Oakmont Borough Council **(FINAL)**
Minutes of the Regular Meeting **March 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, Paris, Parsons, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Sophia Yahnke and Dimitri Hong, Junior Council Members; Mayor Facaros; Borough Manager Fodi; Borough Solicitor Leyland, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused: Vice-President Pagnotta
Visitors: 7 visitors

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

President Ride stated OBC met for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- Larissa Morgan Events Membership Coordinator, Oakmont Chamber of Commerce, spoke about their application to the Main Street-Allegheny Grant Program sponsored by the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development. The Chamber's application is a request for funding to assist in the creation of a promotional video identifying the downtown area of Oakmont as a destination. The grant application requires a letter of support from Oakmont.

- **Colin Lampark, P.E., Hatch Senior Project Engineer, Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Update**
  Mr. Lampark delivered a presentation to OBC updating them on the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction, highlights included:

  - Clarifier #2 and utility tunnel construction
  - Temporary stormwater system
  - Temporary bypass of process piping
  - New drain line manhole for clarifiers installed
  - Financial status and change orders

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Mike Rybacki, 640 Elm Way, spoke to OBC urging the Borough to get rid of any debt and that develop a tax plan for incremental tax rate increases more frequently to keep up with inflationary costs.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **3rd Street and Hulton Road**
  A resident contacted the Borough about the difficulties of getting across the intersection at 3rd and Hulton.

- **Deer Management Program**
  A resident contacted the Borough offering their opinion that Oakmont should not initiate a deer management program.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- February 3, 2026, Work Session Minutes
  Ms. Ormay submitted a spelling change on Line 30.

  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to accept the February 3, 2026, Work Session Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

- February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
  Approved as written.

- March 3, 2026, Work Session Minutes
  Ms. Ormay submitted changes: Line 1, Line 176, Line 179

  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Fox, to accept the March 3, 2026, Work Session Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- **Motion for Vacancy Appointment**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to appoint Kayleigh Tony, 5th Street, to the Oakmont Boulevard Project for a term expiring December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission:

- **Applicant Update**
  The physical agility portion took place over the weekend, and all seven candidates passed the physical. Chief Ford explained the next steps, including interviews with three police chiefs from other communities.

Communications Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Kerr Museum:

- **Update**
  Mr. Parsons briefed OBC on the plan to work with the Kerr Museum and Vice-President Pagnotta to go over the comprehensive plan. The Kerr and the Library will work together to celebrate the Library's 125th anniversary.

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- **Library Director Report – February 2026**

- **Library Board, January Meeting Minutes**
  Mr. Parsons updated OBC on upcoming OCL events, including the 125th anniversary, Tast of Two Towns, etc.

Recreation Board:

- **Riverside Park Lighting Project – Approve Contract for Installation**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to accept the recommendation from the Recreation Board and accept the following quotes for installing field lights in Riverside Park:
  - Merit Electrical Group, Inc. quote in the amount of $107,875.00 for electrical construction.
  - Quality Sports Lighting, LLC quote in the amount of $469,723.00 for light installation.

  Mr. Lascola emphasized the importance of staying on time with the contractors to get the project done.

  OBC discussed updating the bleachers and the bathrooms with funds leftover from the lighting project.

  Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 24-PK1 – Chateau Beach Dog Park – Change Order #2**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Change Order #2 for the Chateau Beach Dog Park Project for a decrease in the original contract in the amount of $15,074.51. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 25-PK1 – Partial Payment – Riverside Park Entrance Improvement**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Partial Payment #2 for general construction to VS&H Construction Company, LLC in the amount of $6,351.40. Motion carried unanimously.

  Mr. Lascola and Bill Tomlinson gave an update about the children's park update at Riverside Park. The equipment will arrive to the site in April. They expect the playground to be done by Memorial Day, if the weather cooperates.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Partial Payment #1 (FINAL) for the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract to Tall Sidelines Tree Service, LLC in the amount of $12,300.00 for the stump removal. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements & Old Business

- **Nothing to Report**

B. Administration:

- **Youth Representatives Report of Activities for March 2026**

- **Street Sweeping Agreement with PennDOT**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to accept the terms and conditions of the new 3-year Street Sweeping Agreement with PennDOT. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: The comprehensive maintenance agreement associated with street sweeping operations between Oakmont Borough and PennDOT is ready to renew for a three-year period beginning with the 2026 year. On behalf

of PennDOT, the Street Department sweeps the full width and length of Hulton Bridge as well as the following state-owned roadways; Allegheny Avenue, Allegheny River Boulevard (from College Avenue to the municipal line with Verona Borough), Hulton Road, and Plum Street. In turn, Oakmont is reimbursed by PennDOT.

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Participation Renewal for 2027-2029**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve Resolution No. 10 of 2026 confirming that Oakmont Borough will participate in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant Program for years 2027 through 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: Allegheny County is required to qualify every three years as an Urban County to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The County must notify municipalities of the option to either opt-in or opt-out of the CDBG program for years 2027 through 2029 (CD Years 53-55).

- **Disposition of Physical Property – Resolution No. 11 of 2026**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Resolution No. 11 of 2026 establishing a policy for the disposal of Borough property (equipment, etc.) with a value less than $2,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Amending the Schedule of Fees – Garbage Rates for 2025 through 2029**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to adopt Resolution No. 12 of 2026 amending the Borough Fee Schedule to update the waste collection fees for years 2025 through 2029. Motion carried unanimously

  Note: In 2025, the Schedule of Fees was not updated to reflect the existing 5-year contract with Shank. This Resolution simply updates the Borough's Schedule of Fees for easier reference.

C. Community Planning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting Change**
  Nothing to Report

D. Finance:

- Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve the Warrant List for February 2026 in the total amount of $500,037.26. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

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

  Chief Ford stated the firearms transition has occurred. The triannual state audit has also been completed. An active shooter drill has also been completed for the teachers during their in-service day.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 25-S1 – Project Award – 2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements**

Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Fox, to award the Base Bid and Alternate #2 of the 2025 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project to Jet Jack, Inc. for a total amount of $761,490.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades - Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Payment #7 in the amount of $29,233.71 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for January 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Partial Payment - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - General**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve partial payment #6 in the amount of $281,105.28 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Motino carried unanimously.

  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve partial payment #7 in the amount of $299,507.40 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Change Order #1 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – General Construction**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Change Order #1 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Contract for an increase in the original contract in the amount of $154,490.04. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- Budget Report for February 2026
- Balance Sheets for February 2026
- Parkview EMS Report – February
  - 116 dispatches

- Police Department – February
- Winter 2026 Report on Rock Salt Purchasing
  Mr. Fodi stated no more salt will be ordered for the year.

H. Request for Agenda Items from Council

President Ride asked that the Borough refresh the residents on how the membership with the ambulance service works.

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 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador