Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 21, 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, Wilson, and Borough Council President Ride; Sophia Yahnke and Dimitri Hong, Junior Council Members; Mayor Facaros; Borough Manager Fodi; Borough Solicitor Rick Monti and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:
Visitors: 7 visitors

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

President Ride stated OBC met for an executive session to discuss matters concerning existing litigation.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Facaros delivered the Oath of Office to new volunteer fire fighter Donald Strong.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION

I. PROPOSED Ordinance O2-2026: Consideration of a Proposed Ordinance, amending Borough Code Chapter 157, Article VI, Sewerage Service Charges and Billing Practices to increase the Sewerage Service Charge Schedule of Rates and the Method of Ascertainment of Certain Rate Charges and making other additional provisions relative thereto.

Mr. Fodi reviewed the proposed ordinance with OBC.

II. Public Comment for Proposed Ordinance
No comments were made.

III. Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve Ordinance O2-2026 amending Borough Code Chapter 157, Article VI, Sewerage Service Charges and Billing Practices to increase the Sewerage Service Charge Schedule of Rates and the Method of Ascertainment of Certain Rate Charges and making other additional provisions relative thereto. Motion carried unanimously.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Randy Galm, Borough Treasurer, Treasurer's Report for 1st Quarter 2026**
  Mr. Galm delivered the 1st Quarter 2026 Treasurer's Report. Highlights included, but not limited to:
    - Capital Reserve usage due to work in the parks.
    - General Fund is where it is expected to be.
    - Individual Fund reviews.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Dave Fawcett, 1417 Pennsylvania Avenue, said that he supports the lights going into the Riverside Park. He asked to include lighting for the basketball courts in the project.

- Les Leisure, 307 Canterbury Court, told OBC about the collecting of the skill game (amusement) fees. He doesn't believe police officers should go into establishments to collect the fees. He provided OBC with a sample of a form and envelope to submit payments, so the police officers don't have to collect the fees.

  Chief Ford stated he does have issues with officers collecting fees.

  OBC discussed the collection of fees. They agreed moving forward, the Police Officer will conduct the inspection and provide the paperwork to the representative at the inspection. The representative is then to make payment to the Borough's administrative office.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Deer Management Letter**
  A letter was received through the Borough's general email inbox supporting Council's move towards a Deer Management Program.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
  Minutes are approved as written.

- April 7, 2026, Work Session Minutes
  Minutes are approved as written.

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

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- **Maintenance Agreement**
  The OBP is working on a new 3-year contract for public bid that would continue the OBP's ongoing maintenance of the landscaping along Allegheny River Boulevard, Hulton Road and the Arboretum Trail.

Civil Service Commission:

- **Update**
  Oral interviews will occur on April 29 for those Civil Service candidates continuing through the process of being on the Eligibility List for hire.

Communications Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Contract No. 26-PK01 – Pollinator Garden – Bid Award**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to award Contract No. 26-PK01, Pollinator Garden, to Cronin Enterprises Civil & Rail Division,

LLC which includes Base Bid and Add Alternates #1, #2, and #4 for a total amount of $86,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: In 2024, Oakmont Borough was awarded $100,000 from the PA Department of Economic and Community Development Initiatives Program to create a pollinator garden. The garden will be installed along the new bike and walking trail along Plum Creek. The Borough is not required to provide any matching funds for this project.

Kerr Museum:

- **Update**
  The Kerr Museum is looking to hire a part-time employee to help with operations.

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- **March Board Meeting Minutes (included for informational purposes)**
  OBC members toured the library the previous weekend.

  President Ride briefed OBC on the need to repair the HVAC system and the struggles they've experienced. She also reviewed the plan to make changes to the library from the Library Board.

  OBC reviewed the upcoming fundraiser for the library, including the Big Bag Book Sale and the Taste of Two Towns.

Recreation Board:

- **Contract No. 25-PK1 – Partial Payment (FINAL) – Riverside Park Entrance Improvement**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to approve Partial Payment #3 (FINAL) for general construction to VS&H Construction Company, LLC in the amount of $3,104.20. Motion carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Partial Payment #1 (FINAL) for the 2025-2026 Winter STC Tree and Stump Removal Contract to Elevated Tree Service in the amount of $35,600.00 for the general tree pruning portion of this Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements & Old Business

- **Nothing to Report**

B. Administration:

- **Deer Management Discussion: Follow Up from April Work Session Presentation**
  Ms. Ormay reviewed the following:
  - Hunting of does vs. bucks
  - Using an app for locating hunts
  - Use of refrigerated trucks
  - Processing of deer

  OBC discussed the logistics of deer hunting within the Borough and deer management.

Note: Tonight's discussion continued from the April Work Session covering communications to Oakmont since then. No decision is forthcoming tonight except for considering a follow-up survey to the public with fewer questions.

In 2025, Oakmont conducted a survey open to Borough residents to gauge the level of need and support for a Deer Management Program. The Program, if initiated, would allow for archery deer hunting on properties – public and private with permission – with all required safety regulations in full force.

C. Community Planning:

- **Authorize Advertisement for an Amendment to the Chapter 205 of the Borough Code, Zoning, to address Data Centers**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for a Public Hearing at the June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting to consider Proposed Ordinance O3 of 2026, regulating Data Centers in Oakmont Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: The Planning Commission developed regulations to Chapter 205 of Borough Code, Zoning, to address Data Centers. While there is no belief there is adequate infrastructure or land area in the Borough for this Use, the Commission believed it was forward-thinking to at least recognize this potential Use in the Zoning Code and establish regulations. At the March 19, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend moving the draft ordinance forward to Council for future consideration.

- **CDBG YR50 Contract No. 25 PK1 – Riverside ADA Trail Improvement Project – Bid Award**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to award Contract No. 25 PK1, Riverside ADA Trail Improvement Project, to Nagy Construction & Asphalt Paving in the amount of $24,012.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Finance:

- **Warrant List for April 2026**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve the Warrant List for March 2026 in the total amount of $349,511.52. Motion carried unanimously.

- **2026 Memorial Day Parade**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Fox, to authorize a payment in the amount of $800 to the Memorial Day Parade Committee in preparation for the 2026 Memorial Day Parade. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

- Mayor's Report
  Mayor Facaros read a letter from Janice Calfy commending Officer Goodman as a Patrol Officer for the Borough and how she handled needing to replace a vehicle license plate. Chief Ford stated any old and peeling plates can be replaced for free if citizens go through the police department.

- Chief Ford briefed OBC on the Click-It or Ticket campaign.

- Mayor Facaros stated the Lions Club reached out to her asking that the lion water fountain in the park be preserved. Mr. Fodi confirmed the Lion is in a safe place until the Lions Club wants it returned.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Partial Payment - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – General Construction**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve Payment #8 in the amount of $425,699.10 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades – Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve partial payment #8 in the amount of $33,347.85 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for March 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 26-R01 – 2026 Roadway Improvement Program – Bid Award**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Vice-President Pagnotta, to award Contract No. 26-R01, 2026 Roadway Improvement Program, to Tresco Paving Corporation which includes Base Bid and Add Alternates #1 and #3 for a total amount of $375,939.00. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- Budget Report for March 2026
- Balance Sheets for March 2026
- Parkview EMS Report – March 2026
  - 130 dispatches
  - 49 were for the Presbyterian Senior Care Facility on Hulton Road

- Police Department – March 2026

- Library Director Report – March 2026

H. Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Parsons will attend the virtual meeting for the VOPP Trail.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Dave Fawcett spoke to OBC regarding the deer issue and also commended OBC for their working together.

- Mr. Leisure stated he will send the list of crossing guards that he sent to Dr. English.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador