

Meeting August 4, 2025

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Ruszkowski 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager Lesko to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barrick, Davis, Barnes, Czekanski, Wojnar and Phillabaum. Council President Ruszkowski. Solicitor Mlakar and Solicitor Leechalk were present. President Ruszkowski stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2025; and regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2025. Motion second by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

Councilman Phillabaum stated that a correction needs to be made regarding July 7th, 2025 public comment regarding the Keystone Grant Application. It is supposed to say closed October 2025 instead of opens October 2025.

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Medic 10 Report:

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

Director Gergas added the following to his report:

- 50th Anniversary T-shirt fundraiser sale will be held.
- Total Call for the month of July:
 - Total Calls – 231
 - Wheel Chair Van Transports – 52
 - Total Incidents - 283
- Community events:
 - Big Brother / Big Sister Wellness Event – Laurelville Retreat Center – 8/10th
 - National Night Out on August 11, 2025 at Frick Park;
 - Blood Pressure Checks – Mount pleasant Senior Center – 8/13th
 - Photo Op / Write Up (Grant) – Frick Hospital – 8/18th
 - Landing Zone Class (LifeFlight) – 9/18th
 - Mount Pleasant Glass Ethnical Festival – 9/26th – 9/28th
 - Sport Standby – Mount Pleasant Area School District (58 games)
- Building:
 - New sign on building is being replaced by Homerun Graphics
 - Landscaping to be done this week
- Employee Concerns:

One employee out on workman's comp (on duty injury).

Fire Department Report:

Fire Department Chief Paul Harenchar gave the following reports;

Fire Report for the month of June & July 2025:

Total Calls – 93

10-45's – 22

Entrapment – 3

Other Rescues – 0

Vehicle / PED – 0

Fires – 21

AFA'S – 26

Hazardous Calls – 10

Ambulance Assist – 5

Standby's – 1

Landing Zones – 0

Drills – 0

Public Service Calls – 9

Turnpike Calls – 2

Total Members Answering – 920

Avg. Member Per Call – 10

Total Calls to Date – 304

Chief Harenchar stated trucks will be out on display for National Night Out and at the fire station. Cash Bash in October 500 tickets are available now. Brotherhood Bash Event was held at the fire station with great success. Chief Harenchar was unable to attend the event, further stating that numerous amounts of fire stations that they report with attended the event.

Council President Ruszkowski expressed deepest sympathy from council on behalf of your sister. Chief Harenchar expressed his deepest appreciation to Council for the lantern in memory of his sister.

Public Comment:

Ronald Sager 7080 Rt. 819, MT. Pleasant, PA. I've been there about 30 years. That's not the Borough. It's just outside the Borough but the matter concerns the Borough. And the business you represent? It's not a business. Some people may be aware here, Friday night on Coal Coke Trail my daughter was bitten by a dog. That's me, that's my daughter. My son who's 38 was walking her down there. My son thought it was just to chill from walking her. A gentleman with a pit bull type dog on a leash passed them going in the opposite direction the dog lunged and bit her leg, it did break the skin. The gentlemen kept walking my son yelled at him to stop; got him to stop but unfortunately, he left before the police arrived. My son did call the police. This happened down by Willows Park on the trail, right behind Coke. He told the police officer which way the gentleman went. But the police went the wrong way. They went down towards Bridgeport they didn't go towards Main Street as to which they were told. At any rate, I made a Facebook post looking for any information trying to find out who this was so I could avoid the rabies shots. I had two names this is what I'm concerned with what comes up now. Saturday morning at 8am or just after 8am I showed up at the police station there was two officers there, I don't know who they were, didn't get their names, I said, hey explained the situation they said oh, we're aware of it I said I have two names they said Oh, we already know who it was. I said, Well did someone give you a tip from Facebook? How do you know who it was. Oh, well he's a friend of the Police Chief's and he called and asked what he should do. Now they sat on this information, didn't tell me. I could have maybe avoided the rabies shots and four visits to the emergency room, nobody said anything. They said call Officer Tim, no last name, after 3 o'clock on Saturday that was the afternoon of the morning I was there. He can fill you in he's handling the case. I waited thinking he'd call me. I called at 6:30 no response had to leave a message, 8:30 no response had to leave a message. Came up here just after noon the next day, nobody here, rang the bell called had it redirected. I said can someone call me back this is getting ridiculous. No response for a couple of hours. Finally, I called the State Police, State police

transferred me to 911 what do you know Mt. Pleasant Police called me back about five minutes and said Oh, we have the name, gave me the name. I said, Well has the dog been vaccinated, anything it should be quarantined for ten days from what I'm told. They said, well we're handling it as soon as we get the information and fill out the report and get the proof from the vet over the weekend we couldn't get it. We'll get a hold of you and let you know. I just want to comment that I think it's pretty poor performance. I'm going to be in for four emergency room visits because the PCP doesn't carry the rabies vaccine, three shots the first time, then three more shots succeeding subsequent days. I just want to make someone here aware of that because it's so difficult to a hold of anyone in the police department having anything happen. I mean, this shouldn't be. With the dog bite and proper rabies, you would think they would get back to me quicker than a couple of days when they've had the information all along. That's basically all I have to say. I don't know who runs the Coal and Coke Trail; I'm sure I can listen and find out. I mean if this dog has bitten people before or might again, maybe there would be some kind of rule about muzzling these animals or something. I mean, you know what if this was a child, a couple of years old or three, four or five even a nine-year-old; it broke the skin had it not broke we would not have to get the rabies shot. I've told them this when I called and there was no response I feel like I've been let down. Even though I'm outside the Borough I expect a little more. Thank you for your comment. Thank you.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Mlakar gave the following report:

- Yes, we closed on the West Main Street property last week, waiting for the check to clear from the buyer and then I'll issue the check back to the Borough for the \$16,000.00.

Treasurer's Report:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-25			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2025
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,459,137.78	62,755.33	249,550.51	1,272,342.60
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	1,123,212.68	3,003.93	0.00	1,126,216.61
**Police	48,591.82				
**Streets	148,604.25				
**Contingency Fund	432,522.68				
**Infrastructure	206,588.62				
**Workers Compensation	50,000.00				
**BOMP Gas Wells	27,873.09				
** Frick Park Gas Well	31,329.79				
**Levins	0.00				
**Fire	43,400.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	100,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee	23,477.60				
Act 13					
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	38,551.99	134.57	0.00	38,686.56
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	64,665.04	225.73	0.00	64,890.77
Liquid Fuels / Scottdale Bank	Scottdale Bank 19123645	181,397.00	129,180.90	18,396.43	292,181.47
Monument CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039101	7,759.16	0.00	0.00	7,759.16
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	27,957.76	54,977.72	53,923.50	29,011.98
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	16,001.11	1.45	0.00	16,002.56

Veterans Military Banners Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2004522337	2,779.65	0.25	0.00	2,779.90
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,346.24	4.70	0.00	1,350.94
ARPA Covid-19 (American Resuce Plan Act)	Scottdale Bank 19123652	274,162.10	957.01	0.00	275,119.11
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039102	233,991.26	0.00	0.00	233,991.26
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318012650	54,335.15	0.00	0.00	54,335.15
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD(200yr Anniversary)	Scottdale Bank	58,336.58	0.00	0.00	58,336.58
Standard Bank CD (200yr Anniversary)	Standard Bank 6677418044	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Fund Balance					3,473,004.65
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	452,000.47	63,029.96	5,881.98	509,148.45
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	63,627.45	222.10	0.00	63,849.55
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	13,570.67	36.29	0.00	13,606.96
Medic 10 - 501(c)(3)	Scottdale Bank 19145689	5,139.00	1,895.10	0.00	7,034.10
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318039082	20,518.30	0.00	0.00	20,518.30
Medic 10 CD	Mid Penn Bank 318047885	5,823.97	0.00	0.00	5,823.97
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					619,981.33
WWT Capital Reserve Account	Scottdale Bank - 19123702	948,576.82	3,311.18	0.00	951,888.00
Capital Reserve M. A. Savings Acct	Somerset Trust Co 2004521230	502,589.44	1,623.43	0.00	504,212.87
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318016303	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD WWT Cap. Resv	Scottdale Bank 318037592	222,207.13	0.00	0.00	222,207.13
American National (9/5/2023)	Scottdale Bank - MidPenn Mid Penn Bank -	3,048,217.31	0.00	0.00	3,048,217.31
American National (9/5/2023)	Scottdale Bank	518,594.74	0.00	0.00	518,594.74
Total WWT Balance					5,245,120.05
Total Borough funds					9,338,106.03

Councilwoman Cynthia Stevenson / Secretary Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve the June 2025 Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Property Taxes	\$	1882.08
Supplemental Taxes	\$	0.00
Per Capita Taxes	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Collected	\$	1882.08

The Borough and School per capita were sent out on Thursday, along with the school property taxes. If you do not receive them within a week, call the Tax office 724-547-7347.

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 Czekanski to approve the Borough Managers Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

President’s Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Wojnar to accept the resignation of Tony Vecchio from the Business District Authority. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 5-0-2

Council President Ruskowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruskowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote for the resignation of Tony Vecchio from the Business District Authority.

Councilman Barrick	Yes
Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Abstain
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Abstain
Council President Ruskowski	Yes

Vote passed 5-0-2

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

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

Solicitor Mlakar stated the purpose of the Executive session was to discuss items that are on the agenda. The first is under Property/Streets Report to hire an appraiser for two (2) pieces of property the Borough owns. The second Resolution 2025-23 authorizing the execution and submission of a Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities for Renovations and establishing a contact person.

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

Property/Streets - Stormwater Report:

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve the Property/Streets department report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Barrick to authorize Gary Ciarimboli of Provident Real Estate Advisors to prepare an appraisal for the following properties: Tax Map No. 21-01-14-0-310 at 26 Church Street – Former Synagogue Building at a cost of \$1,950.00 and Tax Map No 21-02-03-0-281 East Main Street Former Gas Station Building land for assuming building has no value and should be razed at a cost of \$850.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

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- Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

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Parks & Recreation:

Councilman Barrick gave the following Parks & Recreation Committee Report:

We've been working diligently with Gibson Thomas. Everyone was handed a map, a plan drawing of proposed Frick Park renovation laid out by Gibson Thomas Engineering. Councilwoman Lasko asked that this will be our final copy. Gibson Thomas will prepare an Erosion and Sedimentation control plan, send it to County Conservation District and we're hoping to advertise in October and November or first meeting in December we will authorize work so that the contractor can work on it. There is electrical work to be done, lights around the park, lighting where the parking is going to be and will have to do grading. If the winter is nice, they can do some of the grading in the winter. Then again, there is tree planting and so forth. They got to pull the rest of their plans together like the details. Ideally, this is what it will look like. The parking areas I'm hoping are going to be brick. The driveway will be paved; the steps will be concrete.

Borough Manager stated that Councilwoman Lasko has submitted a report.

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

Councilman Barrick stated, if there's any questions on this, we can send it. We'd rather not try to change anything we'd like to try to move it forward between the two committees. w Councilman Barrick stated we will be doing a presentation on this at National Night Out. It will be a bigger drawing for folks to see.

Public Safety/Human Resources Report:

Councilman Phillabaum stated that he submitted a report:

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire David Elock as a part-time officer at the part-time rate of \$22.00 per hour pending background check. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

Council President Ruszkowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruszkowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to hire David Elcock as a part-time officer at the part-time rate of \$22.00 per hour pending background check.

Councilman Barrick

Yes

Councilman Davis	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilwoman Czekanski	Yes
Councilwoman Wojnar	Yes
Councilwoman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruskowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to advertise and take applications for a Junior Council Person. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wojnar. Motion carried 7-0

Council President Ruskowski asked for a roll call vote. Council President Ruskowski asked Borough Manager to take a roll call vote to advertise and take applications for a Junior Council Person.

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

Vote passed 7-0

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Plans of a T-shirt fundraiser is to have a booth at the Glass and Ethnic Arts Festival. The T-shirts will display Veterans Park (front) and Memorial Wall (back). We also have another T-shirt, red, white and blue. We are looking at trying to raise some money for our Memorial Fund. To take advantage of another idea. I also asked about selling T-shirts for kids. Stup Up graphics suggested, instead of displaying the regular shirts like this, having them only for a child, to say my grandfather, my father or my mother served. We have been talking to Stuk Up graphics for pricing and what sizes sell the most. We estimate 150 T-shirts to sell.
- We will be speaking to owners of the adjacent property to Veterans Park. This concerns tattered sign that is down by the end of the Murial to be taken down. Also, one of the suggests was to take the sign up to Veterans Park. We don't know how they want to use it, if they want to take it down or what they want to do with it.
- You have photo copies of a Christmas tree; the current tree is kind of ratty and falling apart. We would like to purchase a Christmas tree for \$5,816.53.

Councilwoman Barnes stated I would like to thank the Glass Festival and Mrs. Ruskowski for giving us a spot, putting up the tents and the tables to set this up.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to purchase a complete tree, lights, topper and shipping at a cost of \$5,816.53. Funds to be used from holiday lighting and park improvements. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve Veterans Park Report. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Czekanski. Motion carried 7-0

Finance/Ordinances:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to approve Resolution No. 2025-22 establishing fees for the Mt Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department pursuant to Ordinance No. 674

of the Borough of Mount Pleasant. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0

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Councilwoman Phillabaum	Yes
Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0

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Council President Ruszkowski	Yes

Vote passed 7-0

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Czekanski to advertise Ordinance repealing Part 2 of Chapter 6 (Curfew for persons under the age of 16) and replacing the same with a Part 2 to be known as Curfew Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Barrick. Motion carried 7-0

Solicitor Mlaklar stated There is one condition in there that I sited. A lot of these ordinances briefly hold the parents responsible. From my discussions with the chief, the magistrates are not real keen on doing that because it is to hard to prove, that they knew that the child was there. So, do I remove that or do I simply left in and it's the question of prosecuting them. We could leave it in, if it gets kicked out from the magistrate. Discussion was held to leave it in.

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New Business:

- Merakey, a school located in the former Rumbaugh School Building is seeking playground equipment. Merakey is a school for autistic children.
- Line painting to be done on S. Church Street.
- Streets to finish playground equipment at Jack Bobbs Playground.

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 Councilman Davis. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor / Council Comments: None

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lesko
Borough Secretary

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

Susan Ruszkowski, Council President

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**August 4, 2025
Committee Reports**

Borough Manager Report:

P/C with Bob Regola regarding upcoming LSA and SLSA grants

P/C with Jennifer Woodling regarding the CDBG grant that was submitted last year. Waiting for the State to pass their budget and allocate the funds.

Met with Kayla from Opst and Associates to finalize the Borough Audit

P/C with Solicitor Mlakar throughout the month regarding various issues: BDA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, Disposal of various records; possible Land Bank taking a property on South Depot Street, Sale of property at 211 West Main St (Gormley Property), Appraisals regarding Synagogue and the building next to Pritts Feed Mill; Library – Keystone Grant; Revisions to Employee Handbook

Met with Doug Siler and Tammy Baacke of Gibson Thomas Engineering, Councilman Barrick, Councilwoman Barnes, Council President Ruszkowski, Jeff McGuinness Re: Annual meeting for Stormwater / MS4 Permit.

Met w/Sarah Buzzard and Kim Landis of the Mt. Pleasant Library, Solicitor Mlakar and Council President Ruszkowski regarding the Library's request for the Borough to participate in the Keystone Grant for renovations to the library. Renovations include: roof, carpeting, LED lighting and an ADA compliant bathroom. Cost is approximately \$200,000.00 Grant requires a 50% match.

Meeting with Josh Andrykovitch Re: Various properties in the Borough; high grass, weeds, junk, etc.

P/C Gary Ciarimboli Re: Appraisals for the Synagogue and the building / lot next to Pritts Feed Mill (former Morris Barron office).

P/C with Brent Cindric Re: PMRS 5-year Pension Audit, getting various documents to him.

Paving Project has been completed. Rocky Anderson oversaw the majority of the project. Jeff McGuinness was away on vacation.

Held Safety Meeting – Topic was “Accident Prevention – Painless & Profitable”.

Met with Jeff McGuinness regarding meter on South Church Street and removing 15-minute parking.

Met w/Councilwoman Lasko and Councilman Barrick of the Parks & Recreation Committee, Council President Ruszkowski and Dominic Garofola from Gibson Thomas Engineering to finalize the plans for the Frick Park Hillside Project.

Met w/Councilman Barrick and Robert Regola regarding:

Possible pedestrian / emergency vehicle crossing with the railroad for the Willows Park Expansion Project;

South Depot Street Extension to Bridgeport Street;

LSA and SLSA Grant opportunities.

Met with Solicitor Mlakar, Council President Ruszkowski and Michael Phillips for the closing of the property sold at 211 West Main Street.

Met with Rocky Anderson regarding the condition of the lady's bathroom at Frick Park and the disgusting mess that they are leaving for him to clean up.

Monthly siren test was conducted by the Police Department.

Met w/Ken Phillabaum and Susan Ruszkowski Re: Business District Authority, Food Truck applications

Playground equipment at Jack Bobbs Park should be completed within a week; Line Painting will begin this week.

Submitted by Sharon Lesko, Borough Manager

Property / Stormwater / Streets Report:

There was a stormwater meeting in July discussing our ms4 permit our committee met with Gibson Thomas engineering to discuss the various aspects of the permit that we plan to submit to the PA dep.

The property committee and the Parks committee met to look at Frick Park plan.

And for the streets committee, the paving project looks to be nearly complete. We did not meet but we all seen the paving occurring here in town.

Street Department Report:

Trimmed bushes at Jack Bobbs playground

Streets have been paved for this year which included North and South Quarry, Smithfield Street, Vine Street, Walnut Street, Saint Pius Way, and Kennedy Ave

Patched holes around town

Put a meter head in on South Church Street

Cut grass in the parks and properties that we have

Finished the inspections of the outfalls that were left to do

Swept North and South Church Street, Main Street, and North and South Diamond Street

Mike Barrick, Chairman

Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

Met with Sharon Lesko, Susan Ruszkowski, Mike Barrick and Gibson Thomas Engineer to finalize plans for the Frick Park enhancement. There will be a rendering on display at the Annual Night Out event on Aug 11. The final plans include a staircase, parking, lighting, and drainage as previously discussed. Bids could go out in October.

Diana Lasko, Chairwoman

Public Safety Report

Medic 10 met on 7/9/25. Among topics discussed was hosting a Medic 10 week. Likely during the month of April, starting in 2026. Follow up with Council on LSA grants for upgrades to Medic 10.

Spoke with Councilman Davis to follow up from last meeting on getting bids on painting project at the Central Fire Station.

Received several complaints from Residents in Third Ward about dirt bikes at the bottom of town. Police have followed up on these complaints.

PSAB

No updates for Westmoreland County

Somerset County PSAB will have our Fall meeting at Rizzo's on October 16th, 2025 starting at 6pm. Robert Regola is lined up as our guest speaker for the evening. Space is limited.

Coke and Coal Trail

Time frame on benches along the trail sponsorship was discussed. This is something we as council should consider for various things we have throughout the Borough. Example, someone purchases a Bench or sponsors one. The committee will not maintain the bench after time frame expires or offer the spot up to another potential sponsor that would make a contribution for a bench for whatever amount of time they purchased for.

Also, participated with Walmart on Community Clean up day on the Trail. Walmart purchased paint and provided volunteers to clean along the trail, paint entrances, and light trimming.

BDA

On 7/28/25 after a vote of 6-0 I, Kenneth Phillabaum was voted in as President of the Mount Pleasant Business District Authority.

Pam Depalma was voted in as Vice President/Secretary with a 6-0 vote.

We will vote for Treasurer on 8/4/25.

Getting the Food Truck Vendors to submit for permit for the event on time was discussed and has since been addressed. The Vendors know the proper time frame everything needs to be turned in by now. They were informed, no exceptions will be made going forward. They will be turned away if they show up and did not complete everything required by the Borough. Thank you to Borough Manager Sharon, Pam Depalma, and Leacon for helping get this situated.

On 8/1/25 along with Leacon Digital and Vice President Pam Depalma we welcomed a new business to town with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

BDA meetings our being hosted in the back room of Lobingiers on Main Street for the time being. Dates and times, as well as agenda will be posted on the BDA's website going forward.

All Breast Cancer Awareness events for the month of October will be turned back over to Denise (Stukup Grafix) and Val (Val's Family Styles). Both Denise and Val's businesses are located here in Mount Pleasant. Denise and Val have been very dedicated to bringing attention to this cause and promoting Mount Pleasant in a positive way along the way in doing so. The current BDA has offered to assist both Denise and Val in any way we can to help keep the traditions they started years ago going strong.

Thank You,
Vice President
Kenneth Phillabaum

Medic 10 Report – August 2025

MEDIC 10

100 EAST MAIN STREET

(724) 547-4620

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**Mount Pleasant Borough Council - August Meeting (8/4)
Medic 10 Report**

Call Volume Statistics

Total Calls - 231 (YTD 1,512) Average - 216/month
Transports - 184
Standbys - 14
Refusals - 11
Lift Assists - 10
Cancelled - 9
DOA's - 3
Wheel Chair Van Transports - 52 (YTD 266) Average - 38/month
Total Incidents - 283
Missed Calls - 10 (YTD 70) Average - 10/month

Community Events

Big Brother / Big Sister Wellness Event - Laurelville Retreat Center - 8/10
National Night Out - 8/11
Blood Pressure Checks - Mount Pleasant Senior Center - 8/13
Photo Op / Write Up (Grant) - Frick Hospital - 8/18
Landing Zone Class (LifeFlight) - 9/18
Mount Pleasant Glass Ethnic Festival - 9/26 - 9/28
Sport Standby - Mount Pleasant Area School District (58 games)

Building

New sign on building is being replaced - Homerun Graphics
Landscaping being done this week

Employee Concerns

One employee out on workman's comp (on duty injury)

Submitted,
Zachary Gergas

Director of Operations,
Mount Pleasant EMS Medic 10

**Fire Report – August
2025**

FIRE REPORT	
TOTAL CALLS-- JUNE & JULY	93
10-45'S	22
ENTRAPMENT	3
OTHER RESCUES	
VEHICLE / PED	
FIRES	21
AFA'S	26
HAZARDOUS CALLS	10
AMBULANCE ASSIST	5
STANDBY'S	1
LANDING ZONES	
DRILLS	
PUBLIC SERVICE CALLS	9
TURNPIKE CALLS	2
TOTAL MEMBERS ANSWERING	920
AVG. MEMBER PER CALL	10
TOTAL CALLS TO DATE	304

Mount Pleasant Free Public
Library Borough Council
Meetings

July 2025 - reported August 4, 2025

Area	Month	YTD
Circulation	2,633	16,771
Door Counter	2,166	15,383
New Library Cards	41	230
Total Registered Patrons	2,633	-
Programs Held	52	295
Program Attendance	318	2,360
Computer Usage	163 sessions for 118.15 hrs	1036 sessions for 649.59 hrs
WiFi Usage	64 sessions for 722.56 hrs	267 sessions for 4,420.71 hrs
Chat with a Librarian Service	20	121