person or you who are a member of the board, you filled the balance of the term. It's not for five years from the date you're appointed. We tried to come up with a way to make appointments and that's what these resolutions are. There will be six people you need three more because the total is supposed to be nine members. You want a full complement. So, I advised the committee the Borough ought to request people who are interested if they meet that criterion to file a request to be placed upon the authority's board so you can have a full complement of nine people. So, that's the reason the resolutions, each resolution goes through the history I just gave you. It explains why, what the term is, and why they are being appointed. We had to start basically from scratch to start with one year, two-year, three years, etc. We need three more people; anyone that interested should file a letter of intent with the Borough and the Borough Council and then you can act upon that. We would like to get them fully staffed with members in the next month or so. This way they can better operate. Does anyone have any questions?

- The other thing on the agenda is the contract for the zoning ordinance with the County of Westmoreland. I reviewed the cooperation agreement and made some changes to it. I sent it to Sharon to take a look at. If the Borough approves it, approves entering into the agreement, I will forward it to the County for their review and approval. Then it can be executed next month.

**Councilman Davis** – I have a question for Les. Did you have any luck on the venture on the Boroughs Association finding out where it is that I can vote on Fire Department matter?

**Solicitor Mlakar** – It's the Ethics Commission. I did and here's what happened; I sent the letter. You all saw the letter. First, I got an email late Friday saying that they wouldn't render opinion because they interpreted for two reasons; they didn't know how I got the authority to write the letter and they won't rule on past conduct. So, what you have done since you've been a fireman they won't rule on it. They said the only way they would rule on it is if someone filed an ethics charge or complaint. I then called and I talked to them, I talked to a legal assistant and explained it to her. One of the councilwomen from the Ethics Commission called me today and I explained the situation to her so they are going to render an opinion with respect on voting on the leases etc., but they will not render any opinion on voting on the budget and because you voted on the, even though you voted no, because you voted on the 2025 budget they won't render an opinion on the 2026 budget. They said that's up to you to determine what to do. They also advised me that if you would become an officer then the whole situation would change. We would have to get another opinion from them. They said they get numerous requests from various VFD's basically the same request as ours is. They advise that if any fireman runs for any office that after they get elected in November, they then request an opinion ahead of time as to what they can and cannot do. Once you take some action, they won't rule on that unless an ethics complaint is filed. She asked me if someone was going to file an ethics complaint against you and I said absolutely not the Borough wants to just have him protected in the future. So, they will get back to me and they think they are going to write the opinion and they will get back to me.

**Councilman Davis** – Thank you.

**Solicitor Mlakar** – The lady and I discussed it and it is whether or not a member of the fire department benefits financially from it. So, if you don't benefit and that's what I said in my letter, I didn't think that Mr. Davis benefitted financially from it. He's in what they call a sub class that's protected. She told me that's my call and his call when it comes the next time to vote for budget whether he wants to vote or not. That's up to Mr. Davis, she said I can't tell him what to do and you can't tell him what to do. So, for the 2026 budget since they consider it a past conduct and I said but it's a new budget and she said it doesn't matter, he voted on the first one, even though he voted no, it's past conduct. As long as he is the member of the

board that issue will always come up and he will have to make that determination on voting on that. I would suggest in the future for Mr. Davis’s protection, that when we do the bills to be paid, we separate the money that goes to the fire department and everyone votes on everything except that and then the second vote will be on the fire department bills and Mr. Davis will abstain. That will protect him.

Councilman Davis – Thank you.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Dec-24				
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2024	Balance 2023
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,028,721.15	235,036.46	149,351.61	1,114,406.00	1,514,633.16
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,103,997.16	3,222.20	0.00	1,107,219.36	1,016,383.27
**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	30,835.44
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	53,656.28	205.10	0.00	53,861.38	4,495.23
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	187,540.95	716.87	0.00	188,257.82	60,741.56
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,382.80
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	2,913.28
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	26,987.65	2.45	11,190.89	15,799.21	25,401.92
Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,853.23	0.25	175.00	2,678.48	1,874.94
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,318.68	5.04	0.00	1,323.72	1,247.35
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	268,549.61	1,026.52	0.00	269,576.13	452,691.58
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	215,254.60
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	53,527.71
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	54,243.17	0.00	0.00	54,243.17	54,243.17
Total General Fund Balance					3,144,256.37	3,441,626.01
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	442,090.63	112,653.97	143,473.02	411,271.58	232,970.59
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	61,343.62	234.48	0.00	61,578.10	58,025.06
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	12,423.67	36.26	0.00	12,459.93	10,816.93
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	2,483.14	9.49	0.00	2,492.63	250.97
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30	
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318023688	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,269.88
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318038116	5,593.84	0.00	0.00	5,593.84	
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					513,914.38	326,792.14
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	929,158.08	3,551.67	0.00	932,709.75	887,833.16
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	493,911.36	1,526.94	0.00	495,438.30	471,722.27
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap.	Scottdale Bank 318015215	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	201,508.38
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap.	Scottdale Bank 318016303	201,034.05	0.00	0.00	201,034.05	
American National (9/5/2023)	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31	3,088,600.02
American National (9/5/2023)	Mid Penn Bank - Scottdale Bank	518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74	514,605.11
Total WWT Balance					5,195,994.15	5,164,268.94
Total Borough funds					8,854,164.90	8,932,687.09
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 9-0.

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 Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

- The County Boroughs Association is having their annual meeting, if any council plans to attend please let me know immediately.
- They will also be having their annual banquet and the rsvp’s are due by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**President’s Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 for the liquor license transfer from the Township of Salem to a premises located at 202 North Diamond Street, Mount Pleasant Borough. 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 to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 for the liquor license transfer from the Township of Salem to a premises located at 202 North Diamond Street, Mount Pleasant Borough:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint David Brooks to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-08).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint David Brooks to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-07).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-06).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Pam DePalma to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-09).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Pam DePalma to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Tony Vecchio to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-10).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Tony Vecchio to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027:

Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Barrick	Yes

Councilwoman Lasko	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to appoint Kenneth Phillabaum to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-11).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Kenneth Phillabaum to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Abstain
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      Abstain -1

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.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Presidents Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for Executive Session regarding personnel/legal matter Boro Employee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski stated that the executive session was held from 7:26pm to 7:39pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

**Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:**

- The hot water take went out at the public works facility, so we are looking to replace it with a tankless hot water heater. There were also some repairs completed on their heating system.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to accept his verbal Property Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve and advertise the following streets for the 2025 Paving Project which includes the following streets: paving of North Quarry Street from West Vine Street to Main Street; South Quarry Street from West Washington Street to Main Street; South Quarry Street from Gallaghers Pub to Reservoir Street; Walnut Street from South Church Street to Diamond Street; Washington Street from South Church Street to South Hitchman Street; Smithfield Street from North Diamond Street to North Hitchman Street; Vine Street from Mullin Avenue to St. Clair Street; Kennedy Avenue from Main Street to Slope Hill Road; and St. Pius Way from Silver Street to Shupe Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize Jeff McGuinness to attend PennDOT’s 2025 Municipal Road Maintenance & Safety Symposium from May 4 thru May 6, 2025. Registration (\$88.00), lodging totaling \$452.88, PA tolls and fuel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize payment to Kostyo Heating and Air for emergency replacement, repair and installation of 2 burners and 5 vent pipes at the Street Department in the amount of \$5,600.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the proposal from Kostyo Heating and Air for the purchase and installation of a new high efficiency tankless water heater for the street department in the amount of \$1,900.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

**Parks & Recreation:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the Parks & Recreation Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Area Little League and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Area Little League and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the Contract for Engineering Services with Gibson Thomas Engineering for the Frick Park Hillside Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the Contract for Engineering Services with Gibson Thomas Engineering for the Frick Park Hillside Project:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

**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 Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

**Veterans Park: None.**

- Anyone who still wants to get a banner, now is the time to do so.

**Finance/Ordinances:           None.**

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 accept the Finance/Ordinance Report as submitted by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt Ordinance No. 671 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 Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-2.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 671 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”:

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

Vote passed 7-2

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise Ordinance recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0 Abstain-1.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to advertise Ordinance recognizing certain

fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant:

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

Vote passed 8-0. Abstain – 1.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Westmoreland to update Chapter 19 Signs, the Borough Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in the amount of \$29,040.00 and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the necessary documents. Subject to solicitor approving the cooperation agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Westmoreland to update Chapter 19 Signs, the Borough Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in the amount of \$29,040.00 and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the necessary documents. Subject to solicitor approving the cooperation agreement:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

**New Business:**

**Solicitor Mlakar** – I spoke with Chief Paul. The fire department is able to generate some funds and bill insurance companies for payments. They do it in house but it’s not real successful. I think what we can do is if Council wants, we will adopt an ordinance authorizing them to do this and then we have to set the fees that they are able to charge by category. I’ll have to put the categories together and then they can do it inhouse or they can get a third-party collection agency. Then that is permissible under PA state law. I looked through all the Borough ordinances and the Borough never passed an ordinance authorizing them to do that.

**Councilwoman Lasko** - What kind of insurance companies would this be?

**Solicitor Mlakar** - Well if there’s an accident case.

**Councilman Davis** - So, we already are charging people for accidents inside the Borough as far as I’m aware. I don’t know why, like the fire department being a separate organization I guess I have a question. If they are authorized to be the fire service within the Borough doesn’t that give them the ability to do so.

**Solicitor Mlakar** – No. You need an ordinance authorizing them to do that. There was a case on that many years ago.

**Councilman Davis** - So, we just need to vote on what we are already doing?

**Solicitor Mlakar** – Yes, but you’ll establish the fees. They will give us the fees and then we will establish them into categories. It’s just to cover you guys’ butts. If someone says you don’t have the right to charge us because right now it’s if you don’t get it, you don’t go after them, correct? It’s just to cover you guys. We are going to legitimize what they have been doing.

**Citizen Comment:**   None

**Reading of Communications:**       None.

**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 9-0.

**Public Comment:** None

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:04 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sharon Lesko  
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

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Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

**Motions from Meeting of March 3, 2025**

A Motion was made by Councilman Davis to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 3, 2025 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve December 2024 Treasurers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 for the liquor license transfer from the Township of Salem to a premises located at 202 North Diamond Street, Mount Pleasant Borough. 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 to approve Resolution No. 2025-05 for the liquor license transfer from the Township of Salem to a premises located at 202 North Diamond Street, Mount Pleasant Borough:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint David Brooks to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-08).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint David Brooks to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-07).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint China Pulido to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-06).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Kelly Carlson to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2026:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Pam DePalma to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-09).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Pam DePalma to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to appoint Tony Vecchio to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-10).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Tony Vecchio to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2027:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to appoint Kenneth Phillabaum to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko (Resolution No. 2025-11).

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to appoint Kenneth Phillabaum to the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2029:

Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Abstain
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      Abstain -1

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Presidents Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum for Executive Session regarding personnel/legal matter Boro Employee. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to accept his verbal Property Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve and advertise the following streets for the 2025 Paving Project which includes the following streets: paving of North Quarry Street from West Vine Street to Main Street; South Quarry Street from West Washington Street to Main Street; South Quarry Street from Gallaghers Pub to Reservoir Street; Walnut Street from South Church Street to Diamond Street; Washington Street from South Church Street to South Hitchman Street; Smithfield Street from North Diamond Street to North Hitchman Street; Vine Street from Mullin Avenue to St. Clair Street; Kennedy Avenue from Main Street to Slope Hill Road; and St. Pius Way from Silver Street to Shupe Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize Jeff McGuinness to attend PennDOT’s 2025 Municipal Road Maintenance & Safety Symposium from May 4 thru May 6, 2025. Registration (\$88.00), lodging totaling \$452.88, PA tolls and fuel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize payment to Kostyo Heating and Air for emergency replacement, repair and installation of 2 burners and 5 vent pipes at the Street Department in the amount of \$5,600.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to approve the proposal from Kostyo Heating and Air for the purchase and installation of a new high efficiency tankless water heater for the street department in the amount of \$1,900.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to accept the Parks & Recreation Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Area Little League and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Lease Agreement with the Mount Pleasant Area Little League and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the agreement:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the Contract for Engineering Services with Gibson Thomas Engineering for the Frick Park Hillside Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the Contract for Engineering Services with Gibson Thomas Engineering for the Frick Park Hillside Project:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to accept the Public Safety/Human Resources Report as submitted by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Finance/Ordinance Report as submitted by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt Ordinance No. 671 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 Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-2.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to adopt Ordinance No. 671 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”:

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

Vote passed 7-2

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise Ordinance recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0 Abstain-1.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to advertise Ordinance recognizing certain fire companies within the Borough of Mount Pleasant to provide primary fire protection and other related fire services to the Borough of Mount Pleasant:

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

Vote passed 8-0. Abstain – 1.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Westmoreland to update Chapter 19 Signs, the Borough Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in the amount of \$29,040.00 and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the necessary documents. Subject to solicitor approving the cooperation agreement. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to approve the Cooperation Agreement with

the County of Westmoreland to update Chapter 19 Signs, the Borough Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map in the amount of \$29,040.00 and authorize Council President Ruszkowski and Borough Manager Lesko to execute the necessary documents. Subject to solicitor approving the cooperation agreement:

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

Vote passed 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 9-0.

# MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

MOUNT PLEASANT, PA 15666



Mount Pleasant Borough Council 3/3/2025

Medic 10 Report

## Call Volume Statistics

Total Calls - 215

Transports - 172

Lift Assists - 14

Refusals - 11

Cancelled - 9

Standbys - 9

Wheelchair Van Trips - 20

Missed Calls - 14

- Subscriptions for Mount Pleasant Township have been mailed out and are returning
- Business Fund Drive Letters are complete and will begin delivering soon
- Medic 426 is inspected and now in service
- Command 421 is in service (daily operations, fire rehab, quick response)
- Applebees Dine to Donate Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to Close
- LUCAS Device being delivered this month; training and will be in service
- New Facebook Page - Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10 (Please like and share)
- Critical incident on 2/12. Stress debriefings have been offered
- Meeting with Senator Kim Ward 3/4 to discuss additional funding/grants

\*\* List of donations and grants are attached to report\*\*

Respectfully Submitted,

Zachary Gergas

Director of Operations,  
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

#### 2025 Grants / Donations

- Calvary Cares Project (Building Upgrades) - 1/8/2025 (Pending)
- Highmark Foundation Grant - 1/8/2025 (Pending)
- ExxonMobile Good Neighbors Grant - 1/8/2025 (Pending)
- 84 Lumber Grant (Safety Equipment) - 1/22/2025 (Denied)
- Harbor Freight - 1/22/2025 (Approved \$200)
- Dollar Bank - 1/22/2025 (Pending)
- Lowes Hometown Grant (Building Upgrades) - 1/22/2025 (Pending)
- NISource/Columbia Gas - 1/22/2025 (Approved \$2,000/Awaiting Payment)
- Live! Casino Bingo - 1/27/2025 (Raised \$8,341)
- Mid Penn Bank Donation Request - 1/28/2025 (Pending)
- PNC Foundation Grant - 1/28/2025 (Pending)
- Sheetz Donation Request - 2/3/2025 (Pending)
- Giant Eagle/Get Go Donation Request - 2/3/2025 (Denied)
- CSX Pride In Service Grant - 2/3/2025 (Pending)
- Pennsylvania Skill & Charitable Giving Grant - 2/3/2025 (Pending)
- Enbridge Fueling Futures - 2/19/2025 (Pending)
- Peoples Natural Gas - 2/21/2025 (Pending)
- Applebees Dine to Donate Event - (Approved for 5/8/2025)
- Donation Request to PITT Steelers - Approved for Memoribllia to raffle (Fundraiser)
- Donation Request to PITT Pirates for raffle item - 2/20/2025 (Pending)
- Donation Request to PITT Penguins for raffle item - 2/20/2025 (Pending)
- Independence Health System Donation Request - 2/20/2025 (Pending)
- 2024/2025 OSFC Fire/EMS Grant - Approved \$15,000 (Awaiting Deposit)
- 2025 Annual Subscriptions - In Progress
- 2025 Business Fund Drive Letter - In Progress

Fire Report – March 3, 2025 meeting

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- FEBUARY	39
10-45'S	13
ENTRAPMENT	1
OTHER RESCUES	1
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRES	9
AFA'S	13
HAZARDOUS CALLS	1
AMBULANCE ASSIST	1
STANDBY'S	
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	1
TURNPIKE CALLS	3
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	427
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	10

Library Report – March 3, 2025 meeting

Mount Pleasant Free Public Library  
Borough Council Meetings

February 2025 - reported March 3, 2025

Circulation	2,358
Door Counter	2,570
New Library Cards	60
Total Registered Patrons	2,446
Programs Held	37
Program Attendance	481
Computer Usage	124 sessions for 77:10 hrs
WiFi Usage	45 sessions for 542 hrs

**March 3, 2025  
Committee Reports**

**Borough Manager Report:**

WCBA (Westmoreland County Borough Association) will be holding its dinner and meeting on March 27, 2025 at 5:30pm at Hoss's Steak & Sea Restaurant, Greensburg, PA. Program is Keystone Purchasing Network; National Cooperative Purchasing Program (Solutions for repairs and renovations for your Borough). Speaker will be Mary Beth Brennan/Gordian Representative.

WCBA will be holding its annual banquet on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 5:15pm in the Crystal Room, Ferrantes Lakeview, 6153 Route 30, Greensburg. Reservations are due by April 17, 2025.

Met w/Jeff McGuinness regarding the following:

- Salt Issues / Plowing Update
- Hazard Mitigation Report
- Salt Contract for 2025/2026

Met with the following:

- Audrey of Center Public regarding the magazine that the County Chambers is doing. Wanted the Borough and the BDA to pay for a page together.
- Councilman Phillabaum to discuss street issues.
- Zach Gergas and Speclin to transfer the 2025 Box Ambulance received from the 2022 SLSA Grant.
- Doug Siler of Gibson Thomas Engineering; Councilman Barrick; Council President Ruszkowski; Jeff McGuinness; Solicitor Mlakar; Supervisors of Mount Pleasant Township; and Caprice Mills of Mount Pleasant Township regarding a possible intermunicipal agreement for the Small Water and Sewer Grant for pollution reduction plan / MS4 Stormwater at Shupes Run.
- Cintas to review street department uniforms
- Sub-Committee of the BDA and solicitor regarding terms of Board Members.
- Dan Busatto of Century Insurance regarding 2025/2026 insurance renewal for VFD and Borough
- Softball League regarding Lease Agreement
- Alicia w/Baseball League regarding Lease Agreement
- Brandon Firestone Re: 2025 Paving Project
- Auditors from Opst & Associates are in to work on the audit for the 2024-year end.

Submitted by: Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

**Property / Street Department Report:**

We salted and plowed the streets

We took down the rest of the Christmas decorations which was the rest of the tree on the fountain the bows on the street light unplugged the red lights on the street lights and took the Christmas banners down also

We patched pot holes throughout the town

We did truck maintenance on our trucks that included emptying the salt out washing them out and checking fluids and greasing them

We received 5 truckloads of salt

We reviewed the list for street paving and measured the streets

We received our new street sweeper

We inventoried the tools we have in the shop as in air tools battery operated tools corded tools and gas powered tools

Submitted by Council President Ruszkowski & Jeff McGuinness

### **Events Committee Report**

Due to a recent promotion, I will be stepping down from my role on the Library Committee. However, I remain dedicated to supporting the library's fundraising efforts and will continue my involvement as part of the Library Association.

I was able to volunteer at the most recent library fundraiser, The Gift Card Giveaway, held on March 1, it was a great success. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and community support, the event generated a total profit of \$2,814 before a donation from Yinzer Valley Farms. Continued participation in these events is vital for the library's growth, and I look forward to contributing to future initiatives.

In other exciting news, through the efforts of our honorable mayor, we now have the names of three students interested in joining the Junior Council Program. Plans are in place to send them letters along with the application to officially start the program at the beginning of the school year. This is a wonderful opportunity for young members of our community to engage in local government and gain valuable experience.

Submitted by Councilwoman Cindy Wojnar

### **Public Safety Report:**

On 2/14/25 got with Water Authority as they had a worker inspecting fire hydrants. Water pressure was inspected and they greased them up. Half the fire hydrants for the town were checked/inspected on 2/14/25. Was informed the other half would be inspected and greased later this year.

While following up on the previously submitted list of recommendations for the parking ordinance Police Chief Grippo and I submitted last month, I come across a few handicapped parking signs on side streets that were clearly put up by the resident. Those particular signs are not enforceable.

### **PSAB Report**

Westmoreland County will meet March 27th, at Hoss's in Greensburg.

Somerset County meeting schedule

Somerset Country Club  
April 10th, 2025

Meyersdale Elks  
June 26th, 2025

Rizzo's Windber  
October 16th, 2025  
Cost for each event is \$30 each, which covers dinner.

#### Council Report

Followed up with Sharon on a few residents not bagging garbage. Code enforcement followed up on each case that was reported. Both cases have been in code since they were talked to.

Received complaint about Medic 10 Park sign falling apart. Medic 10 took over the previously named Yoder Avenue Park more than 20 years ago. If we could address this, it would be appreciated by many.

Attended Library Board meeting as alternate along with Board member and Council Cindy Wojnar. Fundraising and upcoming events were discussed.

Attended Coke and Coal Trail meeting

Will be attending a Trail Monitor training event at the Conservation Barn in Greensburg on March 11th. The month of March meeting date is still undecided since most committee members will be attending the training.

Attended the Business District Authority meeting.

Informed the Authority I was attending following up on complaints that were brought to me by multiple businesses here in town that pay into the Authority.

Was impressed with the presentation from Leacom. Leacom is putting forth a good effort and have some ideas to include more businesses that feel they are being slighted. Offered up a few suggestions.

Attended a meeting with the rest of the BDA subcommittee, Solicitor Les, and Borough Manager Sharon. After attending both meetings I would like to submit my letter of interest to be voted on to the Business District Authority Board. Currently there are only 5 members. They need 6 according to bylaws to have a meeting. The current schedule for meetings will work for me as my schedule currently would accommodate. Would like to work with Leacom to focus on more areas in town. Mentioned at the last meeting about bringing back the Farmers Market. One business owner has expressed interest in hosting the events if brought back. Ideas I submitted also included, have a musical act at the bottom of town on a Thursday evening during spring, summer, fall months that could attract interest to the restaurants as an example. Please take my nomination into consideration.

Thank You,  
Vice President  
Kenneth Phillabaum

#### **Finance Committee:**

Treasurer's Report for January 1-31, 2025

Total Borough funds = \$ 8,822,406.09

Submitted by: Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson