

MINUTES
PLEASANTVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2025 – 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 Pastor Fred Frye was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS
MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilwoman Griffin and carried unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2025.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Craig Vargason – 126 School Street

Discussed research he had done. He said he likes the way Commissioner Bryan suggested opening all the roads so guys can ride right out of their driveways and can have access. He hopes when the Borough considers this that more than one access point is considered. If this does go forward and the firehall decides to have a fundraiser, you don't want 450 machines all going one way in and out of town. He would hope the State would approve from School Street to Dunham Road since that is a big way to get out of town.

Rod Confer – Resident of Allegheny Township

Spoke regarding the many places he has been riding quads and he finds it amazing home many people travel to visit little towns. He lives on Tightpinch Road and has not gone to Coal Oil Johnny's or Corky's because he knows he is not allowed to ride up the road even though there are plenty that do ride up that road. If access was opened, he would go there a lot. He can ride from his home to The Hills legally and he's just as soon come in to Pleasantville too. That is why he is asking the Council to consider it because it can bring people in. He added it's guys like him that are going to ride legal. He has already permitted both of his vehicles.

Ken Bryan – Venango County Commissioner

Started out by said Craig and Rod's ages is the average age the County is getting applications for. They are up to 300 members and expect to get close to 1,000 more by Spring. Ideally the most they would ever get for Venango County would be about 2,000 simply because of how they structured it. They are doing as well as they did down in West Virginia. When he was at a Borough meeting about 4 months ago the Association was working hard with DCNR and PennDOT to get the approvals to be able to connect the dots. Since then that relationship has changed dramatically. PennDOT has been very good with opening roads and DCNR has been very good with opening access to sections like one in Oil Creek State Park. He and Kim Harris were invited down to Harrisburg. He felt like a big wig down there when he met with PennDOT who made it clear to them that they were going to do everything they can to support the Association's mission because again they like how it was structured. The fact that the County oversees the insurance requirement, that they are following all DCNR guidelines and they are getting inundated with phone calls just like he is at his office

on a regular basis. He came to a disappointing reality recently regarding a \$3,000,000 radio upgrade shortfall because of the State and what the realities with grants are for the County's 9-1-1 upgrade. He came to the meeting to push the Association because he feels granting ATV access is a great way for first responders to do fundraisers as a good way to help offset a lot of that cost. They see the safety initiative, creating a safer environment for ATV access, they know that older adults want it, they know that small businesses want it and if it is going to be a revenue source for us to be able to supply our first responders that's why he is at the meeting again tonight to push it.

Councilman Dunham questioned what the Association does working with PennDOT to get a road approved. Do they delineate a route specifically that they want to allow access to get the approval and how do they go about it? Commissioner Bryan said they submitted 19 requests to PennDOT for roads they would like to get access to connect the townships and municipalities. So far out of those requests they had 1 no, which was on a section of road in Rouseville where the speed limit was 55 where there was a bad bend and it didn't have good visibility. What surprised him about PennDOT is he thought the distance of a road would be a concern. If the speed limit is 55 it will have to be a real short distance, and they are going to have to have adequate space to pull off to the side of the road. If it's 45 or under and it's not a heavily trafficked road with good visibility and it allows them to connect the dots and there is some access that an ATV can pull off to the side of the road in a safe fashion, then the chances are they are going to give a yes. The association tells PennDOT exact measurements and they take it to their board.

Commissioner Bryan clarified that the Association does not come to the Borough to map out access. If the Borough decides that they want to open roads to access, the first thing he would recommend the Borough does is open all the roads in Pleasantville. This would give somebody legal access to pull out of their driveway and go to the store in a safe fashion. Then if there are State roads that you want to give access to, get him the information. Then the Association would go to the State with a request to open those roads to access. The Borough is surrounded North, South, East and West by roads where people are legally allowed to ride now. If the Borough just puts one channel through town for ATV access that is going to get noticeable traffic that can upset people. The Association found out opening more roads gives less traffic. The Borough will get paid quarterly based on Liquid Fuels mileage. When a person becomes a member, there is a \$50 annual fee. \$20 goes directly back to the municipalities. \$8 goes to Venango County for solicitor and administrative work. \$22 goes to the Association to finance the signs. He added that this is not going to be a big revenue source for the Borough.

Commissioner Bryan will be sending over a sample homeless ordinance and suggests the Borough tell anyone with questions regarding oil/natural gas wells to contact an attorney and if they have additional questions the County is more than willing to help.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Crawford reviewed the Commonwealth Drought Task force email. 25 counties including Venango are currently under a watch.

The 2025 Flower Report was reviewed. Ann Hulse provided the report via email. The number of boxes has been reduced to six: one on each of the four corners and two in front of the Borough office. Next year looking for different center flowers, less invasive ivy, and deer resistant plantings for the boxes in front of the Borough office. Notice should go out twice a year in the newsletter: Donations should be made to Ann Hulse.

OLD BUSINESS

Third Street Parking Updates

President Crawford and Secretary Durstine met with Buddy Miller the PennDOT Municipal services rep this afternoon at the intersection of Bank Street and Third Streets. Buddy agrees this area of the State's road is a problem. There is no signage that this is one road is letting out all this school traffic on to a state road. Any signs would have to be purchased and installed by the Borough. Councilwoman McMunn questioned whether school crossing signs could be painted on the road. Buddy will be in touch.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Committee Reports

Management/Finance

Review budget

Public Works Streets/Properties

President Crawford

Everything is going good. They have dug and repaired 32 water leaks so far this year. The paving repairs for water leaks in the roads started today.

Recreation Board

President Crawford

Still haven't gotten a hold of anyone. Not sure if they have disbanded or not. Councilwoman McMunn questioned if the lock was changed on the building. Still some time to winterize, but if no one comes forward the lock will be removed and replaced.

Recycling/Solid Waste

Councilwoman Griffin

Nothing to report

Comments & Concerns

Councilwoman McMunn

A complaint about trucks being parked in the Borough Garage parking lot was received. President Crawford was able to find out that a local resident that drives truck (no reefer) once and awhile on the weekend parks there. The second truck parked there was the guy with the paver that was doing the Borough roads.

PERSONNEL

President Crawford

Nothing has changed.

EXPENDITURES

Motion by Vice-President Dunham, second by Councilwoman McMunn, and carried unanimously to pay the bills. (10/15-10/28 in the amount of \$23,563.73)

ROUND TABLE

Councilman Dunham was approached by someone that suggested one Township employee and one Borough employee read the meters. President Crawford confirmed this has already been done. He also let Council know that when any State agencies come in Borough employees are no longer allowed to meet one on one.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilwoman McMunn, second by Vice-President Dunham and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by Council

This 11th day of November, 2025

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Council meeting of October 28, 2025.


Diana Durstine, Secretary