**Oakmont Borough Council** **(FINAL)**
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** **January 20, 2026**

## 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 Fox, Ormay, Vice-President Pagnotta , Paris, Parsons, and Borough Council President Ride; Rocco Brown, Junior Council Member; Mayor Facaros; Borough Manager Fodi; Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:
Visitors: 16 visitors

## OATH OF OFFICE

Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint two students to serve as youth representatives, Demetri Hong to serve a term of one year, and Sophia Denke, to serve a term of two years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Facaros administered the Oath of Office to Sophia Denke and Demetri Hong.

## PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

**Proposed Ordinance O1-2026:** Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance, amending Chapter 63, Animals, Article Il, Cats, Section 63-14, Violations and Penalties, of the Borough Code of Ordinances

i. **Testimony Regarding Proposed Ordinance O1-2026**
No testimony was made.

**ii. Motion to Consider Adoption of Proposed Ordinance O1-2026**
Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to adopt Proposed Ordinance O1-2026 amending Borough Code Chapter 63, Animals, Article Il, Cats, Section 63-14, Violations and Penalties, of the Borough Code of Ordinances. Motion carried unanimously.

## REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Randy Galm, Treasurer's Report for 4th Quarter 2025**
Mr. Galm delivered the 4th Quarter of 2025 Treasurer's Report. While funds are lower than expected due to various reasons, but there is working capital. Highlights of the report included:
  - General Fund: Exependitures were 102% of the total year budget but that's attributed to an asbestos abatement on a Borough structure demolition and the cleanup expenses from the April 2025 wind storm.
  - Sewer Fund: Lower than expected to do an awarded grant project not yet started.
  - Liquid Fuels: Funds go straight to paving contractor.
  - Capital Reserve: Activity minimal except for transferring funds from USGA donations and forced savings for a future ambulance for Parkview EMS.

- American Rescue Plan: Fully utilized and account was closed in 2025.
- Bond Analysis: The Borough has three bonds that are being used for specific projects, including the sewer project, improvements on Allegheny River Boulevard and the new aerial truck for the Volunteer Fire Department.

- **GBBN, Library Assessment Presentation**
  Caitlyn Boland, director of Oakmont Carnegie Library (OCL), introduced the feasibility study to OBC, and its positive impact on the structural integrity of the building.

  Amanda and Sara(h) from GBBN delivered a slideshow presentation for the feasibility study. The proposal does have a phased approach. The study included townhalls, surveys, and site visits. The presentation included the following highlights:
  - Reconfiguring the space, including relocation of staff spaces
  - Preserving the original Carnegie Library section
  - Furniture options throughout the library
  - Renderings of the proposed changes
  - HVAC, roof, and infrastructure would ideally be done at the same time

  OBC discussed the proposed plans and the larger public spaces.

  Ms. Boland explained that fundraising is the next step.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Mike Redake, 640 Elm Way, asked to give a blessing over Oakmont, and delivered a blessing.

**CORRESPONDENCES**

- **No Correspondences**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

- December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
  The minutes will be passed at the February Regular Meeting.

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

**A. Appointed Boards**:

Boards and Commissions – Appointments and Reappointments

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint Andrew Lasser to the Boulevard Project Board for a term expiring, December 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to appoint Ann Galm to the Oakmont Carnegie Library Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to appoint Christine Little to the Kerr Museum Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded Mr. Fox, to appoint James Joyce to the Oakmont Planning Commission for term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to appoint Marty Kennedy to the Recreation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to appoint Maryann Brendel to the Shade Tree Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2030. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to appoint Phillip Fraley to the Dark Hollow Woods Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to appoint Brian Crooks to the Dark Hollow Woods Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Oakmont Boulevard Project:
- Nothing to Report

Kerr Museum:
- Nothing to Report

Oakmont Carnegie Library:
- Nothing to Report

Planning Commission:
- Nothing to Report

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:
- Nothing to Report

Recreation Board:
- Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to accept the Riverside Park Lighting Project Geotechnical Investigation Proposal from Artuso Construction Engineering Consultants in the amount of $15,950.00. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: *A Geotechnical Investigation is necessary in Riverside Park in the areas where light standards are proposed. The investigation process will allow for a report outlining the general description of the subsurface profiles under the site to be certain the lighting project as designed can be constructed properly by the eventual awarded lighting contractor.*

Shade Tree Commission:
- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee:
- Nothing to Report

Civil Service Commission:

- Nothing to Report

Announcements & Old Business

- Nothing to Report

**B. Administration:**

- **Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program – Action on Application**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to adopt Resolution #7 of 2026 ratifying Council's approval of the acquisition and subsequent disposition of a vacant parcel of property on Valley Street (363-S-725) as permitted by the Borough's participation in the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Department of Environmental Protection**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Resolution No. 8 of 2026 authorizing the Borough Manager to execute future documents between Oakmont and the PA Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands Department. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Council Appointments – Vacancy**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to appoint Jamie Leonardi to the Vacancy Board Chair for a term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Memorandum of Understanding Between Oakmont Borough and Teamsters Local Union 249**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Oakmont Borough and General Teamsters Local Union 249 outlining the parameters for Holidays on December 24 and December 26, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Oakmont Carnegie Library Paid Time Off Policy for Part-Time Staff**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to ratify the Oakmont Carnegie Library Board's approval of the Paid Time Off Policy for Part-Time Library Staff. Motion carried unanimously.

- **The Oakmont Father's Day Classic Car Show Sponsored by Oakmont Lions Club**
  Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve the Oakmont Lions Club the use of the football field at Riverside Park on Father's Day, June 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for its annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, weather permitting. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Allegheny Region Porsche Club of America (ARPCA) 2026 "Cars and Coffee" Events Road Closure Request: May 9, June 6, July 4, August 15, and September 26**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve the closure of Allegheny Avenue between College and Riverfront Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on May 9, June 6, July 4, August 15, and September 26. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Emergency Shelter Agreement proposed between Oakmont Borough and Riverview School District**
  Mr. Leyland explained the edits to the agreement, including making the decision to end an emergency a joint decision, and the termination of the agreement is 90 days written notice instead of 30 days.

  The agreement will be submitted to school and formal action will be taken at a future Regular Meeting.
  *Note: This proposed Agreement between Oakmont Borough and Riverview School District, when approved by both governing bodies, will provide the Borough's with the capability to use portions of the Junior-Senior High School for a public shelter in the event of a disaster emergency declaration. This discussion will led by the Solicitor who will review language updates to the proposed agreement.*

- **Council Committee Liaisons**
  Vice-President Pagnotta delivered a slide show of Borough Council Divisions/Liaisons. The purpose to allow OBC to know what is going on with local committees, boards, and appointed bodies without be a part of them. She broke down the potential specialties for OBC members and suggestions for next steps:

- Safety and Regulations: Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fox, and President Ride
- Civic Life: Mr. Parsons, Ms. Ormay, and Vice-President Pagnotta
- Environment and Sustainability: Ms. Paris, Ms. Ormay, Mr. Wilson
- Community Engagement: Vice-President Pagnotta and Ms. Paris
- Fiscal Responsibility: President Ride, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Parsons
- Leadership: President Ride, Vice-President Pagnotta, and Ms. Paris

**C. Community Planning:**

- Nothing to Report

**D. Finance:**

- Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve the Warrant List for December 2025 in the total amount of $1,019,569.63. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Public Safety:**

- Mayor's Report
  Mayor Facaros stated Verona hosted the Allegheny League of Municipalities, Allegheny County Mayors event, and she attended the event. They shared what is happening in the boroughs including challenges and ideas of how to face challenges. There is another event upcoming on February 7th for council members and mayors.

  Mayor Facaros stated a request for a stop sign to be placed at 2nd Street and Delaware Avenue.

  Chief Ford explained that stop signs are placed where there are hot spots for accidents.

  OBC discussed stop sign requests.

- Monthly Police Report
  Chief Ford highlighted the following from the submitted report:
  - New vehicle replacement
  - New firearms and training (discussed in December)

- Parkview EMS 2025 Report

- 1600 dispatches
- 205 Mutual Aid
- 962 Transfers to local hospitals
- 36% of calls were to Presby

**F. Public Works**

- Nothing to Report

**G. Request for Agenda Items from Council**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Erin Schubs, 748 Third Street, thanked the Borough for fixing the lights at DEK hockey, putting in stop signs, and for the lights at the field. She also thanked OBC for their work with the school district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador