

**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, Friday, Whalen and President Briney; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Turnbull; and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Linda Cherok, Diane Colella, Sal Colella, Carrie Del Rosso, Donna DeTurck, George Hawdon, Les Leasure, Joe McAndrew, Don Middleton, Nancy Middleton, Jane Miller, Rose O'Connor, Deb Ormay, Ted Polesiak, Leah Powers, Laurie Saxon, A. Stock, Karl Strausbaugh, Tanya Strausbaugh, Joe Young, Wanda Young, and William Zerega

**REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

There were no registered speakers that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**One-Way Cedar Way** – Don Middleton said he believed that the one-way signs on Cedar Way were not being observed, and it was creating a bottleneck off the Hulton Bridge. Mr. Middleton also commented on the poor repairs done after utility companies open our streets, especially on Allegheny Avenue.

**One-Way Cedar Way** – Sal Colella commended Council on their decision for making sections of Cedar Way one-way for a 90-day trial period. He cited research he had conducted, indicating that traffic speeds had slowed since the trial period began.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**August 18, 2017 Minutes** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2017, as written.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Cedar Way Complaints** - Manager Jensen summarized the large amount of complaint letters received concerning the one-way trial period on Cedar Way. Most complaints centered on heavier traffic congestion, longer commutes, and unsafe drivers. Some letters offered suggestions such as making Cedar one-way only during school hours, or installing speed bumps, instead.

Ms. Jensen did read one letter at the request of the author, received September 18, 2017. The writer, Tim Lazor, commended Council for making Cedar Way one way.

**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**

**Leaf Season** - Mayor Fescemyer reminded everyone in attendance that leaf collection season would be starting soon, and to remember to follow the street sweeping signs. The Borough crews cannot pick up the leaves if cars are parked at the curb.

**Proclamation** - Mayor Fescemyer read a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23, 2017 as Constitution Week.

**Cedar Way** - President Briney asked the Mayor if the police had noticed any significant traffic patterns evolving as a result of the Cedar Way change. Chief Ford noted that traffic moved more efficiently when they had blocked off Third and Hulton entirely, forcing traffic directly up to Allegheny Avenue. The Chief suggested that increasing the time frame of the No Right Turn restriction at Third and Hulton from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM to 2:00 PM-6:00 PM may help the flow of traffic during rush hours.

The Chief also said that PennDOT had resynced the traffic signals to improve traffic flow, and would continue to monitor them for improvements.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Kacin Request to Take Over Streets** - Manager Jensen stated that Edgewater Plan developer, A. Kacin Companies, Inc., had requested to begin the process for the Borough to take over the streets of the Edgewater Plan. Ms. Jensen remarked that the Borough Engineer had drawn up a punch list of items to be addressed, per the Developer's Agreement, before this could happen.

**Funding Emergency Restoration to Plum Creek Banks**- Manager Jensen asked Engineer Dave Ivanek from Bankson Engineering about the progress on obtaining the Emergency Permit to address the eroding bank of Plum Creek near Creekside Park. Mr. Ivanek said that the remaining funds from the Gravel Bar Removal project could not be used for this. Unfortunately, the Borough would have to fund entirely the estimated \$18,000-\$20,000 needed for the emergency Plum Creek bank restoration. At the direction of Council, Mr. Ivanek agreed to get three proposals for the work.

Ms. Jensen proposed reallocating the \$25K budgeted for street line painting this year to cover the Creek restoration costs, since the street lines were in relatively good shape due to the mild winter.

**Riverside Park Track Report** - Manager Jensen informed Council that the sub-contractor who had installed the track seven years ago, inspected the track recently, and felt the track should be replaced. This would cost \$70,000. Ms. Jensen said she wanted to meet with the Recreation Board and others to look at alternatives to spending \$70,000 every seven years for a new track. Mr. Whalen asked if longevity was looked into when the track was selected. Ms. Jensen said she did not know, but would certainly look into longevity now.

**Proposed Zoning Amendments and Planning Commission**- Manager Jensen said that the new amendments would be on the next Work Session Agenda for discussion. President Briney suggested the Planning Commission Solicitor be present for any questions.

**No Right Turn Extension**- Manager Jensen asked Council for direction on extending the No Right Turn signs on Hulton Road and Third Street from 2 PM-4 PM to 2 PM-6 PM. Mr. Favo suggested a meeting with PennDOT to discuss this. Chief Ford agreed to set up the meeting.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Finance & Technology**

**July Warrants** – Mr. Whalen offered a motion to approve the Warrant List for July 2017, dated July 31, 2017, including expenditures totaling **\$958,565.03** for all funds:

<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
General Fund	\$179,391.68
Boulevard Project Fund	\$8,815.79
Kerr Museum Fund	\$1,573.76
Library Fund	\$28,805.32
Liquid Fuels Fund	-0-
Sewer Fund	\$129,062.71
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$513.51
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$9,326.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$601,076.26

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

**Council Chambers AV Update** - Mr. Whalen said there was only a minor glitch in one of the transmitters of the AV System. He invited anyone wanting to do a presentation in the future to call the Borough Office in advance. Mr. Whalen said the podium would be updated to work with the AV equipment. He plans to have a test presentation ready in October.

#### **Environment**

Mr. Benusa had nothing to report that evening.

**Public Safety**

**Full-Time Officer Hires** - Mr. Coulter announced that Council had interviewed three candidates for the full-time patrol officer's position, but that no one had been selected, as yet.

**Education/Recreation**

Mrs. Facaros had nothing to report that evening.

**Public Works**

**ADA Ramps** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to award the contract to install ADA ramps along Borough streets to U & S Construction, Inc., lowest bidder, at a cost of \$16,500, which will be increased to include more ramp installations, not to exceed \$20,000.

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

**Preliminary Subdivision/Lot Line Consolidation**– Mr. Favo offered a motion to accept the recommendation of the Oakmont Planning Commission to accept the Preliminary Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan, including Lot Line Revision, for Hulton Road and Third Street for Sweet Properties, LLC, and pending receipt of Allegheny County Planning Division comments.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion. Mr. Favo pointed out that the Oakmont Bakery now conformed to the View Protection Overlay, showing good corporate citizenship, and was a positive for the community.

The motion passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Favo directed Council to read over the breakdown of the budget for the 2018 ARB Restoration grant and funding. He wanted to add this discussion on the October Work Session.

**Administration/Culture**

**Acceptable Use Policy IT Systems** – Mrs. Friday offered a motion to approve the Acceptable Use Policy for IT Systems.

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

Solicitor Turnbull stated that this action would become effective immediately.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

There were no miscellaneous items that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Preliminary Site Plan Approval, Oakmont Bakery** – Mr. David Ivanek asked Council about the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the Preliminary Site Plan for the Oakmont Bakery development at Third and Hulton.

Solicitor Turnbull said this motion, as presented, could be contingent upon receipt of a recommendation from the Oakmont Planning Commission, since there could be recommended modifications made from the Planning Commission.

President Briney said he would accept a motion to grant approval.

Since no recommendation has yet been received from the Oakmont Planning Commission, Mr. Favo offered a motion to approve the Preliminary Site Plan of Sweet Properties, LLC. for the new bakery at Third and Hulton pending the recommendation from the Oakmont Planning Commission.

Mr. Whalen voiced concern over the parking lot design and possible traffic issues. He did not want to accept the plan without a traffic study. Mr. Ivanek said that PennDOT had already approved the Preliminary design and the traffic study done by Sweet Properties.

The motion passed 6 to 1. Council Member Whalen voted "Nay," due to his objection to the parking lot design and his concern over traffic. As a clarification, it was noted and confirmed that a second entrance/exit was part of the current site plan and it had been reviewed by PennDOT.

**Dark Hollow Road** – Carrie Del Rosso wanted to know the paving schedule for Dark Hollow Road. Manager Jensen stated that it would be paved soon by A. Folino Construction, Inc.

Ms. Del Rosso also expressed concerns over the traffic problems the proposed development for the Oakmont Bakery may create.

**Cedar Way** – Justin Lokay commended the Chief for his work during the trial period of the one-way directional change on Cedar Way. Mr. Lokay said his most recent letter to Council about Cedar Way should not be characterized as "negative." Rather, he expressed concerns about the bad behavior of drivers that his research had revealed along Cedar Way.

Mr. Sal Colella commenting again about Cedar Way, noted that two pedestrians had been hit on Cedar Way before that section was changed to one-way.

**Allegheny Avenue Condition** – Mr. Middleton addressed Council again to let them know that after PennDOT repaired Allegheny Avenue, the patching was terrible. President Briney said that the Borough had no jurisdiction to comment, but that the Solicitor could be directed to put pressure on PennDOT to restore the road correctly.

**Notice about Cedar Way** – A. Stock said she wanted to learn more about how the decision to make Cedar Way one-way was done. She also wanted more details on the traffic study being done. Manager Jensen replied that at previous Council meetings, the discussions leading to a decision had been on-going. President Briney said the study was comprehensive and data gathering is happening now by traffic engineers, Wooster and Associates.

**Traffic on Hulton** – Ted Polesiak questioned Council about making the right turn off of Hulton extend up to Allegheny River Boulevard. President Briney explained that an analysis of this intersection had happened in the past, resulting in the existing turning pattern. Mr. Polesiak remarked that new developments in other municipalities were also contributing to the existing traffic problems.

**Traffic on Hulton** – Mr. Joe McAndrew said he agreed with Mr. Polesiak about the traffic issues, and that he was worried about businesses on Allegheny River Boulevard losing customers due to the change in traffic patterns.

**Cedar Way** – Diane Colella described the unsafe conditions of Cedar Way before it became one-way. She volunteered to speak with the traffic study consultants concerning the problems along Cedar Way.

President Briney reminded the public that the planning analysis traffic will involve public input at some later date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cooper Jensen  
Borough Manager

Transcribed by:  
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