

Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

150 (Final)
July 16, 2018

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, Powers, and President Benusa; Mayor Whaley; Solicitor Diersen; and Borough Manager Jensen

Excused: Council Member Lokay

Visitors: Bruce Corna, Jill Dietrich, Paul Gatto, Nancy Ride, Ron Slabe, Tom Solomich, Joe Young, Wanda Young, Dennis Zerega

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dailey Grading Appeal – Manager Jensen announced that Council met in Executive Session at 6:30PM to discuss a matter under litigation.

Mr. Favo offered a motion to deny the appeal of Peter J. Dailey to the Oakmont Borough Code Enforcement Officer's denial of a grading permit at his residence located at 821 Eleventh Street.

Mrs. Powers seconded the motion.

Mr. Favo commented that Council considered all the evidence presented and determined that there was insufficient evidence to support the appeal.

Mr. Harlan Stone, Hearing Officer for the appeal, stated that a letter dated June 7, 2018 from Dwight Ferguson to the Borough Manager be made part of the record. Mr. Stone said that Council should now regard the record as closed.

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On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

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

The motion passed 6 to 0.

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Dedicating Streets – Bruce Corna of Kacin Companies, Inc. said that Kacin completed all steps on the punch list and had approval from the Borough Engineer. He requested of Council to vote tonight to take over the streets in the Edgewater plan of lots.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dailey Pool Removal – Wanda Young thanked Council for deciding on the earlier appeal. She wanted Council to act on the delay of the removal of the Dailey pool with an injunction or lien.

Through Traffic on Ninth Street – Paul Gatto told Council and the Mayor that drivers are cutting through Oakmont through Ninth Street and speeding down Pennsylvania.

Oakmont Carnegie Library – Nancy Ride from the Oakmont Carnegie Library Board asked about the status of the rebid on the Keystone Grant Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 18, 2018 Minutes – Mrs. Powers offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated July 10, 2018, from Amber Yon, P.E., Borough Engineer, regarding adoption of public improvements at the Edgewater development.

Ms. Jensen read a memo, dated July 11, 2018, from the Oakmont Planning Commission, recommending the HOP for 231 Hulton Road Associates, LLC per PennDOT's request. She noted that the OPC was currently revisiting this recommendation with letters from PennDOT and Kay Pierce of ACED.

Ms. Jensen read an email, dated July 12, 2018, from Jenn Legler, asking that the aluminum street name signs along Allegheny River Boulevard be replaced with the white and green signs.

Council agreed the signs needed to be changed.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Benusa had no remarks this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Diersen explained to Council and the public about the upcoming Public Hearing on August 6, 2018 for the Speedway, LLC. request to transfer a liquor license to their 303 Hulton Road store.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Whaley summarized the monthly Police report for June 2018.

Bicycle Patrol – Mayor Whaley announced the new Bicycle Patrol Program started this week. He commended Patrol Officer Urich on his work in getting the program off the ground.

Line Painting – Mayor Whaley confirmed with Manager Jensen that \$25,000 was in the 2018 budget for line painting.

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BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Amended Minutes of October 16, 2017 – Manager Jensen said there was a motion inadvertently left out of the official Minutes for October 16, 2017. She said the motion to amend was on the Agenda tonight under Council Member Friday.

Cost of Weather-Related Damages – Manager Jensen reviewed with Council all expenses incurred due to recent weather events.

Partial Payment Approval – Manager Jensen explained to Council they would need to approve a partial payment to Baiano Construction for the ARB Brick Paving Project later that evening.

Budget Schedule – Manager Jensen announced the schedule for passage of the 2019 Budget.

Public Hearing - Manager Jensen reminded Council and the public about the special meeting on August 6, 2018 at 7PM for the Speedway Liquor License Transfer.

Treasurer's Report – Manager Jensen said the Treasurer was unable to present his 2nd Quarter Report personally, but asked Council to give any questions to the Borough Manager.

Conditional Use Hearing – Manager Jensen announced to Council and public about a Conditional Use Hearing for 231 Hulton Road Partners on August 20, 2018 at 7PM.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Finance & Technology

June Warrants– Mrs. DelRosso offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for June 2018, dated June 30, 2018, including expenditures totaling **\$390,119.36** for the following funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$168,178.89
Boulevard Project Fund	\$10,902.54
Kerr Museum Fund	\$3,385.92
Library Fund	\$43,440.78

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Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$150,750.18
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$3,889.79
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$8,785.76
Capital Reserve Fund	\$785.50

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

Education/Cultural

Mrs. DelRosso had nothing to discuss this evening.

Public Works

Council decided to not move monies from other line items to fund the proposed curb work.

2018 Curb Installation Project – Mr. Favo offered a motion to install 6-inch curbing along the west side of the 400 block of Allegheny Avenue, pursuant to the issuance of a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

Mrs. Powers stated that, in the future, she would like the process to choose curb work in the same way the paving project is decided.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Partial Payment for ARB Brick Paving Project -Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize partial payment to Baiano Construction in the amount of \$51,286.11 for the Allegheny River Boulevard Brick Paving and Washington Avenue Trench Drain Project.

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

Brick Paving at Intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Allegheny River Boulevard Bid Award – Mr. Favo offered a motion to award the base bid contract for the brick paving at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Allegheny River Boulevard to Pampena Landscaping and Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$61,305.00.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

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Mr. Favio voted “nay” due to poor performance by this contractor in the past.

The motion passed 5 to 1.

Edgewater at Oakmont Development – Mr. Favio offered a motion to accept and adopt the public improvements as recommended by the Borough Engineer, not including recreational space of the Riverwalk trail parcel as Council continues discussion with the Edgewater Homeowners’ Association and the streets located in the Edgewater at Oakmont development by Edgewater Properties, LP.

Mrs. DelRosso seconded the motion.

Council discussed the wording of the motion to address the recreational space.

Mr. Favio offered a motion to withdraw the previous motion.

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

Mr. Favio offered a motion to accept the streets associated with and all public improvements of the Edgewater at Oakmont development by Edgewater Properties, LP based on the review of the Borough Engineer.

Mrs. DelRosso seconded the motion.

Mrs. Friday asked for definition of public spaces. Mr. Corna named the grass open space, the cul-de-sac space, the walking trail, and riverfront.

Mr. Benusa said the Borough Engineer will draw up a map to clarify all public spaces in the Edgewater Development.

Mrs. Friday requested cost estimates from Mr. Corna in relation to the upkeep of the green spaces.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Mr. Favio offered a motion to release the Performance Bond for Edgewater at Oakmont Development by Edgewater Properties, LP. as recommended by the Borough Engineer and accept their Maintenance Bond for 18 months.

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

Mr. Favio wanted an update on the lighted Servicemaster sign. Ms. Jensen said that she will get a response from CEA.

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President Benusa requested a regular report from CEA.

Administration/Planning

Amended Minutes of October 16, 2017 –Mrs. Friday offered a motion to amend the October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes to include a motion to approve the modification request of Brooks & Blair, LLC for Lot Line Revisions to Lots 5, 6, and 7 of the River’s Edge Plan, which passed.

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

Environment/Recreation

Dark Hollow Spring Trail Project – Mrs. Powers offered a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare cost estimates and specifications for the Dark Hollow Spring Trail Project.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion.

Mrs. Powers stated that the Borough Engineer should provide scope and estimate on this project.

The motion passed 6 to 0.

Riverview Park Track – Mrs. Powers provided an update on her meeting with Mr. Coulter, Tammy Good of the Riverside School District, and Tom Bland of the Oakmont Recreation Board. No School Board members were present, but Ms. Good would convey their meeting to them.

Public Safety

Emergency Management Consulting – Mr. Coulter said that Verona was impressed with our Emergency Management Team Chair Bill Albright. Verona asked Mr. Coulter if it would be permissible to hire Mr. Albright as a consultant. Council agreed that this was acceptable.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no Miscellaneous items discussed that evening.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Code Enforcement Measures – Wanda Young and Joe Young both spoke to Council about enacting certain enforcement measures in relation to the Daileys.

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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary