Oakmont Borough Council **FINAL**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **February 17, 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; Dimitri Hong and Sophia Yahnke Youth Representative Members; Mayor Facaros; Borough Manager Fodi; Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:
Visitors: 25 visitors

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **No Registered Speaker**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Mike Rybacki, 640 Elm Way, urged the Borough to get out of debt.

- Tom Ferek, 502 Virginia Avenue, spoke to OBC regarding ICE, and stated that they should not be trusted with masks on.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Messages**
  Mr. Fodi stated the Borough has received all emails and comments specific to the all-encompassing topic of Mr. Flores, ICE in Oakmont, and that we should or should not engage with ICE on enforcement of non-criminal offenses.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
  Mr. Parsons submitted changes.

  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to accept the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

- January 5, 2026, Re-Organization Meeting and Work Session
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to accept the January 5, 2026, Work Session and Reorganization meeting, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

- January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)

Mr. Fodi led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- Nothing to Report

Kerr Museum:

- The Kerr Museum will begin working with a local contractor to get renovations done in the basement (additional sump pump) and replacing flooring on the wrap-around porch.

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- Lower-Level Repairs
  The area is determined to be safe after the HVAC coil malfunction in late January and permitted a significant amount of water to flow through the system and into the Oak Room. The Library is restarting its programs there; however, the repairs aren't yet complete.

Planning Commission:

- Nothing to Report

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Pollinator Garden – PA DCED Development Initiatives Program**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the Dark Hollow Woods Pollinator Garden Project for bid opening on April 1, 2026, and possible awarding at the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: The Dark Hollow Woods Directors met on January 22, 2026, to review the final design plans for the Pollinator Garden. The garden will be located along the recently constructed bike/walking trail along Plum Creek, adjacent to Dark Hollow Woods Park. Funding for the project is from a no-match $100,000 DCED Grant.

Recreation Board:

- **Contract No. 25-PK1 – Partial Payment – Riverside Park Entrance Improvement**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve Partial Payment #1 for general construction to VS&H Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of $52,628.40.

  Vice-President Pagnotta asked if the remaining funds could be used to create an adult changing station in the park restrooms for anyone over 50 pounds who needs changing.

  OBC discussed the potential for adult changing stations. The cost will be explored.

  Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 24-PK1 – Chateau Beach Dog Park**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to approve Payment #5 for the Chateau Beach Dog Park Project to VS&H Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of $18,032.00.

  One final payment will need to be made, and the park will open in the spring once the grass has filled in.

  Motion carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract**
  Motion by Vice-President Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Partial Payment #1 (FINAL) for the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract to Tall Timber Tree Experts, LLC, in the amount of $25,975.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Committee:

- Vice-President Pagnotta stated the upcoming projects are to overhaul the website and troubleshoot the calendar.

Civil Service Commission:

- Mr. Fodi explained:
  The Civil Service Commission met on February 9, 2026, and reviewed 12 applications for the Eligibility List. Nine applicants were determined to be eligible to begin testing, and two applicants may become eligible once additional information or clarification is obtained. The next step will be the physical agility test and written examination, both of which have not yet been scheduled.

Announcements & Old Business

- Nothing to Report

B. Administration:

- **Immigration & Customs Enforcement – Enforcement of Non-Criminal Laws Policy**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2026, establishing the policy that Oakmont Borough will not engage in the enforcement of Non-Criminal Federal Immigration Laws.

  Vice-President Pagnotta stated she got a letter from a resident asking to include Border Patrol.

  Mr. Leyland explained the reason to limit it to ICE since Customs and Border Patrol is located along the border. If the need arises, other resolutions can be made.

  OBC discussed adding Customs and Border Patrol/other federal agencies versus keeping the resolution to ICE.

  OBC agreed to change the resolution to state, ". . . United States Immigration Customs and Enforcements or Customs and Border Protection. . ."

  Motion carried unanimously.

- **Correspondence from Oakmont Elected to U.S. ICE Acting Director, Todd M. Lyons**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve DRAFT letter to Mr. Todd Lyons, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Acting Director, regarding the detaining of Oakmont resident Mr. Jose Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: On January 29, 2026, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducted an operation within our community that resulted in the detention of Jose Flores. Mr. Flores was ultimately released on February 7, 2026. The Borough was not given advance notice of the operation, and

the operation was conducted solely by ICE agents, without assistance or coordination from the Borough or its police department.

- **Council Committee Liaisons**
  President Ride explained that it would be helpful to have OBC members attend committee meetings to stay abreast to happenings within the committees.

  President Ride will give a list to OBC members so they can attend meetings.

  OBC needs to assign a liaison to AVNCOG. President Ride explained that OBC can split the responsibility and have multiple members attend throughout the year.

  Either Mr. Wilson or Mr. Fox or both will attend the next AVNCOG meetings.

C. Community Planning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting Change**
  ANNOUNCEMENT: Oakmont Planning Commission voted to move their regularly scheduled meetings to the third Thursday of the month. Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

D. Finance:

- Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve the Warrant List for January 2026 in the total amount of $405,199.20. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Mayor Facaros deferred to Chief Ford.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 26-R01 – Preliminary OPC – 2026 Road Program**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the 2026 Road Program for bid opening on April 1, 2026, and possible awarding at the April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: The Borough Engineer, using the 2022 Borough-wide Road Study as a guide, has developed the 2026 Road Program for asphalt road repairs and repaving.

- **Contract No. 2024-01 – Partial Payment – Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – General Construction**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve partial payment No. 5 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. in the amount of $367,962.62. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract Award - WWTP SCADA System Upgrades – Proposal #120925JP-R2**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve contract award for the WWTP SCADA System Upgrades that coincides with the current WWTP Upgrades to RAM Industrial Services in the amount of $493,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Sanitary Sewer CCTV & Cleaning – Change Order #1 (Final)**

Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Change Order #1 (Final) for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer CCTV & Cleaning Contract to Robinson Pine Cleaning Company for a cost deduction in the amount of $1,009.87. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2025 Sanitary Sewer CCTV & Cleaning - Payment Recommendation #2 (Final)**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Partial Payment #2 (Final) for the 2025 Sanitary Sewer CCTV & Cleaning Contract to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of $9,127.75. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades – Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Payment #5 in the amount of $27,951.53 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh Construction Management & Inspection for November 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades - Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Payment #6 in the amount of $22,378.69 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for December 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- Police Department – January 2026
  Chief Ford stated that firearms training is near complete. The updated vehicle is expected to arrive on Thursday, February 12, 2026.

  Chief Ford read a statement about the cooperation with federal agencies when it comes to criminal offenses. He stated that federal agencies have been helpful in the past.

- Parkview EMS – January 2026
  30% of calls are to Presby.

H. Request for Agenda Items from Council
President Ride stated any suggestions for topics can be submitted to Mr. Fodi.

OBC discussed license plate tracking cameras and privacy concerns.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador