

**Oakmont Borough Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**78 (Final)**  
**October 16, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Briney 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 Benusa, Coulter, Facaros, Favo, Friday, Whalen and President Briney; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Turnbull; and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Sal Colella, Carrie Del Rosso, George Frederic, Thelma Handon, Dave Ivanek, Les Leasure, Justin Lokay, Joe McAndrew, Jane Miller, Rose O'Connor, Deb Ormay, Bill Peoples, Bertha Shearer, Laurie Saxon, Laurie Sliben, Tanya Strausbaugh, Natalie Talpas, Kate Tunney, and Dennis Zerega

**REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

**Treasurer's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017 Report** – Treasurer Fred Favo presented his 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report to Council. He reviewed each fund to Council, and advised Council to monitor the Library Funds for the HVAC repairs. He also addressed the balance of \$147,000 needed for the \$195,000 Borough match for the ARB restoration grant, in particular.

**Oakmont Carnegie Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report** – Library Board Chair, Deb Ormay, presented to Council the Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report. She highlighted programs, fundraising efforts, and the current increase in Library hours.

Mr. Coulter requested the expenditures on book purchases for the past five years and a definition of the State's calculation formula for book purchases.

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Mr. Benusa inquired into the completion date of the HVAC work. Ms. Ormay believed it would be completed by the end of October.

**Refuse Collection** – Ms. Bertha Shearer made a complaint against Republic Services. She told Council that she had been missed multiple times and was not satisfied with their services.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Brooks & Blair, LLC Modification Request** –Kate Tunney, principal with Rothschild Doyno Collaborative, briefly explained the revisions for Council approval later that evening.

**Sweet Properties, LLC Motions on Agenda** – David Ivanek with Bankson Engineers, Inc. provided an overview of the two motions on the Agenda for Council approval later that evening. Council decided that the two new motions were appropriate for clarity.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**September 18, 2017 Minutes** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2017.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

President Briney had a minor correction on page 99, last paragraph under Preliminary Site Plan Approval, Oakmont Bakery. He wanted the statement added “As a clarification, it was noted and confirmed that a second entrance/exit was part of the current site plan and that it had been reviewed by PennDOT.”

The motion passed 7 to 0, as amended.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated October 2, 2017, from Oakmont Planning Commission who recommended approval on the request for Modification of Lot Line Revisions, Nos. 5, 6, & 7, Brooks & Blair, LLC.

Ms. Jensen read an email per the writer's request, dated October 8, 2017, from Laura Gaither Lowe regarding the One-Way Trial Period for Cedar Way.

Ms. Jensen stated that all letters and comments about Cedar Way had been passed along to Council.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Briney had nothing to report that evening.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Grading Permit Appeal Hearing of Peter Dailey** - Solicitor Turnbull reported that the Dailey appeal hearing had been scheduled for October 23, 2017 before Council.

**Gas & Oil Ordinance Status** - Solicitor Turnbull related to Council that along with the second draft distributed, she included a sample ordinance from South Fayette.

Mr. Benusa asked if the land use chart would be amended and provided to Council for review. Solicitor Turnbull said she would provide it for the next Work Session.

President Briney said the draft with an amended land use chart should go back to the Oakmont Planning Commission for review. He also addressed the public explaining that this draft was in the preliminary stages and once it was more defined, would be available to the public.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Fescemyer had nothing to report that evening.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Municipal Building Repairs** – Manager Jensen stated that the basement under the Police Station had water running out of the foundation walls. There were several areas in the garages that had structural damage from water issues. Ms. Jensen explained that she was working with the Borough Engineer to get estimates to repair the damage.

**Riverside Park**– Manager Jensen updated Council on the track restoration. She met with EPD who was in agreement of the \$70,000 repair estimate. During this restoration, an arborist would be used to advise which trees should be taken out around the track, and which could remain.

Ms. Jensen also stated that the grading of the Second Avenue slope for another ADA ramp in Riverside Park would be done by Liberoni, prior to paving it.

**Knotweed Removal for Plum Creek Gravel Bar Project** - Manager Jensen discussed with Dave Ivanek from Bankson Engineering about the \$25,000 charge for the first treatment to remove knotweed. The Borough park crew would cut down the plants before a hired certified technician would apply the herbicide. Mr. Ivanek said that the herbicide needed to be applied before the first frost of the season to be effective.

**Civil Service New Certified List of Three**– Manager Jensen stated that there was now a second Certified List of Three. She asked Council for possible interview dates. Mr. Favo wanted to know about Officer Geppert's status, to be discussed in Executive Session later that night, before committing to another interview.

Mr. Coulter thought, to be fair, that the previous two candidates would need to be interviewed again even if they were interviewed previously.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Finance & Technology**

**September Warrants** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for September 2017, dated September 30, 2017, including expenditures totaling **\$540,107.33** for all funds:

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<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
General Fund	\$215,431.38
Boulevard Project Fund	\$4,521.93
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,445.65
Library Fund	\$36,265.12
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$229,751.40
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$52,691.85
Capital Fund (Roads)	-0-
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

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

**Environment**

Mr. Benusa asked the Assistant Borough Manager, Carol Moore, about the Pedestrian Transportation Plan recently funded through Walkworks grant. Ms. Moore explained that the Pedestrian Transportation Plan was a stand-alone document to expand upon the Borough of Oakmont's Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Safety**

**Full-Time Officer** - Mr. Coulter offered a motion to ratify the hiring of Gilbert Stubbs to the position of Full-Time Patrol Officer for the Oakmont Police Department.

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

**Education/Recreation**

Mrs. Facaros had nothing to report that evening.

**Public Works**

**Preliminary Subdivision/Lot Line Consolidation**– Mr. Favio offered a motion to approve the Preliminary Subdivision/Consolidation Plan for 306 Hulton Road/ 828 Third Street, dated August 10, 2017, and owned by Sweet Properties Oakmont, LLC, and pending review by Allegheny County Planning Division.

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

**Preliminary Site Plan** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan of 306 Hulton Road/ 828 Third Street, owned by Sweet Properties Oakmont, LLC, to include a waiver from the View Protection Overlay requirements for 50% pervious surfaces, as presented to the Commission on August 24, 2017 and pending review by the Borough Engineer and the Allegheny County Planning Division.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 1. Council Member Whalen voted “Nay,” due to his opinion that the traffic studies were incomplete.

**Beacon Reassignment** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to reassign the \$48,000 that had originally been budgeted for the Flashing Beacon, formerly in the capital Reserve Fund and currently in the Capital (Roads) Fund, specifically for the 2018 ARB Restoration Project.

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

**Administration/Culture**

Mrs. Friday had nothing to report that evening.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

There were no miscellaneous items that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Citizens to Protect Oakmont** – Natalie Talpas updated Council on the recent activities of the advocacy group Citizens to Protect Oakmont. She said this group was learning about nearby gas well plans and thanked Oakmont Borough Council on the new Oil & Gas Ordinance being drafted.

**Draft Oil & Gas Ordinance** – Tanya Strausbaugh commended the Borough Solicitor on her responsible work with the new Oil & Gas Ordinance. She did not want to see Oakmont involved in expensive legal costs defending an irresponsible new Ordinance.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Whalen offered a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore  
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary