

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:04 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 Diersen; and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Sal Colella, Geri Hooper, Elaine Luther, Kelly Rohrer, Cassandra Stotler, Megan Turnbull, Carolyn Yagle, Joe Young, and Wanda Young

**REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

**Recommendations for Pedestrian Transportation Plan** – President Benusa said the presenter was running late and the presentation would be delayed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Dailey Grading Appeal Hearing** – Wanda Young asked Council if a new hearing was set. President Benusa stated that it had not.

**Borough Solicitor** – Megan Turnbull asked for Council's consideration in retaining her as the Borough Solicitor under a new law firm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**April 16, 2018 Minutes** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Jensen read a memo, dated May 16, 2018, from Chief Michael J. Ford, regarding the ratification on hiring Part-Time Patrol Officer Ross Welshons.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated May 21, 2018, from Michael Malak, P.E., of Senate Engineering, regarding the Oakmont Carnegie Library Repair Project.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Benusa said he would like an IT update from Councilmember Lokay at the next Work Session.

President Benusa talked about the email he received from the Auditor General concerning the 2016 Liquid Fuels Audit. He wanted the Borough Manager, the Borough Treasurer and Borough Auditor to respond in writing.

President Benusa also inquired into the status of the emergency streambank work to be completed at Creekside Park, the Borough Manager would provide an update at the next Work Session.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Diersen had no remarks this evening.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Whaley summarized the monthly Police and Fire Departments reports.

**Police Department Motorcycle Resale** – Mayor Whaley announced that Muncibid Sale closed on the motorcycle with the winning bid at \$10,100.00.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**24-Hour Tree Service** –At President Benusa's request the Borough Office spoke with BJ Tree Service, who is our usual vendor for emergency tree work, and they do not enter into contracts for 24-hour service.

**Borough Security Cameras at Park** – Manager Jensen said she received a bid from Eltech for park security cameras. They are COSTARS members. Councilmember Favo requested this subject be added to the June Work Session Agenda.

**Edgewater HOA Recreational Space** – Manager Jensen requested that this subject to be discussed in Executive Session under Borough Real Estate.

**Handicap Sidewalk Ramps** – Manager Jensen explained where the sidewalk ADA ramps will be installed along Delaware Avenue and at Fifth Street and California Avenue.

**College Avenue Wall** – Manager Jensen said the condition of the wall at College Avenue and Eighth Street is deteriorated. The Borough Engineer is to provide a repair plan and an estimate.

**2015-2016 Liquid Fuels Report** – Manager Jensen explained in detail the findings of the Audit Report. The Borough has handled the Liquid Fuels monies correctly since 2016, as directed, and will continue to comply in the future.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

**Finance & Technology**

**April Warrants**– Mr. Lokay offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for April 2018, dated April 30, 2018, including expenditures totaling **\$401,101.81** for the following funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$228,147.78
Boulevard Project Fund	\$421.31
Kerr Museum Fund	\$3,562.83
Library Fund	\$25,747.78
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$103,201.11
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$6,300.00
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$6,721.00
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

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

**Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM), Banner Community Application** – Mr. Lokay postponed this matter until next Regular Meeting to prepare a Resolution.

**Appointment to Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments (AVNCOG)** – Mr. Lokay offered a motion to appoint Leah Powers as delegate and Justin Lokay as alternate to the AVNCOG.

Mrs. Powers seconded the motion.

Mr. Coulter stressed the importance of working with the AVNCOG to help make Lower Valley Ambulance Services sustainable.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

**Public Works**

**Allegheny River Boulevard Restoration and Washington Avenue Trench Drain Project** – Mr. Favio offered a motion to award the contract for the Allegheny River Boulevard Restoration and Washington Avenue Trench Drain Project to Baiano Construction at a cost of \$347,974.00.

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

**2018 Paving List** – Mr. Favio opened discussion on the 2018 Paving List.

Mr. Lokay said he was hesitant to take monies reserved for future projects. He wanted a commitment from other Councilmembers to return the money taken from Capital Reserve Fund for the designated projects in the 2019 Budget.

Mr. Favio offered a motion to move funds from various other Borough funds to the Capital Fund (Roads) Line Item #438.750 – Roadway Repaving Program for the 2018 Paving Projects, as follows: from the Capital Reserve Fund move \$12,500 each from Line Items 279.100 (Stormwater Improvements), 279.701 (ARB Restoration & Drainage Improvements), 279.800 (OVFD Vehicles), 279.801 (Police & Borough Vehicles), totaling \$50,000; move \$30,000 from the Capital

Fund (Roads) Line Item #438.751 – Hulton & Third Traffic Study; move \$45,000 from the General Fund Line Item #409.740 – Major Expenditures; and \$10,000 from the General Fund Line Item #409.750 – Minor Expenditures, for a total of \$135,000.

Mrs. DelRosso seconded the motion.

Mrs. Powers commented that Council should put more thought into replenishing the monies in the Capital Reserve Fund for the 2019 Budget, President Benusa agreed.

The motion passed 6 to 1. Mr. Lokay voted “Nay” because he found it fiscally irresponsible.

Mr. Favio offered a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the specifications for the 2018 Paving Project for the following streets as described by the Borough Engineer: Twelfth Street from Maryland to Dead End, Thirteenth Street from Pennsylvania to Hulton, Ann Street to the end of the nursing home parking lot, Pennsylvania Avenue from Second to the River, Commons Drive from New London to House #221, the Borough Building Driveway between the Police and Fire Stations, West Crystal Drive (Modified), Cedar Way from Ann to Chelsea Building Products’ entrance, Greer Way between College and California, View Street from end of paving south to Leger’s 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance, Seventh Street off Hulton, and Ironwood Way between Delaware and Washington, with the estimated total cost of \$471,178.

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

**Railroad Wall Restoration** – Mr. Favio offered a motion to authorize the coordination and application of a PA Department of Community and Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund grant to restore the Railroad wall along Allegheny River Boulevard at the south entrance to town.

Mrs. DelRosso seconded the motion.

Mr. Lokay asked if a Resolution was needed, Mr. Favio replied not yet.

Mr. Coulter asked the motion to be re-read which Mr. Favio did.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 1. Mr. Lokay voted “Nay” due to lack of specific information being provided.

Mr. Favio offered a motion to follow the Auditor General’s recommendation that the Liquid Fuels monies be directed to the winning bid contractor of the paving project using a minimum of two checks for payment.

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

**Code Enforcement Complaints** – Mr. Favio inquired of the Borough Manager on the tall grass of 1037 Hulton Road and the poor sidewalk conditions from south side of Hulton Road from Fifth Street to the ARB. President Benusa asked about the poor condition of 806 Plum Street and Mrs. DelRosso commented on the condition of a Salt Box house in the 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ms. Jensen said she would request CEA to inspect these properties.

**Administration/Planning**

**Police Pension Plan Ordinance** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to have Mockenhaupt perform an actuarial study on the Police Pension Plan Ordinance.

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

**River's Edge Plan of Lots** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Lot Line Revision No. 8b of the River's Edge Plan of Lots.

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

Mrs. Friday offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Lot Line Revision No. 9 of the River's Edge Plan of Lots.

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

**Environment/Recreation**

**EPD Summary on Riverside Track Repairs** – Mrs. Powers summarized an email from the Recreation Board Chair on their recommendation to cut trees and repair the track at Riverside Park. Council decided to continue this discussion at the June Work Session.

**Recommendations for Pedestrian Transportation Plan Presentation** – Carolyn Yagle of Environmental Planning & Design (EPD) presented her findings and recommendations, including resident feedback, on the planned Pedestrian Transportation Plan. Council was asked to email the Assistant Borough Manager by Friday, May 25 with any pedestrian projects or policies of interest to be discussed further at the June Work Session.

**Public Safety**

**Part-Time Patrol Officer** – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to ratify the hiring of Part-Time Patrol Officer Ross Welshons to the Oakmont Borough Police Department.

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

**Education/Cultural**

**Keystone/Library Maintenance Project** – Mrs. DelRosso offered a motion to award the contract for the Oakmont Carnegie Library Repairs Project to MacBracey Corporation, at a cost not to exceed \$43,000.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

There were no Miscellaneous items discussed that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Agenda Topics** – Elaine Luther asked Mr. Lokay about including Mapping-software for projection on the Chamber TVs. She cautioned Council on moving

any funds from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Ms. Luther wanted to see more details on accident reports.

**Pedestrian Safety and Riverside Park Trees-** Cassandra Stotler stated that heavy traffic posed a danger to pedestrians. She also asked for more open communication on the decisions being made on the mature trees around Riverside Track.

**Riverside Park Trees** – Geri Hooper made her objection to cutting the mature trees. She believed there is more options to be researched by the Borough.

**Pedestrian Safety and Riverside Park Trees** – Sal Colella also commented on the tough decision to be made concerning the trees around the track. He also commended the Police Department for doing a lot of work with a small work force.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore  
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary