

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 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 President Crawford 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 Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President Long and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2024.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Public Works employees Dustin Armstrong and Skip Crawford.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

*Waste Management At Your
Door Service Contract Extension*

Motion by Vice-President Long second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to accept the At Your Door service contract extension for \$1.72 per month with additional education/information to be sent out. [Costs will go from \$1.61 to \$1.72 per month starting December 2024-November 2025]

Radar Speed Sign Update

The four signs were received. The guys know the locations. 3 ½" Pipe is required to be used instead of posts. Dustin is getting quotes. First came in at \$1,800. Also need to dig holes and concrete to maintain warranty status.

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilwoman Griffin and carried unanimously to accept the lowest bid for the posts for the radar speed signs to be purchased using liquid fuels funds.

PVFD Fire Hydrant Draws

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the PVFD continuing to draw water from hydrants even though they had been told not to. Chief Presto reported to Dustin that 800 gallons were drawn earlier this week after the water was already taken. Not sure why the water was needed or who the driver was this time. No way to tell if the hydrant was open or closed too hard which has recently caused damage on the main water supply line from Titusville and has blown off meter bottoms in the past. Also, when attending fires out of town, the PVFD will hook up to creek water, return to the station, empty the creek water and refill with Borough water. Dustin holds the water license for the Borough so he is concerned that any contamination issues will fall back on him.

The question was posed to DEP via email on October 4th. Contact received from the DEP Sanitarian, Carly Rupert stated "The Department has no issues with regular firefighting activities as long as training efforts are coordinated with the water system and precautions such as double check valves on hydrants are utilized." The Chief

returned to the Borough Office on October 7th regarding the email and stated this is not what DEP is telling him. Clarification from Ms. Rupert was requested via email and the following response was received, "The DEP has absolutely no restrictions in place against any firefighting activities. Double check valves are recommended for nonemergency use of hydrants." This information was copied to the Chief and Al Lutz.

With hydrant valves being "recommended vs. actually utilized" in question, regulations were researched. Borough Code states "No connections shall be made...unless the proposed cross-connection has been approved by the Borough." Code also requires "An approved double-check valve or other approved backflow device to be installed by all customers, at their cost and expense, where the possibility of cross-connection exists." DEP content from the Drinking Water Operator Certification Training – Module #9 Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention states "Backflow prevention devices...shall be installed where water supply mains are connected...which present a potential contamination hazard to the public water supply system."

Two options were discussed trying to work toward a solution to accommodate the PVFD, to keep the Borough in compliance, and to prevent any further damage from occurring. The PVFD can purchase a hydrant valve or get water from the metered hydrant at the Titusville Fire Department. Skip's opinion is they should go to Titusville and get the water. He added, it's easy. No one is breaking any laws or taking chances on damaging the Borough's system or taking chances of increasing the fecal count with any contamination.

All agreed to have Solicitor Winkler send a letter to the PVFD. The \$3,000 budgeted by Borough for the PVFD each year could be used for them to purchase water. Vice-President Long added it is supposed to be a partnership.

*Oil Creek Township
Sewer Agreement*

There was a short discussion regarding the short/late August sewer invoice payment. Motion by Councilwoman Griffin second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously that the penalty on the Oil Creek Township invoice stands as the agreement states.

Motion by Vice-President Long second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously not to open the sewer agreement for renegotiation and keep the agreement as it stands. Vice-President Long added this is the same discussion councils have had for years, and everybody has told them they would pay more. This is not anything new. President Crawford's voiced his concern that more than likely we will not come to an agreement. If we open it and don't agree, the government comes in and will decide this is what you are going to do.

NEW BUSINESS

Bank Account Housekeeping

Motion by Vice-President Long second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to update the bank accounts as follows:

CLOSE ACCOUNTS

<i>Account</i>	<i>Name</i>
X2555	Rescue Plan Act 2021 – ARPA
X2451	Sewer Project

NAME UPDATES

<i>Account</i>	<i>Current Name</i>	<i>New Name</i>
x0971	General Acct	Cash Disbursements
x8672	Water Checking	Water Operating Funds
x6669	Blank	Sewer Operating Funds
x8425	Blank	Express Deposit Holding

Committee Reports

Management Finance
Vice-President Long

Nothing to report.

Public Works Streets/Properties
President Crawford

Dustin will be shutting the water tower off tomorrow for a tank inspection.

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

Mark took his test. Waiting to hear back on results.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Councilwoman Griffin, second by Vice-President Long, and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (9/26-10/10 in the amount of \$37,578.98)

ROUND TABLE

Kubota BH77 Backhoe
Attachment Purchase

Motion by Vice-President Long, second by Councilwoman Griffin, and carried unanimously to purchase a backhoe attachment for the Kubota tractor from AR Beatty Equipment through Sourcewell cooperative purchasing. [50% general fund contingency/50% sewer contingency]

Dustin would like the Borough to get with the school to replace the school speed limit signs. Some lights no longer function.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilwoman Griffin and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Approved by Council
This 2nd day of October, 2024

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of October 8, 2024.

Diana Durstine, Secretary