

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

**265 (Final)**  
**May 2, 2016**

**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; Borough Manager Jensen; Solicitor Ott

Excused: Chief DiSanti, Mayor Fescemyer, Mr. Jeroski

Visitors: Brian Almeter, Jack Artman, Bruce Corna, Donna DeTurck, Robert Gravelle, Sue Martin, Shelley Shadle, Bertha Shearer, William Wengerd

**REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no registered comments from the public that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Bertha Shearer** – Ms. Shearer asked why the monthly Police Department and OVFD reports were no longer read out loud at the Council Meetings. President Briney replied that the reports were still being submitted and reviewed by Council Members, just not read out loud, in keeping with Council's goal to shorten the duration of meetings.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to be read that evening.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 4, 2016 Minutes** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Work Session of April 4, 2016, as written.

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

**April 11, 2016 Minutes** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2016, as written.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**Plum Creek Project** – President Briney stated Bankson Engineers would be submitting plans for the Plum Creek Streambank Restoration and Gravel Bar Removal Project to DEP for permitting review. President Briney stated that as much of the construction work as possible would be funded with grants the Borough intended to pursue through the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

**Financing Committee Update** – President Briney remarked that the Finance Committee would be meeting with Mockenhaupt's Bill Asay, the Borough's Actuary, to discuss the state of the Borough's pension funds. The Finance Committee was also waiting for a report from the OVFD on the total costs for a new fire engine.

**Lower Valley Ambulance Service Meeting** – President Briney recently attended a meeting of Lower Valley Ambulance Service for those municipalities in their coverage area. President Briney stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss financial difficulties that all emergency medical service organizations are experiencing right now.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Solicitor Ott had nothing to report that evening.

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

**2016 Paving Projects** – Ms. Jensen asked that Council would authorize bids for the 2016 Paving Program that evening, and would subsequently select the streets to be paved at the May 9, 2016 Work Session to get the project moving along.

**ARB Intersection Reconstruction** – Ms. Jensen asked that Council also authorize the Engineer to draw up specifications to reconstruct the intersection of Allegheny River Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue, and install a trench drain to capture stormwater runoff.

**Rapid-Fire Pedestrian Flashing Beacon** – Ms. Jensen reported that PennDOT had denied the Borough’s request to fund the placement of a \$70,000.00 rapid-fire rectangular flashing beacon at the intersection of Third Street and Hulton Road. Ms. Jensen added that PennDOT would also not install the beacon, as had been previously supposed. President Briney, who had previously spoken with PennDOT’s Project Manager, said that PennDOT’s ability to install a beacon light at this intersection was hampered by the close-out with the contractor on the Hulton Bridge Replacement Project. Mrs. Friday suggested using a combination of patrol officers and auxiliary police to watch the intersection. There was some continued discussion among Council about improving pedestrian safety at the intersection during the weeks remaining in the school year.

**Donation Policy Update** – Ms. Jensen reported that Solicitor Ott was revising the Donation Policy Resolution, as per the previous discussion before Council and a meeting with Ms. Jensen, and that the revised Resolution would be ready for discussion at the May 9, 2016 Work Session.

**Storm Sewer Repairs** – Ms. Jensen noted that there had been cost overruns on several of the repairs needed to the Borough’s catch basins and storm sewer system. Ms. Jensen reported that a collapsed sewer wall at 720 Fourth Street (in Dogwood Way) needed emergency repairs, at a cost of \$29,900.00, and repairs to the storm sewer line in that area would cost \$9,985.00. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with these repairs. There was minor discussion where the funds would come from to pay for these repairs, with a decision finally being reached to take the money out of the Capital Fund (Roads).

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**April Police Report** – President Briney noted that the April 2016 Police Report would be presented at the May 9, 2016 Work Session.

**April OVFD Report** – Council Members reviewed the April 2016 OVFD Report at their desks.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**April Warrants** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for April 2016, dated April 27, 2016, including expenditures totaling \$483,832.98 for all funds.

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$194,312.11
Boulevard Project Fund	\$13,423.50
Kerr Museum Fund	\$216,587.65
Library Fund	\$28,970.94
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$-0-
Sewer Fund	\$139,391.83

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Capital Fund (Parks)	\$3,389.00
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$12,593.31
Capital Reserve Fund	\$365,000.00

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

**Environment**

Mr. Benusa had nothing to report that evening.

**Public Safety**

**Ordinance No. O23-2016, USGA Temporary Drone Restrictions** – Mr. Coulter offered Ordinance No. O23-2016, and moved for its enactment, an Ordinance placing regulations on the launching and operation of unmanned aerial systems within the Borough of Oakmont during the U.S. Open Event.

Mrs. Facaros seconded the motion. Mr. Benusa questioned whether the property occupied by Oakmont Presbyterian SeniorCare should be included in the restricted area. There was some discussion among Council about adding this property to the list. President Briney tabled the motion to enact the Ordinance, while Solicitor Ott could research the property lines on her iPad.

After discussion on other Agenda Items, Solicitor Ott recommended that the Ordinance should be amended to add the property identified as Lot & Block No. 363-J-330 to the restricted area. Solicitor Ott felt that this was not a substantive change to the Ordinance.

Mr. Coulter then once again offered Ordinance No. O23-2016, and moved for its enactment, an Ordinance placing regulations on the launching and operation of unmanned aerial systems within the Borough of Oakmont during the U.S. Open Event, as amended per the above.

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

President Briney declared the Ordinance enacted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 36, as **Ordinance No. O23-2016**.

**Education and Recreation**

Mrs. Facaros had nothing to report that evening.

**Public Works**

**Resolution No. R24-2016, PennDOT Comprehensive Maintenance** – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R24-2016, and moved for its adoption, a Resolution authorizing and directing the proper Borough Officials to sign the three-year PennDOT Municipal Comprehensive Maintenance Agreement, terminating on June 30, 2019.

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

President Briney declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 37, as **Resolution No. R24-2016**.

**2016 Paving Program** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and advertise bids for the 2016 Paving Program.

Mr. Favo noted information in the weekend packet on the past five years of paving programs in the Borough, as well as a map of the Borough's street listing their lengths. There was general discussion among Council about the amount of roads that needed to be paved each year, and adequate funding for the paving program.

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

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**ARB Intersection Reconstruction** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare specifications and advertise bids for the Pennsylvania Avenue and Allegheny River Boulevard Reconstruction and Trench Drain Project.

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

**Duquesne Light LED Conversion Grant** – Mr. Favo asked permission from Council to pursue a grant to convert street lights in the Fairways Village to LED light bulbs, in conjunction with Mr. Jeroski. It was the consensus of Council to pursue the grant.

**Administration and Culture**

**Hulton Bridge Gateway Project** – Mrs. Friday reported that a proposal for Stage 2 – Phase 2 of the Hulton Bridge Gateway Project was recently awarded to Sestili Nursery by the Oakmont Boulevard Project. Mrs. Friday noted that 300 – 500 daylilies would be planted along Hulton Road, and that she was working with PennDOT to ensure all signage, and the correct signage, be replaced along the corridor after the Hulton Bridge Replacement Project is complete.

**Technology**

**Allegheny Valley North COG** – Mr. Whalen reported that the Allegheny County Health Department would begin an aggressive public relations campaign on the outdoor burning regulations adopted by Allegheny County Council in 2015. Mr. Whalen added that the AVNCOG was pursuing a \$500,000.00 grant to fund purchase of asphalt paving equipment for municipal street crews to use.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Jack Artman** – Mr. Artman stated that a parked car was often blocking a resident from leaving her home at 25 Potomac Street. Mr. Artman will have the daughter of the resident call Ms. Jensen.

**Donna DeTurck** – Ms. DeTurck expressed concern about commercial vehicles parking along West Woodland Avenue, Third Street and Potomac Street in recent weeks. She was advised that the Borough had petitioned the Court about the issue.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS** – President Briney 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 to discuss that evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Coulter offered a motion to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session, and continue the Regular Meeting to May 9, 2016. Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen  
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:  
Ryan Jeroski