

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Benusa.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Zentgraf, Messrs. Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Taliaferro and President Benusa, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Chief David R. DiSanti, Sr., and Lisa Cooper Jensen, Assistant to the Borough Manager and Assistant Borough Secretary

Excused: Mr. Shoop

Visitors: Vince Benincassa, Paula Calabrese, Fred Favo, Mark Gleason, Ruth Hawker, Tom Meising, Melony Mostel, Matt Provenza, Tracy Provenza, Joe Rakowski, Bertha Shearer, Jim Trangle, Holly Usher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those who were present and able stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

6 W. Woodland Drive – Tom Meising, 17 Potomac Street, inquired about property for sale at 6 West Woodland Drive and its zoning. He also asked if he could install security cameras on his property.

Chief DiSanti said Mr. Meising was free to install cameras on his own property, but cautioned Mr. Meising that the cameras cannot invade the privacy of surrounding property owners' interiors.

Meising Litigation – Mr. Meising noted that a hearing on his lawsuit against the Borough was scheduled for December 4, and asked if there were any way to avoid it. President Benusa said he had asked the Solicitor to contact Mr. Meising, and would ask him again to do so.

Brenntag Noise – Melony Mostel, 43 Morris Street, thanked Council and the Police Department for their assistance in reducing the noise at the Brenntag loading dock.

Vince Benincassa, from Brenntag, said he was happy that the problem was being worked out.

Curfew – Ruth Hawker, 416 Isabella Street, asked if anything had been decided about Oakmont having a curfew since she last addressed Council. President Benusa said he wanted to see a plan for a curfew, not just a petition. He also felt that Borough ordinances addressed loitering adequately and it was a question of effective enforcement more than anything else. In the meantime, he

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advised Ms. Hawker to contact the Police Department if she observed any problems.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session of August 8, 2007, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Federici seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federici offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 2007, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Lucca Lane – President Benusa reported that a petition had been submitted from Lucca Lane residents for the Borough to install the final paving on the street. Mr. Benusa said the Borough did not own Lucca Lane, and asked residents to make a formal request to Council to accept the street first.

Virginia Calabrese, Kerr Board – President Benusa said there was a letter from Virginia Calabrese, resigning from the Kerr Museum Board. He said the resignation would be dealt with later that evening.

6 W. Woodland Avenue – President Benusa read an email, dated November 9, 2007, from Howard Hanna real estate agent Tom Conroy concerning permission to use the building at 6 W. Woodland Avenue to house furniture to assemblage and installation. He referred the letter to the Planning Commission.

WWTP Force Main Project – President Benusa read a letter, dated November 12, 2007, from Chester Engineers' John Balewski concerning the status on the Force Main Contract.. Mr. Benusa said comment on this would be made during Committee Reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

At the Mayor's request, Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his October 2007 Police Report for those present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Personnel & Legal

Warrants - Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #09-02-2007, dated November 12, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$277,150.00
Library Fund	\$18,492.09
Sewer Fund	\$42,656.00
Capital Fund	248,560.08
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1,679.11
Highway Aid Fund	\$6,824.35

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #10-01-2007, dated November 12, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$94,495.11
Library Fund	\$5,609.84
Sewer Fund	\$38,187.78
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$ -0-
Highway Aid Fund	\$ -0-

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Warrants - Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #10-02-2007, dated November 12, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$145,337.37
Library Fund	\$13,830.98
Sewer Fund	\$41,400.42
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1,975.59
Highway Aid Fund	\$6,843.13

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #11-01-2007, dated November 12, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$97,556.55
Library Fund	\$96,132.02
Sewer Fund	\$119,893.64
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$2,471.11
Highway Aid Fund	\$ -0-

Mr. Federici seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution No. R13-2007, Creating Assistant Borough Secretary – Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R13-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution amending Oakmont Borough Resolution No. R36-2005, and creating the position of Assistant to the Borough Manager, to include the duties, responsibilities and title of Assistant Borough Secretary from this point forward.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion.

President Benusa explained that a Borough Secretary was needed to sign and attest to many Borough documents, and in the absence of a Borough Manager, Lisa Cooper Jensen, Assistant to the Borough Manager, was being given the Assistant Borough Secretary's position to accomplish this.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 110, as **Resolution No. R13-2007**.

Payroll Service - Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the proper Borough officials to enter into an agreement with Paychex, Inc. to provide payroll and tax-related services for the Borough for a period of one (1) year, at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

2008 Budget - Mr. Favo said the first meeting to discuss the Preliminary 2008 Budget would be held next week.

PaMS Sewage Billing Service – Mr. Favo announced that the Borough would not be going ahead with contracting the services of Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company (PaMS) for sewage and garbage billing for the Borough. PaMS was working out the transition with the current billing service, the Municipal Authority, to occur in nine months.

Public Safety

Resolution No. R14-2007, Amending Civil Service Rules & Regulations – Mr. Taliaferro offered Resolution No. R14-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution amending the *Rules and Regulations of the Oakmont Civil Service Commission*, as adopted on May 14, 2007.

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Mr. Federici seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 111, as **Resolution No. R14-2007**.

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to authorize the proper Borough officials to enter into an agreement with Hoffman Boarding Kennels to provide animal control services to the Borough for a 12-month period for \$175.00 a month.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Resolution No. R15-2007, Appointing John Wojtyna to Planning Commission – Mr. Bland offered Resolution No. R15-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing John P. Wojtyna to the Oakmont Borough Planning Commission to fill the vacancy on the Commission created by the resignation of Thomas J. Briney

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning the fact that Mr. Wojtyna was also a member of the Boulevard Project Committee and Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Bland said nothing prevented a person from serving on multiple boards.

Mr. Federici said he was concerned that there might be others out there who also wanted to serve, and should be given the chance to do so rather than appoint one individual to as many as three boards.

It was agreed that Mr. Wojtyna would step down from the Boulevard Project Committee. Ms. Zentgraf asked reporters present to indicate that there would be an opening on this board.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 112, as **Resolution No. R15-2007**.

Giant Eagle Property Status – Mr. Bland reported that no official decisions had been made concerning the property at present. He said their real estate department was trying to understand the history of the property. He is still asking them for permission to keep at least a portion of the parking lot opened for Library patrons.

Engineering & Public Works

WWTP Phase II Upgrade/Change Order No. 1 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Joe Rakowski and Chester Engineers Project Manager John Balewski reported on the status of the plant upgrade. Due to rising petroleum costs, the cost of the plastic piping originally specified has increased. The contractors are requesting they be permitted to switch from plastic piping to ductile iron, specifically on the Force Main Project for the Upgrade.

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There would be a \$22,000 increase in project costs if plastic piping is used; a \$12,500 cost increase if ductile iron piping is used, instead.

Mr. Federici offered a motion to approve Force Main Project Change Order No. 1 for \$34,700, substituting ductile iron for plastic piping.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Storm Water Drainage Update – Mr. Rakowski said that there were 20 miles of sewer in the Borough with an average age of 35 years. He said he felt there was a need to “establish a philosophical stance” with regard to prioritizing the work that needs to be done, and asked that storm water funds be restricted in the upcoming budget so that they would be available as needed for repairs and upgrades.

President Benusa asked Mr. Rakowski to draw up a list of storm water projects.

Handicapped Ramps Project – Mr. Federici offered a motion to ratify the action of Borough officials in approving the Current Estimate No. 1 and Final on the Handicapped Sidewalk Ramp Project for \$23,750.00.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion.

Mr. Kennedy said he thought the job was done poorly. Mr. Federici said he would discuss this with the Borough Engineer.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

ARB Brick Restoration – Mr. Federici offered a motion to ratify the action of Borough officials in approving the Change Order No. 5 on the Allegheny River Boulevard Brick Restoration Project for \$11,715.00.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Solid Waste/Garbage Contract – Mr. Federici offered a motion to exercise the option of the Borough to renew the Solid Waste contract with USA Waste of Pennsylvania, Inc. (d/b/a Waste Management, Inc.) from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$24,081.00 per month.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

President Benusa asked if this was the last year for options to renew, and was told that 2009 would be the last year for options.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Recycling Contract - Mr. Federici offered a motion to exercise the option of the Borough to renew the Recyclables contract with USA Waste of Pennsylvania, Inc. (d/b/a Waste Management, Inc.) from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$2,967.00 per month.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Yard Waste Contract - Mr. Federici offered a motion to exercise the option of the Borough to renew the Yard Waste contract with USA Waste of Pennsylvania, Inc. (d/b/a Waste Management, Inc.) from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$1,265.00 per month.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Paving Projects Update – Mr. Federici said that Fifteenth Street, between Pennsylvania and Oak, had been paved, as well as View Street. Paving on Delaware Avenue, below Second Street, has been halted due to the Force Main Project work to be done in the same area. Contractor A. Folino, Inc. has indicated there may be a price adjustment as a result.

Telephone Pole Replacements – Mr. Federici noted that mounds of dirt have been left around several of the locations where Duquesne Light has replaced telephone poles around town. Mr. Bland said these are Duquesne Light subcontractors doing this, and that he would make contact with people at Duquesne Light to look into the problem.

Resolution No. R16-2007, Reappointing Allan R. Kennedy to Recreation Board – Mr. Federici offered Resolution No. R16-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution reappointing Allan R. Kennedy to the Oakmont Recreation Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Terry Preece.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion.

On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

President Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Abstained
Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Ms. Zentgraf	Yea
Mr. Federici	Yea		

The motion passed.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 113, as **Resolution No. R16-2007**.

Culture & Recreation

Riverside Park – Mr. Kennedy reported on the Park saying that fall athletics were done and that crews were in the process of fertilizing the fields and restoring the ball fields.

Mr. Bland said he wanted the lightning detector shut off and bundled for the winter. He is to speak with Doug Myers about covering it.

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Resolution No. R17-2007, Appointing Kyle Reynolds to Recreation Board – Mr. Kennedy offered Resolution No. R17-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Kyle Reynolds to the Oakmont Recreation Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the expiration of the term of Allan R. Kennedy.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 114, as **Resolution No. R17-2007**.

Resolution No. R18-2007, Appointing Douglas E. Myers to Recreation Board – Mr. Kennedy offered Resolution No. R18-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Douglas E. Myers to the Oakmont Recreation Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Keith Stitt.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion. Mr. Federici asked if Mr. Myers were also on another Borough board, and was told that he also sits on the Boulevard Project Committee.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 115, as **Resolution No. R18-2007**.

Resolution No. R19-2007, Appointing Joanne Brownlee to Library Board – Mr. Kennedy offered Resolution No. R19-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Joanne Brownlee to the Oakmont Carnegie Library Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Cheryl P. Zentgraf.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 116, as **Resolution No. R19-2007**.

Community Affairs

V. Calabrese Resignation – Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to accept the resignation of Virginia Calabrese from the Kerr Museum Board.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Resolution No. R20-2007, Appointing Diana Thompson to Kerr Museum Board – Mr. Kennedy offered Resolution No. R20-2007, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Diana Thompson to the Kerr Museum Board to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Virginia Calabrese.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Mr. Federici asked if Ms. Thompson were an Oakmont resident. Ms. Zentgraf said that residency was not a requirement for Museum Board members.

All those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 117, as **Resolution No. R20-2007**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Assistant Borough Secretary

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