Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **September 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, Ormay, Vice-President Pagnotta, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Rocco Brown, Junior Council Member; Borough Manager Fodi, Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused: Ms. Leonardi, Mayor Facaros
Visitors: 14 visitors

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Sue Martin: Re: Field Lighting at Riverside Park**
  Ms. Martin addressed OBC regarding her concerns for the lighting at Riverside Park. She does not support the project based on the cost and concerns for traffic.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Barbara Miller, RCAC Director, introduced herself to OBC as the new director at RCAC. She stated RCAC is expanding their exercise program, offering program for dementia patients and their caregivers. RCAC will be having an open house.

- Marissa Patsy, 731 Second Street, opposes the lights at Riverside Park. She lives next to the park and worries that the lights would decrease their home values.

- Sally Vasco, Second Street, echoed the same concerns as Sue Martin and Marissa Patsy. Ms. Vasco said she's worried about the inconvenience of lighting at the park. She suggests the school use their driveway for the staging area for park improvements.

- Lauri Amos, Third Street, said she felt unsafe during events at the park over the weekend. She is concerned about the events that the lights in the park will bring and the safety of people visiting the park.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Mary Amanda Due, 888 Eighth Street, Re: Deer**
  Mr. Fodi read the letter from Ms. Due stating the deer are a hazard and asking what the Borough will do to address the issue.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fodi stated he received corrections vias email that have been made. The minutes are approved as written.

Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to the approve the July 15th, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

- September 2, 2025, Work Session Minutes
  Mr. Arnold and President Ride submitted changes.

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 Town Halls Reminder:
  - Community Town Hall: September 17
    - Teens Library Town Hall: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
    - Community Town Hall: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

- Library Director's Report

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:
- Nothing to Report

Recreation Board:
- Public Meetings to Discuss Riverside Park Field Lighting Project: September 17th and October 15 in the Council Chambers at the Borough Building.

- Chateau Beach Dog Park Site Meeting Recap
  Mr. Fodi briefed OBC on the status of the park, including removing downed trees, vines, discussion of park hours, etc.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve Payment #1 in the amount of $6,956.74 to VS&H Construction Company, LLC for Chateau Beach Dog Park Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- Riverside Park Improvement Updates
  Mr. Fodi reviewed the projects within Riverside Park, including the trail improvements, playground equipment grant, entrance improvements, and fall zone improvements.

Shade Tree Commission:
- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee:
- Monthly Update
  Vice-President Pagnotta updated OBC on the deer survey, including a map showing where surveys came from within the Borough. Six respondents were from outside of Oakmont. She also reviewed the data from the responses, including health concerns and accidents, and

landscaping damage.

OBC discussed the options for deer population control and the logistics of having an archery hunt.

Civil Service Commission:

- Application Update
  Mr. Fodi stated six applications were received for the eligibility list. Three applicants have been approved for the next phase.

Announcements & Old Business

- Road Program
  The Road Program is currently underway. It was delayed due to the U.S. Open. Pothole repairs are underway. Hot mix asphalt is being used to repair the roads.

- Foundation Parking Lot
  The state is currently reviewing the permit application.

B. Administration:

- Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2025, confirming the Borough's application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for grant proceeds in the amount of $300,000 to construct a recycling center on Ann Street.

  Mr. Fodi stated the project will make the recycling more user-friendly for residents.

  Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the Resolution R10 of 2025, setting forth the Borough's 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation Pension Payments to the Police and General Employee Pension Plans. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Proposed Ordinance O4 of 2025, amending Borough Code Chapter 157, Article VI, Sewerage Service Charges and Billing Practices to increase the Sewerage Service Charge Schedule of Rates for consideration at the October 21, 2025, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- Nothing to Report

D. Finance:

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve the Warrant List for August 2025, in the amount of $415,553.18. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to authorize the Borough Manager to close the Dollar Bank American Rescue Plan Act account and move its remaining balance ($21.52) to the Dollar Bank

Capital Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Mr. Fodi stated the Greek Church will do a blessing of first responders on November 9th.

- Monthly Police Report
  Chief Ford directed OBC to the report in the packets. He stated that he supports adding paid holidays to the crossing guards. Chief Ford thanked the officers for attending the Touch-A-Truck event.

- Oakmont Volunteer Fire Department Report
  Chief Flanick delivered the monthly OVFD Report:
  53 total calls for service broken down as follows:

  - 30 within Oakmont
  - 23 mutual aid calls
  - 8 carbon monoxide or gas smell
  - 9 residential fire alarms
  - 19 commercial fire alarms
  - 3 car crashes
  - 6 residential fires

- Parkview EMS Monthly Report
  - 134 dispatches
  - 78 Transfers
  - 49 visits to Presby

- Crossing Guards:
  - Existing Staffing
  - Substitution List
  - Adjust Wage for Holiday Periods
  - Crossing Guard Retention

F. Public Works

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to reject sole bid for the Hulton Road/3rd Street intersection improvements and authorize the Borough Manager to readvertise. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to award the 2025 Sanitary Sewer CCTV and Cleaning Project to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of $56,078.75 which includes Base Bid and Add Alternates 1 through 3. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment #1 in the amount of $169,028.10 to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. 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

- Charles Fox, Maryland Avenue, asked if there's current litigation going on with the Borough.

  Mr. Leyland stated there is litigation for parking and the Local Remedy

Brewing conditional use permit.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador