

Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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July 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ride in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those who were present and able stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Briney, Colianni, Facaros, Favo, Friday, Whalen, and President Ride; Mayor Fescemyer; Borough Manager Jensen; Assistant Secretary Jeroski; Solicitor Ott

Excused: Chief DiSanti

Visitors: Karen Amodeo, Tom Bland, George Coulter, Donna DeTurck and Deborah Ormay

MOTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

President Ride asked to have a motion to complete the employment contract for Chief DiSanti. She added that Council would adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the matter before returning to vote on the contract.

Ms. Jensen asked to have a discussion added to Executive Session on the pay rate for a returning Police Department employee.

Mr. Whalen requested that the Library Board President be added to the Agenda to give a presentation on the Comcast Cable EG Grant.

Ms. Colianni asked for an update on the Speedway traffic light discussion under Ms. Jensen.

Mr. Whalen offered a motion to add the aforementioned items to Agenda.

Ms. Colianni seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tom Bland – Mr. Bland noted that the Borough would receive \$10,000.00 as a fee for the USGA using Riverside Park for parking during the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club. Mr. Bland, on behalf of the Oakmont Recreation Board, requested that this money be assigned to the Capital Fund (Parks) for use as a match on a potential DCNR Grant. Mrs. Friday asked who will repair the park if it is damaged by vehicles parking on it. Ms. Jensen replied that Oakmont Country Club pays for the repairs, and that they had already supplied a contract that was reviewed by Solicitor Ott. Mr. Bland noted that Creekside Park could also be offered as a parking lot to the USGA. Ms. Jensen will reach out to the USGA to determine their interest in using Creekside Park for parking. Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to commit the expected June 2016 payment of \$10,000.00 from the USGA for using Riverside Park to the Capital Fund (Parks).

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

Mr. Bland discussed the Recreation Board's vision for a trail network along Plum Creek, and discussed the trail's path through various properties. Mr. Bland noted a right-of-way back to the old Borough leaf dump, and requested that the current chain fence preventing vehicular access to the dump be replaced with bollards to allow the right-of-way to be used as a trail. Funds from the Oakmont 5K Run have been assigned to trail development in Creekside Park,

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and Jonathan Dreher has volunteered his time and equipment to build a four-foot trail. There was general discussion among Council about ADA requirements for the trail, optimal size of the trail, the use of removable bollards and the long-term maintenance costs of the trail. President Ride concluded that issues with removing the existing chain fence needed to be cleared with Ms. Jensen before the Recreation Board could proceed.

Deborah Ormay – Ms. Ormay briefed Council on a proposal by the Oakmont Carnegie Library to perform a feasibility study for a public education/government television channel. Ms. Ormay noted Mr. Whalen's previous discussions with the Library Board, and stated that the Library Board had identified two staff members to do the research at a cost of \$20.00 per hour, at a maximum cost of \$4,000.00. The staff members would provide the information to Council for them to make a decision on the matter. President Ride noted this would be paid out of the Comcast Cable EG Grant, which was roughly \$14,000.00. Ms. Ormay added that the library staff would be acting as consultants, and not working during hours they staff the library. Mr. Whalen felt that this was a good price for the work and wanted to proceed. Mrs. Friday questioned whether funds from the Comcast Cable EG Grant could be used to equip the emergency management field office. Mr. Favio disapproved of spending one-third of the grant money on a feasibility study. Mr. Whalen offered a motion to authorize a maximum of \$4,000.00 for Library staff to organize and carry out a feasibility study for an EG Channel in Oakmont.

Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 2, with Mr. Favio and Mrs. Friday voting "Nay".

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public to start the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 8, 2015 Minutes – Ms. Colianni offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2015 as amended.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence that evening.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Riverside Park Adult Swings – President Ride noted the recent completion of adult swings in the lower portion of Riverside Park, funded by the Garden Club.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ott had nothing to report that evening.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Cedar Way Reconstruction Project – Ms. Jensen reported that weather and un-mapped underground utilities had caused delays in the project. Ms. Jensen has asked the contractor for estimates before proceeding with appropriate action to resolve these matters.

Street Department Front Loader – Ms. Jensen informed Council of mechanical problems with the Street Department front loader. Ms. Jensen reported on the costs of renting a front loader. Ms. Colianni requested information on the use and model of the current front loader.

USGA Riverside Park Agreement – Ms. Jensen informed Council that the agreement between the Borough and USGA for use of Riverside Park as a parking lot for the 2016 U.S. Open had been reviewed by the Solicitor.

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Speedway Traffic Signal – Solicitor Ott reported that she had reached out to Speedway representatives to get the Traffic Signal Agreement signed and executed. Mr. Whalen asked about putting a pedestrian signal in place. There was discussion among Council regarding the conditions placed on Speedway during Conditional Use, correspondence with Speedway on the installation of a rapid-fire rectangular flashing beacon and the process for beginning a traffic study on Hulton Road. Ms. Colianni requested all correspondence between Speedway, PennDOT and the Borough. President Ride said the matter will be discussed further in August.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June Police Report – In Chief DiSanti's absence, Ms. Colianni reviewed portions of the June 2015 Police Report for those present, and noted that Police Department had received 370 calls for service and issued 186 Borough parking tickets. Ms. Colianni remarked on police investigations and subsequent arrests of individuals that stole downspouts at the Library and damaged the deck hockey rink. Mr. Favo asked Mayor Fescemyer several questions on matters ranging from a broken police car window to a missing camera on the Borough Building. Mayor Fescemyer replied that he did not know the status of the investigations or repairs. Mrs. Facaros objected to the line of questioning. There was some discussion of the validity of questions not related to the specifics of the Police Report.

June OVFD Report – There was no monthly report from the OVFD that evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee

Warrants – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for June 2015, dated June 30, 2015, including expenditures totaling \$754,214.81 for all funds.

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$561,488.12
Boulevard Project Fund	\$7,913.11
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,477.46
Library Fund	\$31,879.07
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$-0-
Sewer Fund	\$105,477.45
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$961.90
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$10,017.70
Capital Reserve Fund	\$35,000.00

Ms. Colianni asked about phone calls made to Solicitor Ott on delinquent real estate tax bills. Solicitor Ott replied that the calls were in response to notices sent under the Act 20 Ordinance adopted by Council several months ago.

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

WPIAL Championship Celebration – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the donation of \$100.00 to the 50th Anniversary of the Oakmont High School WPIAL Championship Celebration.

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

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to add the Treasurer's 2nd Quarter 2015 Report to the Minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of July 13, 2015.

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

2014 Audit – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to accept the 2014 Audit of the Borough Financial Records Prepared by Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood.

Mr. Whalen noted a previous meeting with the auditor on this report, and requested information on the history of the relationship between the Library and the Borough.

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

Emergency Management Team Responsibilities – Mr. Whalen said he had reviewed documents on the Emergency Management Team and would be meeting with the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator to see what resources are needed for them to perform their role in the Borough.

Engineering & Public Works Committee

Resolution No. R30-2015, Grant for ARB Restoration – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R30-2015, and moved for its adoption, a Resolution submitting a grant to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Allegheny River Boulevard Restoration Project.

Mr. Jeroski discussed the different amounts that could be applied for, and the Borough's contribution of 30% of the project cost. It was the consensus of Council commit to a \$400,000.00 project. Ms. Jensen noted the application would go through the Allegheny Valley North COG.

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

President Ride declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 1, as **Resolution No. R30-2015**.

Rock Salt Price – Mr. Favo offered a motion to accept the Rock Salt bid of Cargill, Inc., via the SHACOG, for the 2015-2016 Winter Season at a cost of \$69.29 per ton.

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

Cedar Way Reconstruction – Mr. Favo remarked that issues regarding unmarked underground utilities were not surprising. Mr. Whalen added that the Borough needed to commit to completing the project. Mr. Favo and Ms. Jensen concurred.

Planning and Land Use Committee

Folino Bulk Storage Buildings – Mr. Briney offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Oakmont Planning Commission to approve the Final Land Development Application of A. Folino Construction, Inc. for Two Bulk Materials or Machinery Storage Buildings at 105 Dark Hollow Road.

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

Culture, Library, & Recreation Committee

Resolution No. R31-2015, Grant for ARB Restoration – Mrs. Facaros offered Resolution No. R31-2015, and moved for its adoption, a Resolution supporting a multi-jurisdictional effort to develop the Allegheny Blueway Vision.

Ms. Colianni seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Ride declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 2, as **Resolution No. R31-2015**.

Resolution No. R32-2015, DCNR Peer to Peer – Mr. Facaros offered Resolution No. R32-2015, and moved for its adoption, a Resolution submitting an application to DCNR's Peer to Peer Grant Program for the Twin Boros Recreation Coordinator.

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

President Ride declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 3, as **Resolution No. R32-2015**.

Personnel, Boulevard Project & Shade Tree Committee

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Mrs. Friday had nothing to report that evening.

Public Safety Committee

Light Duty Policy – Ms. Colianni offered a motion to approve the Light Duty Policy, dated May 6, 2015, for the Full-Time Patrol Officers of the Borough of Oakmont Police Department.

Mr. Favo announced his opposition to the policy, as he felt it cost the Borough money without apparent need and antagonized employees. Mr. Whalen noted the prevalence of the policy among other municipalities. Mr. Briney, Mrs. Friday and President Ride announced their conflicted feelings on the policy. Mr. Briney and Mrs. Friday both expressed their support for the policy as way of boosting morale in the Police Department, provided that Council communicated the intent of the policy to the officers. President Ride said she was not opposed to Light Duty, but felt that the matter should be collectively bargained so that employees could buy into it. Ms. Colianni noted that Solicitor Ott had explained to Council that Light Duty fell under managerial prerogative, and the Mayor and Chief wanted this tool.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 2, with Mr. Favo and President Ride voting “Nay”.

Kennywood Day Picnic Policy – Mr. Whalen stated previous Borough policy of letting the non-union employees leave at 1:00 PM on the day of the Oakmont-Verona Community Kennywood Picnic. There was discussion among Council about how Police and Library employees, as well as union staff, could have access to this benefit, and the spirit of the existing policy. Ms. Colianni asked that Ms. Jensen send out letters to all department heads on the policy next year.

Chief of Police Contract – Ms. Colianni offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:08 PM.

President Ride reconvened the Council Meeting at 9:21 PM. Ms. Colianni offered a motion that Council enter into an employment agreement between the Borough and David DiSanti, beginning January 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2019.

Mr. Briney seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 1, with Mr. Favo voting “Nay.” In explaining his “Nay” vote, Mr. Favo claimed he was uncomfortable binding future Councils and locking in non-capital expenditures contractually.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public at the end of the meeting.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS – President Ride referred those present to the list of public meetings itemized in the Agenda, noting that dates were correct as of publication of the Agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no Miscellaneous Items that evening.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

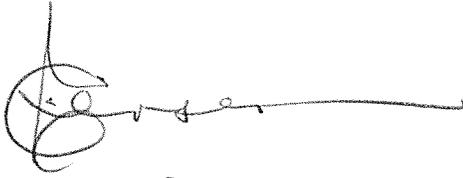
There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Whalen offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Briney seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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