

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President Bland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: President Benusa, Messrs. Myers and Shoop

Visitors: Walt Brotherton, Paula Calabrese, Matt Provenza, Mike Skinner (Borough Engineer – Gateway Engineers), Jim Trangle, Tom Wagner, Holly Usher

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

T. Wagner – Borough Employment Practices

Tom Wagner, 531 Eighth Street, addressed Council concerning the recently filled opening in the Street Department – a job for which he had applied. He said he and his family were long-time Borough residents and he had already been an Borough employee on the Park Crew. He felt he should have been interviewed for the job, or at least gotten a letter saying the position had been filled. Mr. Wagner felt that the Borough should “support our own” in its hiring practices.

M. Provenza – T. Meising Property

Matt Provenza, 23 Morris Street, said he had never received a response to the letter he sent President Benusa in November of 2006. Mr. Provenza passed out copies of the letter to Council.

He said he “had been getting the run-around since last year,” about alleged violations at the Thomas Meising property at 25 Potomac Street. He felt there was a lack of enforcement for even obvious violations on the property such as vehicles with expired plates.

Mayor Fescemyer said he could guarantee Mr. Provenza that something would be done in the near future about the problems he mentioned. He added that there had been a problem with the old building inspector with enforcement issues, which may have added to the apparent lack of response.

Council Member Bland asked how long it would be until Mr. Provenza would get a response. The Mayor said he would get back to Mr. Provenza in two weeks.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session of January 8, 2007, the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2007 and the Special Meeting of January 22, 2007, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Federici 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Commendations

Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his January 2007 Police Report for those present. He commended Officers David H. Brankley and Robert Jones. He also commended Officer Ralph Marsico for successfully administering CPR to a heroin addict.

Bomb Scare Near Residents' Home

Mayor Fescemyer asked Chief DiSanti to report on the bomb-making scare in front of a resident's home. Chief DiSanti said it was more of a loud explosion than anything else. The culprits had gotten a "recipe" for the bomb on the Internet.

The Mayor said he did not want residents thinking that any terrorist activity was involved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Personnel & Legal

Mr. Favio moved to approve Warrant List #01-02-07, dated January 31, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$73,355.06
Library Fund	\$9,951.51
Sewer Fund	\$19,475.92
Capital Fund	\$26,132.30
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1379.28
Highway Aid Fund	\$7,073.46

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #02-01-07, dated February 12, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$70,292.66
Library Fund	\$8,636.98
Sewer Fund	\$35,497.01
Capital Fund	\$2,900.00
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1,800.39
Highway Aid Fund	\$1,540.49

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPM Western Executive Development Conference

Mr. Favo offered a motion to approve the request of the Borough Manager to attend the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Manager’s Professional Developments Conference from February 21-23, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Safety

Sale of 2003 Police Car

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to award Contract No. 07-01, for the sale of the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor police car, to Tresco Paving Corporation for \$4,100.00.

Mr. Federici seconded the motion.

Mr. Taliaferro asked if the vehicle was ready to go to the buyer. Chief DiSanti said, “We’re close.”

Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Upcoming Zoning Hearings

Borough Manager Dunlap reviewed the Zoning Hearings scheduled for February 21, 2007: Allegheny Valley Bank, the Borough, the Giovanetti Subdivision, Kacin Companies and VITA Real Estate, Inc.

Both the Borough and Kacin requested hearings for permission to allow cars to park on their properties during the U.S. Open in June. Mr. Bland asked why this needed to go before the Zoning Hearing Board and who would be representing the Borough. Mr. Dunlap said the Solicitor would be representing the Borough, and that the *Zoning Ordinance* did not specifically address temporary parking lots, so it was felt best to go before the Board for a determination.

Legislators review Edgewater Developments

Mr. Dunlap also reported that County Executive Dan Onorato and U.S. Representative Jason Altmire had met with the Borough that day and were given an update on the former Edgewater property developments.

Engineering & Public Works

Road Projects

Mr. Federici reported on the Allegheny River Boulevard restoration from Hulton Road to Plum Street, noting that the time frame for getting the roads, traffic lights and railroad crossing projects completed before the U.S. Open was going to be a tight schedule.

Lighting Levels at Pennsylvania/Allegheny River Blvd./Allegheny Avenue

The Borough Manager met with Duquesne Light representatives concerning lighting levels at Pennsylvania Avenue and the two boulevards. He said they inspected the intersections, agreed to fix all flickering lights, and add two other fixtures to increase lighting levels there.

Culture & Recreation

St. Irenaeus Centennial

Mr. Kennedy reported that the start of the St. Irenaeus Centennial, to which Borough Officials have been invited, would be on March 3, 2007.

Kerr Museum Antique Show

The Annual Antique Show will be held the weekend of March 16, 2007 at the Pittsburgh Field Club. Due to the U.S. Open, the Show was not able to be held at Oakmont Country Club.

Riverside Park Gas Well

Mr. Kennedy announced that the gas well was in at the Park, and was told that the well was "a good one from the standpoint of pressure." Mr. Kennedy expressed concern that the playing grounds would be ready in the time for start of spring sports.

Riverside Park Field House Renovation

Council Member Kennedy said that a request to renovate the Field House was made to the Recreation Board by Todd Massack and Joe Rossi. He commented that the kind of renovation they were asking for would be extensive and expensive, and asked Messrs. Massack and Rossi for some idea of the costs. The request will also be put before the School Board.

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Community Affairs

Code Enforcement and Building Inspection

Mr. Bland commented that he felt they were not doing the best job they could as far as building inspection and code enforcement were concerned. He said that Council had given both much thought and discussion, and were trying to improve both the process and quality of service.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Relay-for-Life

Walt Brotherton, 291 Commons Drive, asked Council for permission to install two 20-amp circuits at Riverside Park for the kiddies' rides during the Relay-for-Life. It was suggested that Mr. Brotherton first speak with Council Member Myers, who is an electrician. The main concern is that the task be completed safely and with plenty of lead time.

Mr. Kennedy said his only concern was that no field time be interfered with, but that otherwise, it was fine with him.

Mr. Bland said Mr. Myers would have to be asked to volunteer his services in this case, since Relay-for-Life was not truly a Borough issue.

Mayor Fescemyer asked Mr. Brotherton to give Mr. Kennedy a drawing of what he intended to do.

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 8:12 PM.

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

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