

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 114 WEST STATE STREET
All meetings recorded

OPEN MEETING
INVOCATION/PLEDGE

The meeting was called to order by President Howie Crawford at 6:30pm. The invocation by Pastor Fred Frye was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor	Martha Long	
President	Howie Crawford	
Vice-President	Mary Long	
Councilmembers	Kathie McMunn	
	Pam Griffin	
	Bob Rigby	
Secretary-Treasurer	Diana Durstine	

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Rigby, second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2024.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Public Works Employee Mark Southwick

CORRESPONDENCE

PVFD 2023 Audit

The 2023 Association Audit was received from the State and copies are available if anyone would like to review it.

Venango County Regional Planning Commission – Comprehensive Plan Updates

The plan is available if anyone would like to review it. Comments are due by October 4, 2024. None of the updates in the plan impact the Borough.

House Bill 451 - Exempt Property Tax Aid

The bill is moving to the full state House of Representatives for consideration. The Borough has 27% exempt properties - over \$8 million. The bill would be funded by the state's current 18% liquor tax.

Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Roads

The program has been expanded to roads with a count of less than 500 vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Maintenance Code

The council received a memo from Attorney Winkler regarding potential options for the Borough regarding maintenance of properties. President Crawford tabled action for council to review further and consider. Secretary Durstine had a visit from a Second Street resident about the property to the left of the hair shop. The complainant has lived in the Borough for two years and has suffered with the smell of garbage, chickens, and dogs coming from the property. The owners do not have a permit to keep chickens. A rooster was also reported along with the complaint that the dogs are left outside unattended for numerous days at a time. President Crawford asked for a letter to go out telling them they have ten days to comply. They need a permit to keep chickens, and the rooster needs to be removed. Tell them the Borough also has complaints from surrounding neighbors of the condition of the property, smells, and trash and if they don't take care of the dog action someone may turn them in to the ASPCA.

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolution No. 2 of 2024
PennDOT Traffic Signal
Maintenance Agreement*

Motion by Councilwoman Long, second by Councilwoman Griffin and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2024. PennDOT requires the new blanket agreement which covers all traffic control devices in the Borough. The agreement is needed to proceed with the purchase of the four radar speed signs so they may be purchased from State Liquid Fuels funds.

Committee Reports

*Management Finance
Vice-President Long*

Nothing to report.

*Public Works Streets/Properties
President Crawford*

President Crawford is going to start trying to have a public works employee to come to a meeting once per month if he can. He can't cover everything that is being done. Mark Southwick let the council know National Fuel had hit numerous service lines during their project on Merrick and North Main Streets and pulled up two water lines. Some of the pressurized services lines were unknown by the Borough and were repaired and shut off. The township's sewer line was also damaged. National Fuel helped the guys find lines and shutoffs and helped repair the lines that were hit and broken. They are headed down Enterprise Road for now. Guys are trying to get the crosswalks painted. PennDOT was contacted and will be providing two-five gallons buckets of paint and reflective glass beads. This will be a \$750 savings. They are keeping up with mowing. A water meter was repaired by Oil Creek Plastics. They were testing their fire hydrants, caused water hammering and blew the bottom of their water meter out. They did not report it to the Borough for three days. The Borough water meter is currently on bypass while it is out for repairs. President Crawford requested PennDOT be called to see if they will be back to broom the excess off Merrick Street. Some of it is 6-8 inches deep. Skip is getting projects organized for the treatment plant. The main project is with the blowers and may come in at \$100,000. The chlorine levels for water coming in from Titusville and leaving the plant were discussed.

*Recreation Board
President Crawford*

Nothing to report.

*Recycling/Solid Waste
Councilwoman Griffin*

Nothing to report.

*Comments & Concerns
Councilwoman McMunn*

Nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

President Crawford

No issues.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Councilwoman Griffin, second by Vice-President Long, and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (8/13-8/27 in the amount of \$42,714.06)

ROUND TABLE

There was a short discussion regarding scooters. Councilwoman McMunn watches the teenagers on Second Street on scooters with lights. There is also a round disc. Councilwoman Griffin suggested Trick-or-Treat be moved to Saturday and start at the

Firehall with a costume contest with cider and donuts. She is worried about all the kids running. Stories from the past where Trick-Or-Treat was in the gym at the school and where it lasted for several days and kids were invited into individual homes for homemade cider and donuts.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Approved by Council
This 10th day of September, 2024

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of August 27, 2024.


Diana Durstine, Secretary