

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 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	
Solicitor	Rich Winkler	
Secretary-Treasurer	Diana Durstine	

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Councilman Roofner, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Venango County Commissioner Ken Bryan Began by saying he is asking for council to approve the initiative and then take the additional two steps to advertise legal ATVs in Pleasantville and then bring it to vote at the next meeting because that will allow him to reach out to PennDOT adding to their list of about 90 approvals they are working on. He would bring Buddy Miller from PennDOT in. Before they can even start the process, they need approval from the Borough in order to make that happen. They are not going to entertain, giving the Borough access to state roads without the ordinance in place. The ORATV Association and DCNR would then meet with the borough. As a commissioner his goal is to help communities, local businesses, and give residents a more enjoyable place to live. He went on to say this brings revenue into the county almost immediately.

Councilman Dunham questioned why this has to go from the bottom up and why can't it go from the top down? PennDOT is the sole decision maker. Commissioner Bryan said this was an initiative brought on by the county that works the administrative side to the state. The county has put in 90 requests. President Crawford as how many state roads have been approved? Commissioner Bryan said it is in bits and pieces to the east of Pleasantville. Out of the 90, there have been 42-43 approvals so far and only 2 rejections. Once council commits it will be months for approval to be considered. Councilwoman McMunn questioned if PennDOT doesn't approve 36 and Merrick Street it's useless for the borough or anyone in Pleasantville to have access. Solicitor Winkler confirmed the borough could repeal the ordinance if it did not work out. Commissioner Bryan understands this is not going to create a lot of revenue for the Borough. It is going to help the fire department and local businesses. Councilman Roofner spoke about being a cop in Tidioute in deer season, the town went crazy. On weekends now ATVs are running up and down the road without any enforcement. The only businesses that will make any money will be Coal Oil Johnny's and Corky's unless they want to bring their dirty clothes to the laundry mat. He wants to see the area be enhanced but he also wants to see it safe. Mayor Long commented that local businesses already have the income. All the rest the Commissioner is talking about is traffic. They are traveling through. Businesses are already getting overwhelmed on the weekends because they don't have the help to keep up with it. She added that she does not think economics is a viable issue for the Borough to pass this or not. It really

	<p>doesn't apply unless a new viable business were to come to town; a gas station or maybe another bank. Commissioner Bryan added a couple of municipalities in Crawford County have approved ATVs.</p> <p>There was a short discussion regarding signage in other municipalities and counties as well as liability and the fact that only one resident no businesses or the fire department has expressed interest.</p>
<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>ClimaVision – New Instant Weather Radar Viewer. Council received the email in their packets for review.</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS <i>Property Maintenance Code</i></p>	<p>Solicitor Winkler reviewed the borough ordinances. There is one that prohibits nuisances, which is basically any activity that interferes with another's quiet enjoyment of their property. It does have penalties and would require a 10-day notice to the violator before any action could be taken. There is also a brush, weeds, and grass ordinance that prohibits anything above 12 inches. Again, this would require a 10-day notice and then they could be prosecuted and it provides for fines. The first step for the 4 properties would be a notice. He will send letters registered and by ordinary mail, wait 10 days and if there is no action he can then file charges. Since there is no code enforcement officer in the borough, in the absence of a code enforcement officer, he can file for what will be a citation out of the district judge's office. There was a short discussion of other properties with issues. Long range there is an international property code that has a lot of detail about how properties are to be maintained. Titusville adopted it many years ago and it has been used some to address problems. There are some state statutes as well but no funding by the state is available. These options would be for dire situations and are too expensive for a community the size of the borough to undertake.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS <i>Community Festival Parade Request</i></p>	<p>A letter was received from Jason Trost, President of the Festival Committee requesting permission to conduct the Festival Parade August 1, 2026, at 11am. The time change from 4pm was requested by the PVFD.</p>
	<p>Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to approve the parade request for August 1st at 11am.</p>
<p><i>Ordinance No. 2 of 2026 Opening of Pleasantville Borough Streets and Imposing Fees</i></p>	<p>President Crawford described the ordinance for companies that want to start digging in the streets; it would be a permit fee that they would pay each time. With the new gas line, they want to dig across Chestnut Street 15 times to connect the houses to their new line and the borough does not have any protection. Solicitor Winkler will come up with the new ordinance and requested additional details including fees and what would happen if they violated.</p>
<p><i>Radar Speed Sign Warranty Extension</i></p>	<p>There was a brief discussion of cost and options. Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Councilman Rigby and carried unanimously to extend the warranty for another three years on the radar signs.</p>
<p>Committee Reports <i>Comments & Concerns</i> Councilwoman McMunn</p>	<p>None</p>

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

Finance – Treasurer’s Report was in council’s packets. There was an event at the Merrick Street baseball fields. Young kids went through the property in a truck doing cookies. A young man turned himself in and he and his buddy spread topsoil and grass seed to fix up the stuff that they did. Everything else is going good. No complaints. The coaches put up a very nice fence around the upper ball field.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilman Rigby, and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (4/15-5/12 in the amount of \$76,372.67)

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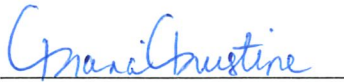
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President Dunham and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

*Approved by Council
This 9th day of June, 2026*

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of May 12, 2026.



Diana Durstine, Secretary