

**Minutes of Reorganization  
Oakmont Borough Council**

**243 (Final)  
January 4, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Reorganization Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Fescemyer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION PRESENTED**

Mayor Fescemyer called for the Certificates of Election of all those elected to office in November 2015. Ms. Jensen stated that the Certificates of Election from William E. Benusa, George Coulter and Timothy J. Favo for four-year terms of office had been handed over to her and appeared to be in order.

**SWEARING IN**

Those newly elected to Oakmont Borough Council were asked to come forward and be sworn in. Mayor Fescemyer administered the Oath of Office to William E. Benusa, George Coulter and Timothy J. Favo.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Fescemyer then asked Mr. Jeroski to call the Roll.

Present: Mr. Briney, Mr. Benusa, Mr. Coulter, Mrs. Facaros, Mr. Favo, Mrs. Friday, and Mr. Whalen, Members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Chief DiSanti; Borough Manager Jensen and Assistant Secretary Jeroski

Visitors: Joy Benusa, Sarabeth Benusa, Alicia Coulter, Ida Gleeson, Mark Gleeson, Maureen McClure, William Peoples, Len Richards, Laurie Saxon and James Trangle

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Fescemyer announced that the floor was now open to accept nominations for the election of Oakmont Borough Council officers.

Mrs. Facaros nominated Thomas J. Briney for the office of Council President.

There being no other nominations for Council President, Mr. Whalen moved to close the nominations. Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Briney was elected Council President.

Next, Mayor Fescemyer announced that the floor was open to accept nominations for the office of Vice President of Oakmont Borough Council.

Mr. Coulter nominated William E. Benusa for the office of Vice President.

There being no other nominations for Council Vice President, Mr. Whalen moved to close the nominations. Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Benusa was elected Vice President of Council.

Finally, Mayor Fescemyer announced that the floor was open to accept nominations for the office of President Pro Tempore of Oakmont Borough Council.

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Mr. Whalen nominated Sophia Facaros for the office of President Pro Tempore. There being no other nominations for President Pro Tempore, Mr. Whalen moved to close the nominations. Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Facaros was elected President Pro Tempore of Council.

**INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mayor Fescemyer congratulated President Briney and Vice President Benusa on their elections as officers of Council. He then handed the gavel over to President Briney.

**Standing Committee Appointments** – President Briney stated that he had not thought about Committee Appointments at that time, but would be in touch with Council Members over the following two days to determine interests and roles. President Briney asked that Council Members make time for a meeting in the morning on January 9, 2016 to discuss goals and visioning for the next two years.

**REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. R1-2016, Extending By-Laws** – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R1-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution readopting and extending the by-laws and approval and adoption thereof.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 14, as **Resolution No. R1-2016**.

**Resolution No. R2-2016, Executing Vouchers** – Mrs. Facaros offered Resolution No. R2-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing the proper officers to execute checks, vouchers, drafts or warrants.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 15, as **Resolution No. R2-2016**.

**Resolution No. R3-2016, Approval of Warrants** – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R3-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing the approval of warrants prior to or between Regular Meetings.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 16, as **Resolution No. R3-2016**.

**Resolution No. R4-2016, Official Publications** – Mr. Whalen offered Resolution No. R4-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution designating *The Valley News Dispatch*, *The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* as the official organs for publication of all required notices for the Borough of Oakmont.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 17, as **Resolution No. R4-2016**.

**Resolution No. R5-2016, Appointing Depositories** – Mr. Benusa offered Resolution No. R5-2016, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing PNC Bank, N. A. and the Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, as the depositories for the funds of the Borough of Oakmont, for the term expiring on the First Monday of January 2018, and continuing thereafter until their successor or successors are duly appointed and qualified, and making other provisions relative thereto.

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Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 18, as **Resolution No. R5-2016**.

**Solicitor Reappointment** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to reappoint Megan M. Ott and the law firm of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm as Borough Solicitor, subject to the legal rates and retainer as outlined in Solicitor Ott's letter of December 14, 2015.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Vacancy Board Chair** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to appoint Frank A. Bonaroti as the Vacancy Board Chair.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Confirm Existing Appointments** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to confirm the reappointments of all other existing Borough officers and employees, including the Borough Treasurer, Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary, the Assistant Borough Secretary and the Borough Engineer, as per Article IV, Section 33-20 of *The Code of the Borough of Oakmont*.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Steve Stock** – Mr. Stock, the owner of a property at 801 Plum Street, expressed concern over the landlord-tenant billing practices of Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company (PAMS) for sewage and garbage billing. Mr. Stock claimed that he could not get PAMS to shut-off water to one of his delinquent tenants. President Briney instructed Ms. Jensen to look into the matter and report back to Mr. Stock.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

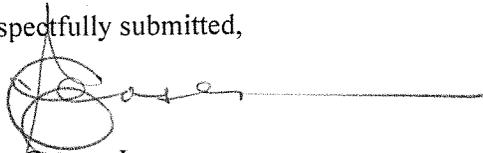
President Briney asked for suggestions from Council Members on how to make meetings more productive and effective. Mr. Favo suggested making Council Work Sessions more informal, and controlling access to the Borough Solicitor to limit legal fees. Mrs. Friday recommended establishing a chain-of-command for assigning work to employees and the Solicitor. Mr. Whalen suggested having two weeks between the Council Work Session and Regular Meeting to allow more time for gathering information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Scott moved to adjourn the meeting to the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council. Mr. Favo seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Cooper Jensen  
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:  
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