

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:40 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. Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Myers, Taliaferro and Vice President Bland, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Shoop; and, Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

Excused: President Benusa (arrived 8:30 PM)

Visitors: Ted Eden, Paul Messina, Cassie Narkevic, Sue Thompson, Jim Trangle and Holly Usher

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Speed Bumps

Ted Eden, 1221 Pennsylvania Avenue, addressed Council concerning the recent installation of a speed bump in the 500 block of Ninth Street. Mr. Eden asked if a speed bump could also be installed on his street to slow down traffic.

Vice President Bland noted that Mayor Fescemyer was head of Public Safety, but that he personally “wasn’t real thrilled with it myself.” He was of the opinion that Council should review requests for speed bumps and develop criteria for approving or not approving speed bumps.

Mayor Fescemyer said he would talk with Police Chief DiSanti about “concentrated enforcement” in the area of Mr. Eden’s street.

Virginia Avenue Trees

Paul Messina, 523 Virginia Avenue, told Council that the berries from the flowering pear tree planted by the Borough in front of his house had ruined the finish of his car. He said he had talked with the Shade Tree Commission about this with no results. He felt the residents with these trees in front of their houses were “being held in bondage,” and that he was willing to deal with the Solicitor over this issue, if necessary.

Mayor Fescemyer said Mr. Messina’s complaint would be looked into. Council Member Myers said he would speak with Shade Tree Commission chairman John Wojtyna about it. Borough Manager Dunlap was to get back to Mr. Messina by the end of the week.

MINUTES APPROVED

February 6, 2006 Minutes

Council Members requested that the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 6, 2006, which had inadvertently not been approved previously, be sent out to them again for review.

June 12, 2006 Minutes

Mr. Federici offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2006, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion.

On a called yea and nay vote to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2006, as circulated to the members of Borough Council, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Nay
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Federici	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	Yea

The motion carried by a 5 to 1 vote.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

NIMS Certification

Referring to an article in the June 2006 issue of *PSABstract* on the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Mr. Taliaferro announced that he would be taking the NIMS test for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Mayor Fescemyer said he had met with Oakmont Emergency Management Coordinator Hugh Teitelbaum and Chief DiSanti that morning about this. Chief DiSanti is already certified in NIMS. The Mayor said he wanted to see others get certified, too.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June 2006 Police Report

Mayor Fescemyer reviewed the highlights of the June 2006 Police Report. He commented that new Police Chief David R. DiSanti, Sr., had "hit the street running," and that the Chief was in the process of meeting with department personnel.

There is now a regional booking center located in Tarentum, which has new scanner technology for identification. Chief DiSanti has already met with County District Attorney Stephen Zappala on this booking center.

August 21-22, 2006 firearms qualifications were held for department personnel.

The Police Department will assist in the following events:

- Kennywood Picnic Day, July 12
- 5K Race, July 29
- Boulevard Sale, July 29

Vice President Bland asked if Chief DiSanti was ready to go with the 911 County dispatch system. Mayor Fescemyer said he was in the process of working with the County on this. Mr. Dunlap noted that other communities were also becoming interested in joining the County system because of the technology available with the system.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Library Renovation Project

Solicitor Shoop announced that the Borough would be entering into a Take Over Agreement with the contractor's bonding company to complete work on the Library. The bonding company will handle the remainder of the construction work. The monies for the cost of completion will be put into an escrow account until the work is done satisfactorily. Sufficient funds are available to complete the project.

Installation of the air conditioning and heating systems is to begin immediately. The ducts are being cleaned at present. Hopefully, all will be done by fall, said Mr. Dunlap.

Architect's fees and legal costs will be discussed as a separate issue. Council was currently discussing bringing in a second architect to review the work already done.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Grants

Borough Manager Dunlap announced that the Borough's Pre-Application for a \$220,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to renovate Allegheny River Boulevard had been approved. County officials will be touring Oakmont on July 24 to look at the condition of the roadway.

The Borough also received a \$15,000 grant via State Senator Jim Ferlo's office to extend a storm sewer line from Eleventh Street to Dark Hollow Road.

Library Director

Newly-hired Library Director Shannon Dunn will be attending a training seminar for Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) directors.

Lightning Detector System

Council has approved the purchase of a lightning detector system to be installed at Riverside Park.

Edgewater Property Development /Zoning Amendment

Developers Brooks & Blair will be meeting with the Planning Commission on July 19 to request that the *Oakmont Zoning Ordinance* be amended to more easily accommodate their plans for the Edgewater property.

Jim Walker Retirement

Street Crew employee, Jimmy Walker, retired on June 30, 2006. Mr. Dunlap said how much he appreciated Mr. Walker's service and dedication to the Borough over 31 years.

2006 Paving Project Bids

Mr. Dunlap announced that the bids for the 2006 Paving Project had been opened in public that day at 3:00 PM.

The bids were as follows:

<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Bid Amount</i>
A. Folino Construction, Inc.	\$254,640.75
Derry Construction Company, Inc.	\$311,338.75
Russell Standard Corporation	\$253,902.87

Mr. Dunlap said the expected estimated cost for this project was \$201,000, but that all the bids had come in higher, meaning that the project's scope may have to be reduced.

Mr. Kennedy asked who was going to enforce the lightning detector system at the Park. Mayor Fescemyer asked how the police would be notified that lightning had been detected in the Park.

Council Member Favo said that information could be distributed when the various clubs register to use the fields, and also through the schools. He added that the purpose of the lightning detector was not to create enforcement issues, but rather, the system was to be self-enforcing for all those in the Park at the time. The system detects electrical activity within a 10-mile radius, he noted.

Mr. Bland asked about the *pre-application* for the CDBG, commenting on the lengthy process for the grant. During the upcoming County tour, Mr. Dunlap said he intended to ask that the Borough's application be fast-tracked due to the urgency of the project. Mr. Dunlap added that traffic signals would soon be installed at the Hulton/ARB/Allegheny Avenue intersection and that Walgreens was expected to open by mid-August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Personnel & Legal

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #06-02-2006, dated June 30, 2006, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$ 121,401.95
Library Fund	\$ 13,480.90
Sewer Fund	\$ 42,688.31
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$ 1,078.80
Highway Aid Fund	\$ -0-

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #07-01-2006, dated July 10, 2006, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$ 36,246.91
Library Fund	\$ 2,017.78
Sewer Fund	\$ 36,282.17
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$ 230.71
Highway Aid Fund	\$ 400.93

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Zoning Amendment

Mr. Bland said he had several items he wished to discuss. Regarding the upcoming Brooks & Blair request to the Planning Commission to amend the *Zoning Ordinance*, Mr. Bland commented that the Planning Commission had given significant thought to the creation of the *Zoning Ordinance* in 1997, and that any significant changes to this amendment should be given the most careful consideration on the part of Council.

Speed Bumps

Vice President Bland said he believed that Council needed to look for a consistent policy on speed bumps.

Riverside Park Gas Wells

Mr. Bland stated that one of the goals of Council has been to use revenues gained from our parks and recreation activities to enhance the recreational opportunities within the Borough. An example of these revenues would be the leasing fees from gas wells within the parks.

Vice President Bland then asked Solicitor Shoop if he were permitted to offer a motion. The Solicitor said he was.

Mr. Bland moved to offer Snyder Brothers, Inc. the opportunity to drill for gas at the originally proposed location in Riverside Park, provided that the appropriate agreement and approvals were reached.

Mr. Myers seconded the motion.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to table Mr. Bland's motion to allow for the opportunity to take a closer look at the proposed site. The motion was not seconded.

On a called yea and nay vote to offer Snyder Brothers, Inc. the opportunity to drill for gas at the originally proposed location in Riverside Park, provided that the appropriate agreement and approvals were reached, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Nay	Mr. Kennedy	Nay
Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Nay	Mr. Taliaferro	Yea
Mr. Federici	Yea		

The motion passed by a 4 to 3 vote.

Mr. Kennedy said he felt that the originally proposed location for the gas well was not a good site.

Engineering & Public Works

2006 Pavement Maintenance Program

Council Member Federici offered a motion to award Contract No. 06-02, the 2006 Pavement Maintenance Program to Russell Standard Corporation of Mars, Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 and subject to all appropriate bonding and insurances being provided.

Mr. Benusa seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo asked if certain proposed paving projects in the bid specifications would be eliminated so that the final cost would not exceed \$225,000. Mr. Dunlap said that was correct. He said that probably some or all of the proposed handicap ramps at street corners would be eliminated, and possibly the catch basin repair project at Third and Archie Streets, as well as repairing of "soft patches" in roads.

Mr. Federici also made note of the fine work done by Carlucci Construction on the catch basin repair at Fifth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Culture & Recreation

Summer Program

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the Summer Program at Riverside Park. He said that golf lessons had ended that day.

ADJOURNMENT

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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 8:48 PM.

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

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