Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **October 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Council President Ride called the Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Arnold, Leonardi, Vice-President Pagnotta, Paris, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Mayor Facaros; Borough Manager Fodi, Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Officer Stofferahn
Excused: Ms. Ormay
Visitors: 14 visitors

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr. Fodi briefed the public on PROPOSED Ordinance O4-2025:

- Consideration of Proposed Ordinance O4-2025, amending Borough Code Chapter 157, Article VI, Sewerage Service Charges and Billing Practices to Increase the Sewerage Service Charge Schedule of Rates and the Method of Ascertainment of Certain Rate Charges and Making Other Additional Provisions Relative Thereto.

    - **Public Testimony Regarding Proposed Ordinance O4-2025**
      There was no public testimony.

    - **Council Comments**
      There were no comments.

    - **MOTION:**
      Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Proposed Ordinance O4-2025, amending Borough Code Chapter 157, Article VI, Sewerage Service Charges and Billing Practices to Increase the Sewerage Service Charge Schedule of Rates and the Method of Ascertainment of Certain Rate Charges and Making Other Additional Provisions Relative Thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Randy Galm, Borough Treasurer, Third Quarter 2025 Report**
  Mr. Galm reviewed the Third Quarter Treasury Report, highlights included:
    - Fund Balances
    - Revenue & Expenditures
    - Year-to-Date Actual Budget Comparison
    - General Fund: 100% of Real Estate Taxes Collected
    - Boulevard Project: Grant and Fundraising
    - Kerr Museum
    - Library: Love Your Library in September; donations expected.
    - Sewer Fund: Just voted to raise rate, so expect that to help offset funds that have been used on projects.

- Capital Parks: Large projects are planned that have grants. The grant reimbursements will happen once completed and this will go into 2026.
- Capital Roads: A lot of projects planned, but grants are also being utilized.
- Capital Reserve: USGA payment was received.
- American Rescue Plan: Fully utilized. Balance is now zero.
- Bond Update: Series B Bond has railings left, the final payment will be released and utilized within the next month. The sewer project will use the other bond.

  Mr. Galm explained arbitrage with the bonds, including the maximum interest allowed to earn. If interest above the allowable rate is earned, the excess goes back to the IRS. It does not cost the Borough any money. The arbitrage calculation has to occur every five years.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Joe Flanick, Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD), briefed OBC on the OVFD's monthly report:
  - 48 calls to service
  - 27 calls were in Oakmont
  - 5 Residential Fire Alarms
  - 15 Commercial Fire Alarms
  - 5 Total Boat Emergencies
  - 6 Carbon Monoxide Alarms
  - 1 Down Wire
  - Swift Water Rescue Training
  - Public Outreach: Riverview School District, St. Irenaeus, and Oakmont Carnegie Library

- Laurie McDade, 1 Delaware Avenue, raised concerns about illegal dumping near Monroe Towers. She stated this is attracting rats. She has reported the dumping and submitted pictures. She knows who it is and has witnesses. She asks that OBC helps to remedy the situation.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Brief Message from the President of Council**
  President Ride announced the following:
  - Washington Avenue is ready to be paved.
  - The Sewer Project is ready to start two years of building.
  - Chateau Beach Dog Park is expected to have building completed in two weeks. Grass will need to be planted and grown before the park can be truly opened for use.
  - The Oakmont Community Foundation Parking Lot is waiting for an HOP from PennDOT before it can be open for use.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- September 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
  The minutes were approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)
Mr. Fodi led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- Nothing to Report

Kerr Museum:

- Nothing to Report

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- Library Director Report for September
  Highlights included:
  - 70,839 books circulated YTD
  - 35 independent programs
  - Phone system has been switched
  - Love Your Library raised just over $22,000
  - Fred Favo Touch-A-Truck raised $1,093
  - 2026 will be the 125th anniversary of the Library

- Library Board September Meeting Minutes

- Article from Western Pennsylvania History Magazine Re: Oakmont Carnegie Library
  The fall issue includes an article about OCL and was included in the packets.

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve the DHW Stormwater Improvements and Retaining Wall Bid Project to Protocol, LLC, for Base Bid and Alternates #1 and #2 in the amount of $169,524.60. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Board:

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #2 in the amount of $32,846.57 to VS&H Construction Company, LLC, for the Chateau Beach Dog Park Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to accept the recommendation of the Recreation Board and award the Riverside Park Entrance Improvement Project to VS&H Construction Company, LLC, which includes Base Bid and Add Alternate #1, in the total amount of $62,084 (funding is from the CFA Local Share Account Grant Program). Motion carried unanimously.

- Recreation Board September Meeting Minutes

Shade Tree Commission:

- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee:

- Communications Committee October Report
  Vice-President Pagnotta stated that the committee met and they are looking to have Lauren Golembiewski to be added to the committee. Ms. Golembiewski has a strong communications and social media background.

  Rocco Brown is working on a youth committee at Riverview High School.

  The Communications Committee stated that the Borough should add in a designated PR person as a stipend position.

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint Lauren Golembiewski to the Oakmont Borough Communications Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission:

- Nothing to Report

Announcements & Old Business

- Nothing to Report

B. Administration:

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2025, authorizing the Borough to enter into a 5-year Winter Maintenance Agreement, beginning October 15, 2025, to reimburse Oakmont Borough annually for maintaining PennDOT-owned roads in Oakmont during the winter season. Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion: Lease Agreement with Stephenson Equipment for 2025 Mini Leaf Truck in the amount of $36,748 due October 2026 and also directing the Borough Manager to submit a 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant to the DEP to complete the purchase.

  Mr. Fodi stated the funds have been budgeted for and will replace the old leaf vacuum truck. The new truck will fit easily down the streets.

  Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to enter a lease agreement with Stephenson Equipment for a 2025 Mini Leaf Truck in the amount of $36,748 due October 2026, and to allow the Borough Manager to submit a 902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant to the DEP to complete the purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- Nothing to Report

D. Finance:

- Motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to approve the Warrant List for September 2025, in the amount of $568,581.22. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Mayor Facaros deferred to Officer Stofferahn

- Monthly Police Report
  Officer Stofferahn highlighted the following:
  - St. Margaret Hospital Meeting
  - Road Department and Sewer Department First Aid Training
  - Active Shooter Training
  - Reminder to lock cars to make it harder for thieves

- Parkview EMS Monthly Report
  - 132 dispatches
  - 7 Mutual Aid

- 88 Transfers
- 37% were to Presby

F. Public Works

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #1 in the amount of $54,976.75 and Payment #2 in the amount of $30,826.09 to Hatch Engineers for Construction Management for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment #2 in the amount of $1,181,449.35 to Lone Pine Construction for the Oakmont Treatment Plant Upgrades Project. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Request for Agenda Items from Council

President Ride stated any suggestions for topics can be submitted to Mr. Fodi.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Charlie Fox, Maryland Avenue, asked about the first aid training for his church .

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador