

Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Benusa 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 Coulter, DelRosso, Favo, Friday, Lokay, Powers, and President Benusa; Mayor Whaley; Solicitor Turnbull; and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Joanne Anderson, Sal Colella, Brian Crooks, Ryan Ehrlich, Tim Harviten, Jerry Kenna, William McElligott, Sue Martin, John Murray, Vanessa Russo, Kassandra Stotler, Bill Tomlinson, Joe Young, and Wanda Young

ALLEGHENY RIVER BOULEVARD RESTORATION CONTRACT

Bid Opening - Manager Jensen opened the bids received for the Allegheny River Boulevard and Washington Ave Brick Restoration and Trench Contract. The bids were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>
Kishmo, Inc.	\$352,750.00	10% of Bid
BCI	\$347,974.40	10% of Bid
Pampena L/C Inc.	\$404,608.00	10% of Bid

The bids were sent to Amber Yon, P.E., Borough Engineer, for review.

The Contract will be awarded at the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018.

COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Resolution No. R24-2018 – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R24-2018 and moved for its adoption, appointing David Brankley as a member of the Vacancy Board.

Mr. Lokay seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 104, as **Resolution No. R24-2018**

Resolution No. R25-2018 – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R25-2018 and moved for its adoption, appointing David Lowry as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 105, as **Resolution No. R25-2018**

Resolution No. R26-2018 – Mrs. DelRosso offered Resolution No. R26-2018 and moved for its adoption, appointing Brian Crooks as a member of the Oakmont Shade Tree Commission.

Mrs. Powers seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 106, as **Resolution No. R26-2018**

Resolution No. R27-2018 – Mrs. DelRosso offered Resolution No. R27-2018 and moved for its adoption, appointing John Murray, Jr. a member of the Oakmont Boulevard Project.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion.

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The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 107, as **Resolution No. R27-2018**

Swearing -In - Mayor Whaley swore in Brian Crooks and John Murray, Jr.. David Brankley and David Lowry were not present.

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Parks Scheduling Software – Ryan Ehrlich, Oakmont Recreation Board, presented information on renting out and scheduling park assets through an online software program called Gym Dandy. Mr. Ehrlich demonstrated to Council how the program would work.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no comment from the public at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2018 Minutes – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated March 23, 2018, from Ray Rogers, Jr. as Oakmont Chamber President, regarding their support for Library compliance of the RAD spending requirements.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated March 28, 2018, from Richard S. Yakupkovic, of PennDOT, regarding installation of ADA curb ramps along Plum Street and Hulton Road this summer.

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Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated April 2, 2018, from Todd M. Kravits of PennDOT, regarding the results of a three-way stop sign study at Dark Hollow Road and Plum Street. PennDOT study denied the need for a three-way stop sign at that intersection.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated April 9, 2018, from Ed Lupico from the PA Bureau of Library Development regarding the approval of the Keystone Grant Library Specifications Bid documents.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Benusa said he would explain a situation involving stormwater issues in Falling Springs Park and the Fifth Street Extension later tonight on the agenda.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Act 172- Volunteer Tax Credits – Solicitor Turnbull said she wanted to look at the criteria to receive the credit and the set up by the Oakmont Fire Department. Manager Jensen said the Fire Chief was working on the criteria now.

Pension Restatement Ordinance – Solicitor Turnbull said she was still in discussion with Mockenhaupt.

Ethics Statement – Solicitor Turnbull reminded Council that Ethics Statements needed to be turned in to the Borough by May 1st.

Social Media Training – Solicitor Turnbull reminded Council of the Social Media Training Session at 6 PM on May 7th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whaley summarized the monthly Police and Fire Departments reports.

Police Department Motorcycle Resale – Mayor Whaley announced that the Police Department would be selling their motorcycle. He proposed the purchase of Oakmont police Department bicycles, instead.

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BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Amber Yon provided an overview on the most relevant projects she was working on. Regarding the ARB and Washington Avenue brick restoration and trench project, Mr. Favo asked if there were any Alternatives contained in the bid. Ms. Yon stated there were none. Mr. Favo requested the crosswalk near the Oakmont Deli be added to the bid for the intersection of Pennsylvania and ARB contract.

Ms. Yon discussed the landslide on Dark Hollow Road. She explained that main cause for this slide was due to nature and weather. She recommended a "watch and see" approach for now, and regular maintenance of the swale along Dark Hollow Road.

Ms. Yon requested from Council to prioritize her project list.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Keystone Grant Update -The Borough Manager stated the bid was ready for advertisement.

Report of Duck Bill Installation at Leone's Pizza- Manager Jensen said the recommendation from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent was to wait and see if the duck bill installed behind Ted Sokol's property on Plum Street worked first before buying one near Leone's Pizza.

Dark Hollow Woods Fence Repairs/Garden Club Contribution - Manager Jensen met with the Garden Club about the beginning to repair the perimeter fence around Dark Hollow Woods. The Garden Club donated \$1,000 towards the repair, for which Manager Jensen said the Borough was grateful.

2018 Paving Projects - Manager Jensen provided the Paving List to Council:

Street	From	To
Pennsylvania	2nd	River
Ann	Allegheny Ave	River
12th	Maryland	Dead End
Allegheny Avenue	Hulton	Dead End
View	Leger's Rear	Beginning of Pavement
Commons	New London	#236

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Greer	California	College
Gum	California	Dead End
Ironwood	Delaware	Washington
Cedar	Ann	Chelsea Entrance
Boro Driveway	Police Station	Fire Hall

Mr. Favo had several changes and additions to request.

Council began discussions on the 2018 paving list.

Mr. Bill McElligott requested that Council put Seventh Street at Hulton back on the list of streets to be paved.

Mrs. Friday offered a motion to request estimates from the Borough Engineer for the following:

- Correct Commons Drive to be paved from House #221 to the dead end of the street
- 7th Street off Hulton Road
- Boat Ramp at the western terminus of California Avenue
- 13th from Pennsylvania to Hulton – provide estimates for **both** paving and spot paving
- Maple Way
- 14th – spot paving
- Crystal Drive – spot paving
- View Street between the south end of the road to the pad facing the 2nd floor of the Leger building on Plum Street
- Greer Way
- Borough Street Department Driveway

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

Riverside Park Track Repairs and Tree Removals – Manager Jensen said the estimate to repair the 5 bumps on the track was over \$100,000. Council wanted to know the amount for a full track replacement. Council agreed to ask the Riverview School District about sharing the costs.

Mudslide Costs – Manager Jensen went over the \$30,685 amount currently expended for the mudslide remediation on Dark Hollow Road from the General Fund.

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Mr. Lokay offered a motion for past and future expenses related to the mudslide to come from the Capital Reserve Fund, Line Item #279.500, Emergency Reserve Fund.

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

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Finance & Technology

March Warrants– Mr. Lokay offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for March 2018, dated March 30, 2018, including expenditures totaling **\$352,143.59** for the following funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$139,554.70
Boulevard Project Fund	\$11,159.77
Kerr Museum Fund	\$20,581.94
Library Fund	\$27,947.59
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$152,899.59
Capital Fund (Parks)	-0-
Capital Fund (Roads)	-0-
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

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

2019 Sewer Bond – Mr. Lokay offered a motion to rescind the Sewer Fund motion made at the March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting to prepay the 2019 Sewer Bond and purchase a CD instead.

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

Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM), Banner Community – Mr. Lokay wanted to add to the next Work Session agenda about becoming a Banner Community.

ALOM Annual Conference – Mr. Lokay summarized the Annual Conference.

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Administration/Planning

Zoning Amendments –Mrs. Friday stated that the Zoning Amendments would be sent to Kay Pierce with Allegheny County Planning for her feedback. Once Council reviews those comments, the Borough can advertise and conduct a Public Meeting on the various amendments.

Setbacks for the Oil and Gas Amendment was currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Park Maintenance Projects – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the top five park system maintenance projects, secure estimates and determine a maintenance schedule for implementation, with the top three are priorities with remaining two acted on as funding is available:

- 1.) Creekside Bank Erosion Abatement
- 2.) Bocce Court ADA Requirements
- 3.) Dark Hollow Woods – Spring Trail Railroad Tie Wall and Drainage
- 4.) Basketball Court
- 5.) Falling Springs Stormwater Issues

President Benusa suggested adding straw bales staked into the hillside in Falling Springs Park to slow water erosion.

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

Environment/Recreation

Resolution No. R28-2018 – Mrs. Powers offered Resolution No. R28-2018 and moved for its adoption, implementing the consideration of health in all future policy development.

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

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 108, as **Resolution No. R28-2018**

Resolution No. R29-2018 – Mrs. Powers offered Resolution No. R29-2018 and moved for its adoption, closing the Keystone Grant Project BRC-TAG-21-2, Twin Boros Recreation Coordinator Peer Study.

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

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 109, as **Resolution No. R29-2018**

Resolution No. R30-2018 – Mrs. Powers offered Resolution No. R30-2018 and moved for its adoption, authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the Riverview Athletic Association (RAA) for the exclusive use of adding field and parking lot lighting to Creekside Park, and for the construction of a pavilion and an onsite storage building.

Mr. Lokay seconded the motion.

Mr. Bill Tomlinson, President of the RAA, said the RAA would be the applicant and the Mellon Foundation Grant funds would be donated to the Recreation Board.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 110, as **Resolution No. R30-2018**

Public Safety

Sale of Police Department Motorcycle – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to approve the advertisement for sale of the Police Department motorcycle on Municibid.

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

Mr. Coulter said he would be meeting with Bob Rizzo and Margaret DiNinno about school safety issues soon and about conducting a tabletop session with First responders and the School.

Education/Cultural

Keystone/Library Maintenance Project – Mrs. DelRosso offered a motion to advertise for bid requests for the Keystone Library Maintenance Project.

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

2018 Library RAD Funding – Mrs. DelRosso said would not be rescinding her motion of March 19, 2018 until she meets with the Library Board later in the week.

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Mr. Lokay then offered a motion to rescind the motion made at the March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting to delete certain budget items from the 2018 Library Fund Balance to finance the 12% material requirement for RAD funding.

Mrs. Powers seconded the motion.

Council debated their recollections of the April Work Session Library discussion.

On a called vote, the votes on the motion to rescind the motion of March 19, 2018, were as follows:

Council Member	Vote
Mr. Coulter	Nay
Mrs. DelRosso	Nay
Mr. Favo	Nay
Mrs. Friday	Nay
Mr. Lokay	Aye
Mrs. Powers	Aye
President Benusa	Nay

The motion failed 2 to 5.

The Nays supported discussion with the Library Board prior to a vote to rescind.

Public Works

Duckbill Installation – Mr. Favo preferred to install the duckbill at Leone’s Pizza instead of waiting.

Mr. Favo offered a motion to install the duckbill at both locations, Ted Sokol’s and Leone’s Pizza.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

Mr. Lokay voted “Nay” on the motion due to his opinion to follow the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent’s recommendation.

The motion passed 6 to 1.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no Miscellaneous items discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stormwater Run-off – Wanda Young showed pictures to Council of her neighbor's stormwater running into her property. Solicitor Turnbull recommended the conversation wait until after the Dailey appeal hearing.

Riverside Track – Kassandra Stotler stated that the residents feel secondary in importance on track usage and wanted to voice her opinion that the Riverview School pay the majority of the Track repairs.

Oakmont Tree Canopy – Brian Crooks, member of the Oakmont Shade Tree Commission, informed Council that the Oakmont tree canopy has continued to decrease over the past five years.

Riverside Track – Sal Colella told Council that he does not want the Borough to pay for the track repairs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 10:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary