Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **December 16, 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, Ormay, Vice-President Pagnotta, Paris, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Rocco Brown, Junior Council Member; Mayor Facaros; Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:	Borough Manager Fodi,
Visitors:	3 visitors

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

Proposed Ordinance O5-2025: Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance, amending Borough Code Chapter A208, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and to Restate in its Entirety Said Rules and Regulations.

i. **Testimony Regarding Proposed Ordinance O5-2025**
Mr. Leyland explained that the purpose is to implement a test that is effective but will eliminate the 1.5 mile run portion of the physical agility exam to pass the Civil Service test. Regardless of removing this one portion of the agility exam, this portion of the Civil Service process is still challenging and does not diminish the quality of candidates for the eligibility list. The amendment also permits students currently in a state-sanctioned police academy to apply. The existing language does not permit that. Mr. Leyland confirmed the proposed Ordinance was advertised and posted in compliance with all elements of the PA Sunshine Act.

OBC discussed the 1.5 mile run part of the test, safety requirements, and pass/fail elements of the test changing to points.

ii. **Motion to Consider Adoption of Proposed Ordinance O5-2025**
Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to adopt Proposed Ordinance O5-2025 amending Borough Code Chapter A208, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and to Restate in its Entirety Said Rules and Regulations.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wilson: Nay
Ms. Paris: Nay
Ms. Leonardi: Yay
Mr. Arnold: Yay
Ms. Ormay: Yay
Ms. Pagnotta: Yay
President Ride: Yay

Motion carried 5-2.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

There were no registered speakers.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Mike Rybacki, 640 Elm Way, raised concerns about the tax increase. He explained ways to develop how much to raise taxes, and he felt that the number wasn't developed the way he thought it should be. He also said the Borough should pay off its debt because Biblical scripture says that the borrower is slave to the lender.

- Mike Lieberth, 729 15th Street, thanked OBC for their work, and believes the Council has never wavered. He thanked the Borough for their work during the snowstorm.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Rite-Aid Vacancy**
  President Ride stated the Borough has received correspondences asking why it has chosen to let a dollar store move into the vacant building. She stated it's a retail space being filled with another retail business. It's not the Borough's choice who moves into a building.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- November 18, 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:

- November Meeting Minutes (for information)

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve Change Order #1 (final), decreasing the total cost of the project by $14,685.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #1 (final) in the amount of $292,740.00 to Jet Jack, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Kerr Museum:

- Nothing to Report

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- Library Director Report for November (in packets for information)

- Library Board November Meeting Minutes (in packets for information)

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- Nothing to Report

Recreation Board:

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to approve Payment #4 in the amount of $107,325.98 to VS&H Construction Company, LLC for the Chateau Beach Dog Park Project.

Shade Tree Commission:

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to award the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree Pruning and Preservation Contract to Elevated Tree Care, Inc. in the amount of $35,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to award the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree Stump Removal Contract to Sidelines Tree Service, LLC in the amount of $12,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to award the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract to Tall Timber Tree Experts, LLC in the amount of $29,650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Committee:

- Nothing to Report

Civil Service Commission:

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise to create a new Eligibility List for the Oakmont Borough Police Depart. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements & Old Business

- Nothing to Report

B. Administration:

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Resolution #14 of 2025 formally requesting $63,000 in Year 52 Community Development Block Grant funds from Allegheny County and authorizing AVNCOG to execute all documents on behalf of Oakmont. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Resolution #15 of 2025, establishing the Millage Rate for 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to adopt Resolution #16 of 2025, defining Full-Time Police Employee Contributions to the Police Pension Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. #17 of 2025, confirming the Borough's application for Year 50 CDBG funding for Riverside Park Trail Improvements and designating the AVNCOG as Grant Administer. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to adopt Resolution #18 of 2025, to correct an omission regarding the reservation of oil and gas or mineral rights on property parcel 444-N-268, aka 107 Dark Hollow Road, Oakmont. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to authorize Cohen Law Group to represent Oakmont during franchise agreement discussions with Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC for an amount not to exceed $7,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve the Proposed 2026 Budget.

President Ride explained that minor changes within the allowed threshold were made to the budget, but nothing substantiative. 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 November 2025 in the total amount of $513,213.53. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Mayor Facaros deferred to Chief Ford

- Monthly Police Report
  Chief Ford highlighted the following from the submitted report:
  - AAA Awards Dinner for Sgt. Turpin with the Pedestrian Safety

- Parkview EMS Monthly Report
  - 137 dispatches
  - 10 Mutual Aid
  - 82 Transfers to local hospitals
  - 31% of calls were to Presby

- Joe Flanick Delivered the OVFD Report
  - 38 Calls to Service (20 within the Borough, 18 mutual aid)
  - 15 Fire Alarms
  - Six Residential Structure Fires
  - Multiple Vehicular Incidents
  - There are no hydrant issues within the Borough; if an issue were to happen the OVFD has a relationship with the Water Authority. There is a fire hydrant on every block.

F. Public Works

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve Payment #1 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of $119,911.24. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Payment #2 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of $158,486.48. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #4 in the amount of $38,119.47 to Hatch Engineers for Construction Management of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment #3 to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of $405,216.14. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #4 to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of $496,696.81. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Payment #1 for CCTV and Cleaning in the amount of $45,941.13 to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to award to ACA Engineering, Inc. of Pittsburgh Contract No. 25-S1 in the amount of $30,000.00 for Geotechnical Investigation Services for a Railroad Utility Crossing. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to award to C.H. & D. Enterprises, Inc. of New Stanton Contract No. 24-R04 in the amount of $285,476.00 for improvements at the intersection of Hulton Road and 3rd Street. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Request for Agenda Items from Council

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

President Ride stated this is the final meeting of the year, and two members are moving on. She thanked Ms. Leonardi for her time serving on Council.

President Ride thanked Mr. Arnold for his work serving on Council as well.

Ms. Pagnotta thanked Rocco for his time serving as the student representative and the work he has done to grow the program.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Mike Rybacki Elm Way, stated that the Founding Fathers managed to give the citizens a gift of the nation being debt-free.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador