

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:09 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

Councilmember Lokay was excused to leave early.

Visitors: Jim Atkinson, Nancy Atkinson, Walter Bowman, Sal Colella, Phil Fraley, Ed Grystar, Eric Jensen, Michael Maggio, Ralph McIntyre, Jane Miller, Martha Robbins, Kelly Rohrer, Kassandra Stotler, Joanne Phillips, Eleanor Schenke, Tanya Koul Strausbaugh, Carolyn Yagle, Joe Young, and Wanda Young

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Oakmont Pedestrian Transportation Plan – Carolyn Yagle of Environmental Planning & Design summarized the final draft of the Oakmont Pedestrian Transportation Plan. She requested any last additions to the Plan before Council voted later in the evening. President Benusa requested step by step instructions on how to create a committee focusing on pedestrian issues for Oakmont to be included under recommendations. Ms. Yagle said she would add this before disseminating it to the Borough.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Draft Oil and Gas Ordinance – Ed Grystar, representing Citizens to Protect Oakmont and Food and Water Watch, said he understood the hardships municipalities face in planning for a safe Oil and Gas Ordinance. He offered to share with Council the research he had done concerning Oil and Gas Drilling regulations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 21, 2018 Minutes – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Jensen read a memo, dated June 7, 2018, from Chief Michael J. Ford, regarding the ratification on hiring Part-Time Patrol Officer Todd MacDonald.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated June 15, 2018, from Philip Fraley, o/b/o Citizens to Protect Oakmont, in response to Councilmember Coulter's request of June 4, 2018.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated June 15, 2018, from Amber Yon, P.E., of Senate Engineering, regarding the recommendation for the 2018 Paving Program.

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated June 18, 2018, from Michael Malak, P.E., of Senate Engineering, regarding the recommendation for the Pennsylvania and ARB Intersection Repaving Project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Benusa had no remarks this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Diersen remarked that Council held an Executive Session earlier before the Regular Meeting pertaining to an educational incentive and a contractor selection.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whaley summarized the monthly Police and Fire Departments reports for May 2018.

New Stop Sign Locations – Mayor Whaley discussed with Council his proposal to add stop signs along Sixth Street to maintain continuity and calm traffic speeds.

Mr. Lokay offered a motion to authorize the installation of stop signs at the following locations: 4-way stop signs along Sixth Street at the intersections of Pennsylvania Avenue, Maryland Avenue, Delaware Avenue, and California Avenue.

Mrs. Powers seconded the motion.

On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

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

Mrs. Powers voted "Nay" stating that she was in favor of the installation, but she preferred more time for public input.

Mr. Favo and President Benusa voted “Nay” to allow more time for public discussion.

The motion passed 4 to 3.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT

Fireworks Ordinance –Manager Jensen said that the Borough Code Enforcement Officer is IFC certified. She read Solicitor Diersen’s opinion that the Borough should move ahead in passing an ordinance. An ordinance would give the Borough the authority to fine and complete inspections. Council agreed with the Borough Solicitor to pursue an ordinance.

PennDOT ADA Ramp Installation – Manager Jensen said that PennDOT requested the Borough to enter into an agreement by resolution to pay 20% for the installation of ADA ramps along Plum Street and Hulton Road. The total costs to the Borough would be approximately \$7,000. Council agreed to adopt the resolution.

Retroactive Pension Resolutions – Manager Jensen explained the two resolutions under Mrs. Friday that retroactively amend certain provisions of the Police Pension Plan for 2017 and 2018.

Curb Costs vs. Budget – Manager Jensen said the cost estimate for replacing curbs in the 400 block of Allegheny Avenue on the west side was \$20,000. Ms. Jensen wanted to add this to the next work session for discussion. Council agreed.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Finance & Technology

May Warrants– Mr. Lokay offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for May 2018, dated May 31, 2018, including expenditures totaling **\$920,435.95** for the following funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$165,830.93
Boulevard Project Fund	\$11,336.54
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,170.97
Library Fund	\$42,056.73
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$650,622.38
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$6,405.46
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$10,180.94
Capital Reserve Fund	\$32,832.00

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

Resolution No. R31-2018 – Mr. Lokay offered Resolution No. R31-2018 and moved for its adoption, authorizing the participation in the Allegheny League of Municipalities “Banner Community” Program.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 111, as **Resolution No. R31-2018**

Plum Creek Bank Rehabilitation and Gravel Bar Removal Payment

Requests– Mr. Lokay offered a motion to authorize payment to C. Crump, Inc. in the amount of \$77,570.00 for the Plum Creek Bank Rehabilitation and Gravel Bar Removal - Phase I Grant under the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program.

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

Mr. Lokay offered a motion to authorize payment request from Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$79,205.90 for the Plum Creek Bank Rehabilitation and Gravel Bar Removal – Phase I Grant under the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program.

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

Public Works

2018 Paving Contract – Mr. Favo offered a motion to award the contract for the 2018 Paving Contract to A. Liberoni, Inc. at a cost of \$404,116.06.

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

Resolution No. R32-2018 – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R32-2018 and moved for its adoption, authorizing and directing the proper Borough Officials to sign the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Maintenance and Reimbursement Agreement for construction of handicapped sidewalk ramps along Plum Street and Hulton Road.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 112, as **Resolution No. R32-2018**

Brick Paving at the Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and ARB -Mr. Favo said this subject will be discussed further during Executive Session.

Mr. Lokay left the meeting at 8:18PM.

Administration/Planning

Resolution No. R33-2018 – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R33-2018 and moved for its adoption, amending certain provisions of the 2017 Pension Plan applicable to the Police employees of the Borough of Oakmont relative to the establishment and maintenance of the uniformed employees' pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 113, as **Resolution No. R33-2018**

Resolution No. R34-2018 – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R34-2018 and moved for its adoption, amending certain provisions of the 2018 Pension plan applicable to the Police employees of the Borough of Oakmont relative to the establishment and maintenance of the uniformed employees' pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 114, as **Resolution No. R34-2018**

Camp Wright Memorial Site –Mrs. Friday conveyed the Oakmont Historical Society's request to name the green space between 231 Hulton Road and Second Street Extension, the Camp Wright Memorial Site.

Council had no objections.

Environment/Recreation

Resolution No. R35-2018 – Mrs. Powers offered Resolution No. R35-2018 and moved for its adoption, ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Plum Creek Bank Rehabilitation and Gravel Bar Removal Project – Phase II.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 115, as **Resolution No. R35-2018**

Oakmont Pedestrian Transportation Plan– Mrs. Powers offered a motion to accept the Oakmont Pedestrian Transportation Plan.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0.

Public Safety

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

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0.

Education/Cultural

Resolution No. R36-2018 – Mrs. DelRosso offered Resolution No. R36-2018 and moved for its adoption, authorizing the submission of a Multi-Modal Transportation Fund grant application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Allegheny Valley Railroad Retaining Wall Restoration Project for \$140,000.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

President Benusa declared the Resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 116, as **Resolution No. R36-2018**

Keystone Grant Library Maintenance Repairs Project – Mrs. DelRosso offered a motion to reject the only bid received of \$71,750 from MacBracey Corporation for the Keystone Grant Library Maintenance Repairs, since it was over the budgeted \$43,000, and also authorizing the Borough Engineer to rebid the project.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no Miscellaneous items discussed that evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sixth Street Stop Signs – Cassandra Stotler told Council that automobiles speeding on Sixth Street was a problem. She also asked if the gates could be replaced on the fence to the River in Riverside Park.

Oil and Gas Ordinance – Ralph McIntyre commented on the draft Ordinance and understood that it would be a hard task, but he would like to see it in front of Council soon. Mr. McIntyre also asked if Council could authorize a comprehensive traffic study on the whole Borough.

Borough Traffic – Sal Colella asked Council if the Borough would be affected by the Fleming Bridge closure.

Media Policy – Tanya Koul Strausbaugh asked about the Media Policy being removed from the Agenda. Manager Jensen responded that it would be on the July Work Session for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary