

Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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July 5, 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, Whalen and President Briney; Solicitor Ott; and Borough Manager Jensen

Excused: Mrs. Friday

Absent: Mayor Fescemyer

Visitors: Kenneth Doyno, Tony Folino, Tim Lazor, Daniel Mancosh, Jane Miller, Lindsay Osterhout, A J. Schwartz, William Wengerd and Wanda Young

EDUCATION AND RECREATION

Resolution No. R29-2016 – Mrs. Facaros offered a motion to appoint Lindsay Osterhout to the Oakmont Carnegie Library Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Paul Pastierik.

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

Solicitor Ott administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Osterhout.

Council requested that the great efforts of Paul Pastierik and his contributions to the Oakmont Borough Carnegie Library be recognized, and asked the Borough Manager to send him a letter.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing to consider the two Amendments to the Oakmont Zoning Ordinance was convened with Solicitor Ott presiding.

President Briney gave a brief summary on the preparations for both the Fences and Wall Amendment and the Plum Creek Overlay (PCO) Amendment.

A. J. Schwartz of EDP also gave a brief review of the components of both amendments.

[A complete transcript of this Hearing is attached as an Addendum to these Minutes.]

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no registered comments from the Public that evening.

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There were no comments from the Public that evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2016 Minutes – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2016.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

President Briney asked that under the Council President's Remarks, under "Finance Committee Update, Special Events Pay Rates," the phrase, "straight time rates" replace with the phrase "special event rates."

"Mr. Whalen amended his motion to include President Briney's comments.

Mr. Coulter seconded the amended motion.

The motion passed, 6 to 0."

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated June 2, 2016, from the Planning Commission re: the development of "Parcel E" of the Kacin plan for the Celebration II Apartments to be built by Brooks & Blair.

Next, a letter was read from the Library Board Chair, Deborah Ormay, dated June 9, 2016, requesting the reinstatement of an extra two hours on Thursday evenings into the schedule, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Borough Manager Jensen said this would be discussed at the July 11, 2016 Borough Council Work Session.

A letter, dated June 10, 2016, was read from the Planning Commission, recommending that Council approve the proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on Fences and Walls and on the Plum Creek Overlay.

A letter, received June 16, 2016, from Jim and Terry Walker, was read regarding the proposed Kayak Launch.

A letter, dated June 22, 2016, from the Riverview School District was read requesting that Council submit an Agenda for the meeting they requested with the School Board to discuss matters in common.

A letter, dated June 24, 2016, from the Planning Commission was read recommending approval of the Macaluso Subdivision Plan for 519 and 523 Woodland Avenue. Ms. Jensen noted that the revised recommendation from the Borough Engineer had been received recommending plan approval, and that all comments made by the County had been incorporated into the final plat plan drawing.

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Manager Jensen read an Email, dated June 30, 2016, from Ryan Jeroski, tendering his resignation as Borough Tax Collector, effective July 5, 2016.

Ms. Jensen said the Allegheny County Election Board had already been notified of Mr. Jeroski's resignation.

Manager Jensen read an unsigned letter, dated June 30, 2016, on behalf of the Borough's Part-Time Police Officers, requesting an increase in their pay rates for special events.

Manager Jensen read a memo, dated July 1, 2016, from Mayor Fescemyer, requesting that an Eighth Full-Time Police Officer be added to the Police force.

Finally, Ms. Jensen read a letter, dated June 21, 2016, from the Borough Engineer, recommending that the 2016 Paving Project contract be awarded to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Briney noted that Mid-year Reports were due this month, and reiterated how important he felt these reports were, since they were full of valuable and pertinent information from Council to the Boards and vice versa.

President Briney thanked Joanne Anderson, Bob Springer, Joe Rakowski, Greg Macaluso, Jane Shoop and Jonathan Dreher for providing their reports on time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Ott had nothing to report that evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June Police Report – Due to Mayor Fescemyer's absence, there were no comments on the June 2016 Police Report.

June OVPD Report – Council Members had not yet received the June 2016 report from the Fire Department.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on License Recognition Cameras – Manager Jensen reported that Dick Skrinjar from District Attorney Zappalla's office had asked us to return the grant check for \$22,798. She added that she believed the license recognition cameras had been installed, but nonetheless were not online, as yet

Mr. Whalen said he believed that PennDOT intended to upgrade their system so than the license recognition cameras would replace inspection stickers. As a result, PennDOT was "aiding and abetting" in promoting the cameras.

He continued that Chief DiSanti gave demonstrations at the U.S. Open on the license recognition cameras.

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Ms. Jensen said Mr. Skrinjar had not been very forthcoming with any information, and that he asked her to put Council's concerns in writing, which she did that day, but to which they have not responded as yet.

Mr. Favo said he thought the cameras had been installed on School right-of-way. Council asked Solicitor Ott to continue trying to find out what was going on through Zappalla's office.

Rapid Fire Rectangular Beacon Light – Manager Jensen reported that Wooster Traffic Engineers had prepared the specifications for this light, and had advertised for bids. The Bid Opening will be August 1, 2016 at the Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

June Warrants – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for June 2016, dated July 5, 2016, including expenditures totaling **\$971,972.76** for all funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$756,892.73
Boulevard Project Fund	\$31,682.90
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,377.46
Library Fund	\$24,890.99
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$108,124.05
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$6,174.63
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$42,830.00
Capital Reserve Fund	-0-

Mr. Whalen wanted it noted in the Minutes that the above numbers included the last order for salt for the 2015-2016 season. Per contract, we must purchase within 10% of the estimated amount, or the price per ton increases. Since there is room to store the salt, the Manager ordered the remainder of the 1,500 tons estimated.

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

Environment

Proposed Plum Creek Overlay - Mr. Benusa offered a motion to approve the Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on Fences and the Plum Creek Overlay.

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

Resignation of Domenic Dozzi from the Zoning Hearing Board – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept Domenic Dozzi's resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board, effective September 1, 2016.

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

"Parcel E," Celebration II Apartments - Mr. Benusa offered a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Modification Requests 1, 2 and 3, per the Rothchild Doyno letter of May 26, 2016, for the

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proposed Brooks & Blair Celebration Apartments II on "Parcel E" of the Edgewater (Kacin) Plan.

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

Mr. Favo said he had been provided with the density calculations for this project and was satisfied that they complied with Borough standards.

Macaluso Subdivision, 519 and 523 Woodland Avenue – Mr. Benusa offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Macaluso Subdivision for 519 and 523 Woodland Avenue.

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

Public Safety

Mr. Coulter had nothing to report that evening.

Public Works

2016 Paving Award – Mr. Favo made a motion to award the 2016 Paving Project contract to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., including the Base Bid (\$228,278.00), plus Alternate Bid #1 (PA to VA @ \$47,299.75) and Alternate Bid #2 (Greer Way @ \$9,167.35), that included Forti-Fi, at a total cost of \$284,745.10.

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

Mr. Favo also announced that we had received a \$205,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for Allegheny River Boulevard Restoration.

Borough Manager Jensen was asked to prepare thank-you letters to Representative Frank Dermody and Ryan Jeroski for their help in obtaining this grant.

Administration/Culture

Resignation of Ryan Jeroski as Tax Collector – Mr. Coulter made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Jeroski as Tax Collector for the Borough of Oakmont.

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

Appointment of Pennsylvania Municipal Service as Tax Collector – Mr. Benusa made a motion to appoint Pennsylvania Municipal Service as Tax Collector for the Borough of Oakmont until such time as another Tax Collector was either elected or appointed to the position.

Mr. Whalen inquired whether or not we have to enter into an agreement with PaMS. The Solicitor said that we do.

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

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Technology

Update, Technology Review of Borough Departments – Mr. Whalen said he had met with Chief Dave Carroll of the Oakmont Fire Department and documented their equipment inventory. Tom Bland has been asked by Mr. Whalen to work with him on what is needed to upgrade Council Chambers. Mr. Whalen said he welcomed any ideas anyone else might have concerning this. If so, they should be sent to Mr. Whalen or Borough Manager Jensen. Mr. Whalen also asked Manager Jensen to get input from the Oakmont Planning Commission on Council Chambers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jane Miller –Ms. Miller wanted to know where the license recording cameras would actually be located. She was informed they were at Third Street and Hulton Road. Due to the recent homicide in Oakmont, which she felt was too close to home, Ms. Miller said she was very scared. Therefore, she was in support of the license recording cameras. She felt that College Avenue and Allegheny River Boulevard would be a good spot for the cameras, since they are close to her home. President Briney said Council would convey her concerns to both the Mayor and Chief.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss that evening.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8.35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:
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