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**April 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM 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

Excused: None

Visitors: Vickie DiSanti Carlson, John Griffin Conley, Dawn Marie Dern, Anthony Duryea, Sergeant Jack Eaton, Ryan Ehrlich, Officer Matthew Evan, Fred Favo, Lori Hummel, Sarah Hummel, Katie Lascola, Justin Lokay, Joe McAndrew, Joseph Maggio, Lou Marinacci, Beth Mellor, Officer Trevor Okonak, Deborah Ormay, Leah Powers, Dolly Provenza, Cheryl Rickens, Eric Ritter, Abi Schurer, Marc Serrao, Chris Shavely, Officer Stephen Turpin, William Wengerd, Joseph Young, Wanda Young

**OFFICER RECOGNITION**

Mr. Duryea from Lower Valley Ambulance Service commended Oakmont Police Sergeant Jack Eaton, Patrol Officers Stephen Turpin, Matt Evan and Trevor Okonak for two separate incidents of resuscitation performed on citizens in the Borough of Oakmont.

Cheryl Rickens, co-chair of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association, also presented plaques and a pin to each officer.

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**REGISTERD SPEAKERS**

**Treasurer's 1st Quarter 2017 Report** - Treasurer Fred Favo presented his 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report to those present. He highlighted the shortage in the General Fund due to the recent purchase of the OVFD Fire Truck. The Treasurer suggested the Kerr Museum Board invest \$250,000 in a CD, and stated that Council should review the Oakmont Carnegie Library Endowment requirements with an eye towards liquid assets in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Benusa thanked Mr. Favo for his work on the Quarterly Report.

**BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Resolution No. R18-2017** – Mr. Benusa offered Resolution No. R18-2017 and moved for its adoption, a resolution reappointing Nick Kokales, a member of the Oakmont Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Oakmont, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the expiration of his term.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 67 as **Resolution No. R18-2017**.

**Resolution No. R19-2017** – Mrs. Facaros offered Resolution No. R19-2017 and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Ryan Ehrlich, a member of the Oakmont Recreation Board of the Borough of Oakmont, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Douglas E. Myers.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 68, as **Resolution No. R19-2017**.

**Swearing – In** - Mayor Fescemyer swore in Ryan Ehrlich.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Katie Lascola** – Ms. Lascola shared a “Mission Moment” for the Oakmont Carnegie Library with Council illustrating the varied tasks required of the Librarians such as teaching a person how to use the computer and Internet to obtain employment.

**Library Keystone Grant** – Library Director Beth Mellor addressed the funding requirements of the \$43,000 2017 Keystone Grant awarded to the Library. The required matching funds from the Borough have already been accounted for the HVAC repairs. Ms. Mellor reminded Council about the Taste of Two Towns event on May 21, 2017 and a High School Art Show on May 4, 2017, and encouraged their participation.

**Other Library Issues** – Library Board Chair Deborah Ormay acknowledged the request Council made for prior notice of any grant applications prepared by the Library. Ms. Ormay also addressed the stipulation for RAD funding that at least 12% of their budget should be for books and materials. If the Library does not increase spending on books to 12%, she expressed concern that the Library could lose their RAD funding.

Council Member Tim Favo inquired as to how long the Library was under the 12% mark. Ms. Ormay said for the last five years. Mr. Whalen asked President Briney about the future plans to have the Finance Committee meet with the Library. President Briney replied that the meeting would be held at the end of April.

Noting that the school year was almost over, Ms. Ormay said the Library Board felt that increasing Library hours should wait to be looked at once school begins again in September.

**Sarah Hummel** – Ms. Hummel, owner of Amazing Yoga Oakmont, asked Council about her request to close a section of Allegheny River Blvd for a solstice yoga event to benefit Alzheimer’s research. She stated that she did ask the business owners in the 600 block of Allegheny River Boulevard if they objected, and no one did.

Mr. Favo asked for the time span of the closure, Ms. Hummel stated it would be from 6:45 PM to 8:15 PM.

Ms. Jensen asked why Riverview Park would not be more appropriate than the street. Ms. Hummel said her patrons preferred the idea of using Allegheny River Boulevard to increase awareness of yoga and Alzheimer’s disease.

**Joseph Maggio** – Mr. Maggio requested that the 700 block of Allegheny River Boulevard from Pennsylvania Avenue to Virginia Avenue be repaved due to its

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poor condition. He also said the intersection of Allegheny River Boulevard was a "disgrace." President Briney explained that it is very expensive to restore brick streets and so we must do it in sections, prioritized by the condition and busyness of each section of the Boulevard.

**Joe Young** – Dr. Young addressed once again his issues with the Dailey's on Eleventh Street. Dr. Young requested that he receive copies of any correspondence concerning this issue. President Briney noted that this issue would be discussed further in Executive Session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 20, 2017 Minutes** – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0, Mr. Whalen abstained because he was not in attendance on March 20, 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence that evening.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Briney had no remarks that evening.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Turnbull had nothing to report that evening.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Fescemyer had nothing to report that evening.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**2017 Paving Projects** – Manager Jensen read aloud the list of streets that had been selected for the 2017 Paving Project. They were Fourth Street, between Washington and Delaware; Fifth Street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania; St.

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Andrews Drive, between Oak and Merion; New London Lane, between Commons and Dark Hollow; Canterbury Court; Wade Lane, between Oak Glen and Northern Terminus; Ironwood Way, between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Mr. Benusa asked for a written list to be distributed to Council. Mr. Favo requested the Borough Engineer to suppose from \$100,000 to \$150,000 above the current paving budget of \$275,000 that could be taken from the \$250,000 budgeted for catch basins and sinkhole repairs.

Mr. Whalen asked what line item the paving of Dark Hollow Road was in, and whether it would be half or the full road paved. Manager Jensen noted that the same line item as other paving held the funds for Dark Hollow Road, and that Oakmont Borough Council had agreed last work session on April 3, 2017 to provide materials for the entire road at a cost estimated by Folino at \$41,000.

**Huntley & Huntley Public Meeting-** Manager Jensen told Council that she was working on scheduling a date for a separate public meeting to discuss their request to install sensor nodes underground around town towards the end of May.

**PennDOT Work on Allegheny Avenue at Pennsylvania Avenue** – Ms. Jensen informed Council that PennDOT, in addition to installing ADA ramps along Allegheny Avenue, also agreed to take care of the ponding at the Allegheny Avenue and Pennsylvania intersection. PennDOT has proposed a catch basin there and will communicate further with Ms. Jensen about the plan.

**Allegheny River Boulevard Restoration** – Manager Jensen said the \$205,000 DCED – CFA grant for the Allegheny River Boulevard restoration would fund the section of Allegheny River Boulevard between the middle of Delaware Avenue to the corner of Washington Avenue. A trench drain and two catch basins would also be installed at Washington Avenue and Allegheny River Boulevard. Mr. Favo pointed out that this area was different than the section previously discussed by Mr. Maggio. Ms. Jensen noted that the grant application included only the areas she just mentioned, and not the 700 block of Virginia Avenue.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Finance & Technology**

**March Warrants** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for March 2017, dated March 31, 2017, including expenditures totaling **\$465,437.91** for all funds:

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Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$254,703.06
Boulevard Project Fund	\$8,194.55
Kerr Museum Fund	\$11,219.08
Library Fund	\$26,452.44
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$161,644.29
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$2,582.49
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$642.00
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

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

Mr. Whalen informed Council that his AV update to Council Chambers should be installed by early May.

**Environment**

**Report on Commons Storm Water Issues** - Mr. Benusa reported on two possible options to alleviate excessive storm water run-off at the rear of Commons Drive. One was to install a hard pipe to drain the water properly, another was to let it flow naturally through swales and ditches.

Mr. Benusa asked the Borough Engineer for his views on the water problems occurring there. Mr. Wengerd noted potential Right-of Way problems to effect any repairs.

Council agreed to have the Borough Engineer prepare an initial understanding on the parameters of the easements.

**Report on Erosion under Hulton Bridge** – Mr. Benusa informed Council that there were the beginnings of erosion under the Hulton Bridge and was waiting on review by the PennDOT maintenance department.

**Public Safety**

Mr. Coulter had nothing to report that evening.

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**Education/Recreation**

**Resolution No. R21-2017** – Mrs. Facaros offered Resolution No. R21-2017, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant Program.

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

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 70, as **Resolution No. R21-2017**.

**Yearly Park Schedule** – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to establish the yearly schedule from the beginning of March to the end of November for all Borough Parks employees.

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

**Public Works**

**Specifications for the Paving of Dark Hollow Road** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications for the paving of Dark Hollow Road.

Mr. Benusa seconded the motion.

Mr. Benusa asked Mr. Wengerd about his design and if there would be a Right-of-Way issue. Mr. Wengerd said he would use existing lines.

Ms. Jensen said that Mr. Folino wanted to add drainage and would discuss with Mr. Wengerd.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

**Fund Balance Policy** – Mr. Whalen presented a revision to Council of the Fund Balance Policy. Mr. Favo said he was satisfied with Mr. Whalen's revisions.

Mr. Favo offered a motion to accept the Fund Balance Policy as presented by Mr. Whalen on April 17, 2017.

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

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**Administration/Culture**

**Resolution No. R20-2017** – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R20-2017, and moved for its adoption, a resolution supporting the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund Grant for the Library, and ensuring the long-range use of the Library.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion. Mr. Whalen wanted to amend the budget to add these grant monies before the scheduled Finance Meeting. President Briney said it will be on the Agenda. Ms. Jensen said that would not be necessary, especially since there was no assurance the grant money would come in this budget year.

Mrs. Friday asked if transferring the building and maintenance costs to the General Fund Budget in the future would influence the percentage of monies spent on books. Ms. Jensen said this issue had been discussed before, with no decision made.

The motion which passed 7 to 0.

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 69, as **Resolution No. R20-2017**.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

There were no miscellaneous items that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.



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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen  
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:  
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