

Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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July 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:05PM 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, Favo, Friday, Whalen and President Briney; Solicitor Turnbull; and Borough Manager Jensen

Excused: Mayor Fescemyer and Council Member Facaros

Visitors: Curtis Brown, Carrie Del Rosso, Don Lassiter, Robin Lazor, Justin Lokay, Rose O'Connor, Tony Serrao, William Wengerd, Christopher Whaley, Pamela York, Joe Young, Wanda Young, and Dennis Zerega

BID OPENING

2017 Paving Project - Manager Jensen opened the bids received for the 2017 Paving Project. The bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID BOND	TOTAL BID
A. Folino Construction	10%	\$337,477.68
A. Liberoni Inc.	10%	\$296,220.78
El Grande Industries	10%	\$339,882.90
Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc.	10%	\$358,081.78
Michael Facchiano Contracting	10%	\$361,426.00
Shields Asphalt Paving	10%	\$356,062.96

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BID AWARD

2017 Paving Project – Manager Jensen announced there would be a motion tonight to award the 2017 Paving Contract to the lowest bidder, A. Liberoni Inc., in the amount of \$296,220.78, subject to pending review by the Borough Engineer, in order to start the paving in a timely manner.

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Treasurer's 2nd Quarter 2017 Report – Treasurer Fred Favo presented his 2nd Quarter Report to Council. He reviewed each fund to Council, and advised Council to monitor the Capital (Parks) and Library Funds, in particular.

Treasurer Favo stated that his report was prepared before a substantial deposit amount came in for Real Estate Taxes due to a reporting error by Pennsylvania Municipal Services (PAMS). He has addressed the issue with PAMS, and believes it to be resolved now.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Curfew – Republican Mayoral Candidate, Christopher Whaley said he opposed the idea of a curfew for Oakmont. As a former Oakmont police officer, he brought up the problems of juvenile detention and staffing issues when the detained juveniles' parents were unavailable.

Ferris Wheel during Street Sale - Tony Serrao, owner of Oakmont Bakery, requested Council approval to set up a small Ferris wheel in a parking spot along Adeline Brown Way for the Street Sale, July 29th, in front of his bakery. Council suggested using the Oakmont Bakery parking lot instead, or asking that he talk with the other business owners about closing Adeline Brown Way, entirely. Child safety was the concern.

Dailey Issues – Wanda Young asked Council for an update on the Dailey swimming pool citations. She said that the pool was open, but without the correct fencing.

President Briney requested that the Borough Solicitor summarize all significant events regarding Peter Dailey, so that both Council and the Youngs would be clear about the sequence of events and actions pertaining to the Daileys, Borough Code, Zoning Ordinance, and Uniform Construction Code violations.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 19, 2017 Minutes – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2017, as written.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Jensen read an email, dated July 3, 2017, from Pam York for Arlene Sparks, Fairways Association president, in requesting that the Borough take over snow removal of the private portion of Oak Street belonging to the Fairways.

President Briney referred this issue to the next Council Work Session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Briney had nothing to report that evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Turnbull had nothing to report that evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fescemyer was excused for that evening.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Polymeric Sweep on ARB – Manager Jensen explained to Council that a motion was on the Agenda to approve the polymeric sweep on Allegheny River Boulevard, between Hulton and Porte, at a cost of \$6,000.

Passage of Zoning Amendments – Manager Jensen advised Council that the Oakmont Planning Commission Solicitor suggested it would be better and new Zoning Amendments on an individual basis, instead of altogether. Mr. Favo felt that the first four amendments already reviewed by the Oakmont Planning Commission should come up for a public meeting in the near future.

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Pedestrian Walkways –Manager Jensen reviewed some research from Assistant Borough Manager Carol Moore pertaining to funding sources to repair Borough sidewalks.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Finance & Technology

June Warrants – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for June 2017, dated June 30, 2017, including expenditures totaling **\$1,306,696.13** for all funds:

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$932,087.88
Boulevard Project Fund	\$5,614.32
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,499.52
Library Fund	\$44,556.30
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$287,351.41
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$18,274.50
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$17,312.20
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

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

Borough-Wide Text Alerts – Mr. Whalen wanted to research further the options before committing to any one vendor. Mr. Curtis Brown of Jireh Mobile was present to answer any questions Council might have. No one had any questions.

Environment

Mr. Benusa had nothing to report that evening.

Public Safety

McIntyre Request for Thru Traffic Restrictions – Mr. Coulter suggested this could be discussed more in detail during the next Council Work Session.

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Education/Recreation

Mrs. Facaros was excused for that evening.

Public Works

2017 Paving Bid - Mr. Favo offered a motion to award the 2017 Paving contract to the lowest bidder, A. Liberoni Inc., in the amount of \$296,220.78, pending review by the Borough Engineer.

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

Cedar Way One-Way Trial – Mr. Favo offered a motion to make Cedar Way one-way, heading north from College Avenue to Delaware Avenue, and north again from Ann Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, on a trial basis for a three (3) month period, starting on September 1, 2017.

Manager Jensen will issue work orders for the Street Department to install proper signage, and the Borough Office will send letters to affected residents and business owners abutting Cedar Way to alert them to the change.

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

Polymeric Sand Sweep – Mr. Favo offered a motion to ratify the action of the Borough Manager in accepting the \$6,000 estimate from Al's Hardscaping to sweep Polymeric sand into the bricks on Allegheny River Boulevard, from Hulton Road to Porte Street.

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

Administration/Culture

Oakmont Borough Employee Handbook – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the *Oakmont Borough Employee Handbook*.

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

Oakmont Borough Council Guidelines – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the "Oakmont Borough Council Guidelines."

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

Ordinance No. 026-2017 – Amendment to Civil Service Rules and Regulations

Mrs. Friday offered Ordinance No. 026-2017, and moved for its adoption, an Ordinance of the Borough of Oakmont, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter A208 of the *Code of the Borough of Oakmont*, “Civil Service Rules and Regulations,” so as to update and amend previous versions with respect to examination requirements, and making other additional provisions relative thereto.

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

President Briney declared the Ordinance adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 75, as **Ordinance No. 026-2017**.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no miscellaneous items that evening.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Fairways’ Request and Seismic Survey, Pam York – Ms. York thanked Council and the Borough Manager for reading her email and considering the Fairways’ request. She also stated that she was pleased to hear that Huntley & Huntley were not pursuing the seismic survey in Oakmont.

Justin Lokay – In response to a comment that older Oakmont residents probably don’t use cell phones with text, Republican Council candidate Justin Lokay said he wanted to share information about the demographics on cell phone texting. He stated that over 80 percent of people aged 65 years and older do, in fact, text.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:
Carol Moore