Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **March 18, 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 and Junior Council Member Brown; Assistant Borough Manager Anderson, Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford

Excused: Mr. Fodi
Visitors: 6 visitors

PROPOSED ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION

- The Proposed Food Truck Ordinance is delayed for a month to review where to place it within the Borough Code of Ordinances.
- Proposed Ordinance O1-2025: Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance, Amending Parking Regulations in Chapter 205, Zoning of the Borough Code.

  Mr. Leyland briefed OBC of the history of Proposed Ordinance O1-2025, including the litigation experienced by Oakmont over the adoption of the original Ordinance in 2023.

  i. Council will accept testimony regarding Proposed Ordinance O1-2025.

  The court reporter delivered the oath to anyone wishing to comment.

  Joe Vickless, Co-Owner Local Remedy Brewery, spoke to OBC in support of Proposed Ordinance O1-2025. He stated residents and local business owners have spoken about how happy they are about new businesses coming to the Borough, thanks in part to the proposed ordinance making it easier for businesses to open in the Borough. He urged OBC

  Gus Senseri, John Keefe's Legal Counsel, adamantly objected to the ordinance. Mr. Senseri made claims that OBC was attacking Mr. Keefe and said that the Borough should have done a traffic study. He stated OBC doesn't care about the welfare of the residents.

  Dan McCurdy, owner Oakmont Deli, spoke to OBC in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

  ii. OBC Comments
  Ms. Ormay stated the language from Allegheny County should be added to show the distinction between OPC and OBC.

  Mr. Leyland stated the language has been added.

  Ms. Ormay asked if a traffic study will be completed.

Mr. Leyland explained how traffic studies will be used in the future for conditional use applications.

Ms. Ormay asked if handicap parking spots have been striped/marked.

President Ride said spots have been marked, but there might be some awaiting the striping.

Mr. Arnold stated a traffic study should be done before approving the ordinance.

Vice-President Pagnotta asked for clarification on the traffic study requirements for future businesses. She stated that having a traffic study done now would be arbitrary since in the future any new businesses applying for a conditional use permit would need to submit their own traffic study.

Mr. Wilson requested a copy of the current traffic study.

Ms. Paris seconded what Vice-President Pagnotta said. She also said it's needed to bring in new businesses.

Ms. Leonardi stated the ordinance is the same ordinance that went into effect January 2023, but grandfathers in businesses that are currently within the Borough.

Mr. Leyland explained the changes that the ordinance created when it was adopted in 2023.

Ms. Leonardi stated that she is hesitant to spend taxpayer money on a traffic study when the Borough has seen the impact of the ordinance since 2023.

President Ride said she supports the ordinance and how it allows businesses that wouldn't have originally been allowed to come in due to the restrictions with parking.

iii. Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to adopt Proposed Ordinance O1-2025 Amending Parking Regulations in Chapter 205, Zoning of the Borough Code.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Arnold: Nay

Ms. Leonardi: Yay

Ms. Ormay: Yay

Vice-President Pagnotta: Yay

Ms. Paris: Yay

Mr. Wilson: Yay

President Ride: Yay

Motion carried 6 to 1.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No Comments from the public present for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCES

President Ride stated several correspondences have been received concerning work on the hillside near the golf course.

President Ride stated the work is being done in Plum Borough and the Borough of Oakmont does not have a say in the work being done. She said any concerned community members should contact Plum Borough.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- January 7, 2025, Work Session, the minutes are approved as written.

- January 21, 2025, Regular Meeting, the minutes are approved with the changes from Ms. Ormay.

  Ms. Ormay stated Rocco's name needs to be corrected as it is misspelled.

- March 4, 2025, Work Session, the minutes are approved as written.

- February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting, the minutes are approved as written.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)

Ms. Anderson led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- Minutes from February 2025 Boulevard Project Meeting for Review

- Motion by M, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint the following individuals to the Oakmont Boulevard Project Committee with a year-long term ending December 31, 2027:
  - Brandin Adam's, 7th Street
  - Jesse Best, 5th Street
  - Christine Little, 1st Street

Recreation Board:

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint Alexander Myers, Delaware Avenue, to the Recreation Board. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Administration:

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2025, authorizing the Borough to dispose of certain records as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve Oakmont Greek Church Washington Avenue Lot Line Revision. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to approve the Oakmont Greek Church Land Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance:

- Motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to approve the Warrant List for January 2025, in the amount of $469,643.40. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report:

  - Monthly Police Report
    Chief Ford directed OBC to the report in their packets. He stated there is an issue with a traffic light not being triggered by cars not pulling up to the sensor. The Borough has worked to remedy the issue.

  - OVFD Monthly Report
    - 15 fire alarms
    - 4 car accidents
    - 1 elevator rescue
    - 4 fires
    - 1 vehicle fire

F. Public Works

- Hatch Engineering confirms eight interested parties for the sewer plan project. Bids are due April 11, 2025.

G. Request for Agenda Items from Council

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Dan McCurdy, Oakmont Deli, spoke to OBC in opposition to food trucks being allowed within the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador