

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2026 – 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 Crawford at 6:30 p.m. The invocation by President Crawford was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mayor		Martha Long
President	Howie Crawford	
Vice-President	John Dunham	
Councilmembers	Kathie McMunn	
	Bob Rigby	
		Chris Roofner
Secretary-Treasurer	Diana Durstine	

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2026.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

John Farzo – 342 West State Street

Let the Council know it was brought to his attention, and he will volunteer to be the code enforcement officer if they decide they want the position back. He went on to say if there is money involved; he is not worried about it. It can be donated. He also witnessed a neighbor build a shelf out his apartment window so he can feed stray cats and asked if there was an update on the code violation letters that had been sent out.

Craig Vargason – 126 School Street

There was a lengthy discussion. Mr. Vargason came to the meeting to find out what is going on with the ORATV plan that Venango County has been to Council meetings a number of times to speak about and he himself had been before Council a couple of times and this is his third. He has ATVs go by his house 5-6 days a week; they stop at the stop signs, they are driving slow. He went on to say the old days of kids screaming into town at 3am doesn't happen anymore because there is getting to be more places to ride legally. He doesn't see a downside for the Borough right now and has not heard of a good reason why Council is not looking into this. Councilwoman McMunn believes the downside is the borough has no streets that do not connect unless it's a state road. The way the commissioner put it, there is a possibility that the state won't approve their roads. The problem is there is no reason, ATVs are currently being ridden, and council never complains about it, but until the state road is approved, there is no way that anybody could get anywhere out of Pleasantville, into Pleasantville, or anything. Councilman Dunham added Commissioner Bryan was at the last meeting. In just Venango County alone, and this is where council has been struggling, and we've had lots of conversations about this as this isn't the first time it has come up. The problem is that when Commissioner Bryan comes to a meeting, the council asks for situations, and he gives numbers like Venango County has not even had a third of the applications approved and the state is sitting on them for months. So, if council votes on an ordinance to have a couple of streets that you are going to be able to ride up and down, but as soon as you step foot off of them you are going to have to worry about the same consequences if you drive now or later; it doesn't change anything. The minimum time to get approved could be at least a year or two. President Crawford explained that the Council is at a loss too. We understand what the state system is like and how long it takes. With only a little over 1 mile of roads in the borough, the borough will make nothing on this. Then we look at the way the town is and we have

no through streets connecting anything, no matter where you go you've got to come to a state road and people are riding them anyhow. This has been around since the 1980s. He reinforced that no one else has come to the Council or sent letters regarding this. Mr. Vargason both offered to write a letter to the editor encouraging others to come forward and if the Council decides not to approve this, he will write a letter to the Editor that he came to this meeting and no one on Pleasantville Borough Council expressed interest in approving the ATV roads in town to give them ingress or egress from the Borough to reach the township roads and then that will be the end of it. Councilman Dunham let Mr. Vargason know that out of the entire borough he is the only one that has come to council. He went on to say that he has interest but needs facts. He loves the idea and thinks it's a great idea, but he can't do it just for Craig, he has to do it for the entire community. He doesn't do it for John or Howie or anybody else in this room, he has to do it for our community period. President Crawford asked Mr. Vargason if he has ever looked at which roads he would want approved. He thinks there has to be a way to get to North and South Main. President Crawford would look at Shamburg, South Main, North Main, & Dunham that all connect to township roads. There was a short discussion regarding petitions vs. surveys and the Borough doing their own ordinance outside of the ORATV and applying to PennDOT. If Mr. Varagson does a survey, he wants to run it by the Council to make sure the survey answers the Council's questions and would like to have the map to include with the survey.

CORRESPONDENCE

*Climavision
 PA House & Senate Funding*

An email sharing that the Pleasantville radar received funding from the PA House and Senate last session was received. The funding will provide PEMA, other state agencies, and county EMAs with access to weather data.

*PA DCNR Motorized
 Recreation Statistics*

Commissioner Ken Bryan forwarded registration and accident data provided by the DCNR and stated this will bring more business – new business to Pleasantville.

Venango County Land Bank

Information was provided for the June Oil Region COG meeting describing the purpose and power of the Land Bank which focuses on abandoned properties.

*Pleasantville Camp
 Waiver Request*

A letter was received from the Camp asking the borough to grant a waiver for two Skeet Shoot and Target practice events to be held on their 10-acre field that is part of the Borough. There was a short discussion ending with a consensus that granting a waiver to shoot in the borough sets a precedent that may prompt someone else to request a waiver in the future.

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President and carried unanimously to deny the request from the camp for shooting in the Borough. A letter will be sent back with council's decision.

Burning Complaint

A burning complaint email was received from a resident on Chestnut Street concerning a West State Street residence burning something really smelly and stinky. A letter is going to go out. President Crawford had gone out and looked for it smoking and will go out a couple more times.

OLD BUSINESS

*1st Reading
 Ordinance No. 2 of 2026
 Opening Streets and
 Imposing Fees*

President Crawford read the summary of the ordinance. Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 2 of 2026.

There will be a second reading scheduled for June 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Phillips Pump Replacement

This agenda item was removed.

*Northwest Bank
Credit Card Limit*

President Crawford would like to see the limit increased to at least \$10,000. Having the credit card has definitely save the borough time and money by not having to use a check which can stall everything. Some of the pumps the borough buys can be \$6,000-7,000 and the current limit is \$5,000. Councilman Dunham thinks the limit should be set from \$15,000-\$20,000 to have it in case some part is super expensive or more than one thing goes wrong.

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilwoman McMunn and carried unanimously to set the limit at \$20,000.

Committee Reports

Comments & Concerns
Councilwoman McMunn

Voiced a complaint herself on kids drag racing down Second Street.

*Personnel/Finance/Public
Works Streets/Properties*
President Crawford

Nothing really to say. Everything is going along fine. We were able to get a 60" commercial Bad Boy mower for \$5,200. It is currently being kept at the sewer plant so the John Deere doesn't need to get run back and forth.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilwoman McMunn, and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (5/13-6/9 in the amount of \$98,599.46)

ROUND TABLE

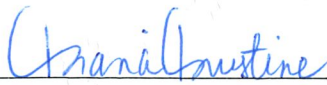
Vice-President asked if an appliance pick up would be done in the borough. There is no clean-up scheduled for this year, but one bulky item can be set out each week for Noble to pick up. President Crawford added in his mind it has been enough years now that it would be a good idea to have one next year. Councilwoman McMunn had recently told someone they can put a bulky item out each week and if it is big call them and let them know in case, they need extra help picking it up. President Crawford let the council know that Titusville raised the water base rate which will be costing the borough an extra \$1,500 per year. He also provided a quick update on well drilling for Councilman Dunham. Last we heard, they have to have someone come in and check the location for bats and other creatures.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President Dunham and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Approved by Council
This 14th day of July, 2026

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of June 9, 2026.


Diana Durstine, Secretary