

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Benusa.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Messrs. Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Myers, Taliaferro and President Benusa, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Shoop; and, Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

Visitors: Dave Bittinger, Lee Bittinger, Richard Blauser, Brian Clinton, Ken Doyno, Jeff Golvash, David Mancosh, Matt Provenza, Cassie Narkevic, Dave Smail, James Trangle, Holly Usher, Dean Walters and Charles A. Wooster

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Library “Mysteries of Oakmont” Tour**

Council Member Taliaferro characterized the “Mysteries of Oakmont” Halloween Tour, conducted by the Library, as “a rousing success.” He named those groups involved in the project and thanked them for their contributions.

**Potomac Street**

Matt Provenza, 24 Morris Street, thanked Chief DiSanti and Officer Geppert for dealing with the drug issues on Potomac Street.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

**September 18, 2006 Minutes**

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2006, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**October 9, 2006**

Mr. Federici offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2006, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Borough Manager offered copies of the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and various other legislative newsletters for Council's review.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Penneco Oil (Bittinger) Conditional Use Application**

At 7:40 PM, President Benusa turned the gavel over to Solicitor Shoop, as officer for the Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Application (#CUA 06-10-02) of Penneco Oil Company, Inc. (Bittinger) to construct a natural gas well in Satler Park (Satler Park #1 Gas Well).

[A copy of the Hearing's transcript follows, in full.]

The Public Hearing concluded at 9:04 PM, with Bittinger requesting, and being granted, an extension on their lease with the Borough to March 5, 2007, so as to be able to refile necessary documents with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA-DEP) pertaining to this gas well. The Public Hearing is to reconvene once a mutually-agreed upon drilling site has been decided upon.

Council next turned their attention to issues around the installation of traffic signals on Hulton Road. Walgreens developers Paradise Group's Brian Clinton told Council that they had finally come to terms with the Allegheny Valley Railroad (AVRR) over the traffic lights to be installed at Hulton Road, Allegheny River Boulevard and Allegheny Avenue. He stated that the Paradise Group was willing to work with the Borough to meet the regulations imposed by AVRR.

Traffic consultant Chuck Wooster reported that an application for traffic signals had been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on September 20, 2006. PennDOT has not looked at the application yet, but they are anticipating no problems. Mr. Wooster was optimistic that the traffic signals would be installed by May 2007, and said they would make every effort to have all completed by the time of the U.S. Open.

Mr. Clinton announced that Walgreens would be opening that Friday, November 17, 2006. A brief discussion ensued concerning Walgreens signage and the traffic light installation.

Next, President Benusa asked Brooks & Blair to update Council on their development project at the former Edgewater property. Brooks & Blair Site Planner Ken Doyno said that Brooks & Blair had reviewed and discussed both the August 16 and October 16 recommendations of the Planning Commission, as well as Council's recommendations pertaining to open recreational space. The resulting proposals were presented in a letter to Council from Brooks & Blair Principal Daniel Mancosh, dated November 13, 2006.

There was a brief discussion concerning the alignment of streets between the Brooks & Blair and the Kacin developments. Mr. Bland noted that Brooks & Blair's willingness to connect with the Arboretum Trail, in particular, would be a sign of their commitment to integrating their plan into the surrounding

community. Mr. Doyno said they were talking with fellow developers Kacin about expanding a right-of-way to solve their problems over being able to tie in with the Arboretum Trail.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his October 2006 Police Report for those present. He thanked District Attorney Stephen Zappala for procuring grant money to purchase department equipment.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Hulton Road Paving**

Mr. Dunlap said PennDOT's Dan Cessna had called him that morning to say that paving of Hulton Road had been scheduled for April 1 to May 15, 2007.

**DCED Grant for ARB Paving (Porte to Hulton)**

A \$220,000 grant application has been filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA-DCED) to repave 800 feet of brick pavement between Hulton Road and Porte Street on Allegheny River Boulevard. DCED is requesting more information on the project.

**Proposed Bocce Court**

Mr. Dunlap announced that the Borough was considering the installation of a bocce court on the southern side of the Municipal Building, and was looking for feedback and contributions to the project.

**Pennsylvania Avenue Water Line**

The Water Authority is almost done installing the new water line along Pennsylvania Avenue. Milling and paving should be completed by the end of the week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance, Personnel & Legal**

Mr. Favio moved to approve Warrant List #10-02-2006, dated November 13, 2006, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$158,032.11
Library Fund	\$86,383.09
Sewer Fund	\$65,561.32
Capital Fund	\$-0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1,557.93
Highway Aid Fund	\$7,181.27

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #11-01-2006, dated November 13, 2006, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$128,341.66
Library Fund	\$16,308.83
Sewer Fund	\$51,114.48
Capital Fund	\$34,528.19
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$800.86
Highway Aid Fund	\$543.95

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Engineering & Public Works**

**Leaf Collection**

Noting that the Borough was in the midst of leaf collecting, Council Member Federici asked residents not to rake their leaves into the street, but instead to keep them behind the curb so as not to clog Borough catch basins.

**Street Lights**

Mr. Federici also mentioned he had noticed some street lights around town that were not working.

Mayor Fescemyer said the Police Department was in the process of identifying malfunctioning street lights throughout the Borough, and notifying Duquesne Light about them.

**Culture & Recreation**

**Riverside Park**

Mr. Kennedy reported that Park Crew activities at Riverside Park have ended for the season.

**Library**

He also said that the old section of the Library had opened once again.

**Community Affairs**

Mr. Myers offered a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc. of Pittsburgh, appointing the company as the Uniform Construction Code Building and Code Official for the Borough of Oakmont, and providing for the establishment of fees for same.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

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President Benusa asked Mr. Dunlap about the proposed coordination of this service with Blawnox and Verona boroughs. Mr. Dunlap said the proposal was vetoed by the Verona Borough Council.

The motion to appoint Code.sys Consulting, Inc. as the Borough's Building and Code Enforcement Official passed unanimously.

Council Member Myers also reported that the plan to ready the sled riding trail in Falling Springs Run Park for the winter had been delayed until next weekend.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Benusa announced that the Borough now had a website online.

Mayor Fescemyer thanked the Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department and the Chamber of Commerce for the installation of the Christmas banners along the Boulevard.

**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 10:08 PM.

Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager  
and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

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