

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 14, 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 David McCauley 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 Griffin and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2024.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Mark Southwick – Public Works

President Crawford asked Mark to attend the meeting in anticipation of residents potentially attending the meeting to discuss low water pressure issues in town. There was a short discussion regarding what public works has done in the last month to record and monitor pressures all over town and the process for filling the Dunham Road water tower. President Crawford went through details including the fact that the tower had been off for about a month and was turned back on yesterday. He went on to say that the bad design of the tank includes no separate fill line to put water in. It only has one pipe for the water to push up through the water coming down, so it takes a very long time to be filled.

Pressure is now about double up to at least 40+ PSI in some places where it had been 22 PSI. The drawback of the full tank is putting a lot of pressure on all the lines. The gravity feed and layout of the land being all downhill to the sewer plant has put over 100 PSI on the line coming into the sewer plant. Although public works has confirmed the higher pressures around town, it was also confirmed that no calls have been received to say pressure is now fine in the areas on Cemetery Road and Dunham Road where it was reported to be low. Secretary Durstine reported a call from a gentleman reporting 68 PSI on Second Street on Monday. President Crawford added that shutting down the tower for a month has proven that the tower is not needed except possibly for back up supply in the case of a fire. Mark reported that DEP only requires the Borough to maintain 20 PSI.

CORRESPONDENCE

*Email from DEP – Residential
Burning and Waste Disposal*

Municipal Outreach notification from DEP Local Government Liaison Kim Yeakle regarding residential burning and improper waste disposal.

*Newspaper Article
DEP ordering Titusville to
replace 10 water wells*

Newspaper article from the Titusville News Journal regarding DEP ordering the City of Titusville to replace its 10 aging freshwater wells which supply the City, Oil Creek Township Crawford County, and Pleasantville which also supplies Oil Creek Township Venango County.

*Water Billing Summary
Jan – Apr 2024*

President Crawford passed out a Water Summary – January through April 2024 Gallons billed to 564-566 customers by the Borough total – 8,689,000 and dollars billed were \$95,629.15. Through April with other expenses including \$80,693.54 paid to Titusville, the water fund is already over a \$-20,000 deficit. President Crawford described the problem the Borough has with water is money coming in and going out plus more. He went on to say, looking forward if the Borough had its own system, the \$95,629.15 would be the Borough's giving the ability to maintain its own system without having to borrow.

President Crawford went on to say the numbers coupled now with the fact that Titusville needs ten new wells, some of the money for the multi-million-dollar project is going to be passed along to the Borough.

There was a short discussion regarding possible options moving forward: 1. Raise taxes, 2. Wait for Titusville's rate increase to increase the Borough's rates, so customers would only have one large increase, 3. Start looking at our own water source, 4. Figure out where all the extra water is going.

The EADS Groundwater Well Development proposal was reviewed along with the need to replace aging water meters and get the remaining inside meters into outside pits.

Secretary Durstine confirmed for Vice-President Long that the work needed to be done to see if there are viable well sites and to test the water cannot happen until after funding is secured. The Borough just doesn't have the money to start that piece of it. There is currently no reserve or match available.

President Crawford described information that has been found from the 1960s regarding improperly plugged oil wells leaving oil and salt brine in the water causing the need for the purchase of water from Titusville. He frequents the Dunham Road area, hunts there, and has seen past maps of oil wells everywhere which are now a thing of the past. He has confirmed that there are no longer functioning oil wells out there.

OLD BUSINESS

*EADS Group Groundwater
Well Development Proposal*

Motion by Vice-President Long, second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to have the EADS group go ahead with their proposal, look for the funding for the well project, and include the water meters.

NEW BUSINESS

*Authorization to Change
Baseball Savings Account
Signatories*

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to change the authorized signatories on the Baseball Savings Account ending in 5681 at Northwest Bank to: Ben Alberth, President; Lucas Cherry, Vice-President; Josh Johnson, Treasurer. (Other names are to be removed.)

Committee Reports

*Management Finance
Vice-President Long*

Nothing to report.

*Public Works Streets/Properties
President Crawford*

There will be a lot of noise around town in the next few days because they are starting the Maple and South Main Streets paving project starting tomorrow. The Borough is keeping the 40-45 estimated triaxle loads of millings to be dumped down at the sewer

	plant. Millings will be used on the sewer plant road and to fill in holes that are dug. The new bucket for the tractor will be used to sift out any large chunks.
<i>Recreation Board</i> President Crawford	Mark reported trash is being left outside the dumpster after every time they use the fields. He will text the code to President Crawford so he can get in touch with them.
<i>Recycling/Solid Waste</i> Councilwoman Griffin	Nothing to report.
<i>Comments & Concerns</i> Councilwoman McMunn	Three complaints and one eavesdropping complaint from election day were resolved.
PERSONNEL President Crawford	Mark had class again today for the water treatment plant. Seven classes are left.
EXPENDITURES	Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President Long and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (4/26-5/15 in the amount of \$48,308.83)
ROUND TABLE	Councilwoman McMunn reported the guys dug out the ditch at the corner of Maple and Second and they did a fantastic job. She went on to say it's the best it has even been since it was put in. Councilwoman Griffin reported the stormwater ditch might need cleaned near Chestnut Street. With all the green stuff growing up through the water has gotten stagnant. Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilwoman Griffin and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT	I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of May 14, 2024.
Approved by Council This <u>29th</u> day of <u>May</u> , 2024	 _____ Diana Durstine, Secretary 