Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting June 16, 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 Emily Mueller, and Oakmont Police Chief Ford
Excused:
Visitors: 6 visitors

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **There were no registered speakers.**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Council Member Deb Ormay, 725 8th Street, took this opportunity to announce on July 11 at the Verona Community Park from Noon to 7:00PM live music, food, raffles, and games. All proceeds from this day go towards the Twin Boros Health Ministries Summer Lunch and Fun Camp.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **ADA Ramp Construction on Allegheny Avenue**
  Mr. Fodi stated a correspondence was received from PennDOT. PennDOT informed the Borough that they plan on constructing nine (9) pedestrian ADA ramps along Allegheny Avenue between California Avenue and Archie Street. PennDOT's timeframe to complete the project is forecasted to be between Fall of this year and Spring of 2027.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Railroad At-Grade Crossing Upgrades**
  Mr. Fodi explained the work that PennDOT will be doing to upgrade the at-grade railroad crossings in the Borough.

  Rich Carlberg, 3rd Street, spoke to the Borough expressing concerns of the traffic that cuts through his street. One day he counted more than 750 cars using 3rd Street as a cut-through.

  Note: In 2019, PennDOT announced it was upgrading railroad at-grade crossings and warning devices at every railroad crossing on a rail line that runs between the City of Pittsburgh and the City of New Kensington. Since then, the warning devices have been upgraded. Recently, Borough staff was informed that the at-grade crossing upgrades are scheduled to be completed this summer. The affected at-grade crossings are at College, Washington and Pennsylvania Avenues and Hulton Road. There will be detours, traffic delays

and other inconveniences when this project gets underway. Oakmont will release information on anything regarding this project pertinent to as we receive it.

- **Crossing Guard Recognition**
  Sophia Yahkne and Dimitri Hong read a letter recognizing the work the crossing guards do to keep our community safe and presented them with certificates.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes-approved as written
- May 5, 2026, Work Session Minutes-sent back for additional edits
- May 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes-approved as written

DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)

Mr. Fodi led the discussion on the following items:

A. Appointed Boards:

Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- **Nothing to Report**

Civil Service Commission:

- **Nothing to Report**

Communications Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**
  President Ride stated that the Borough will be advertising for a communications employee.

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Nothing to Report**

Kerr Museum:

- **Nothing to Report**

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- **May Library Board Meeting Minutes**
  Included for review and information.
  Mr. Fodi directed OBC to review the MakerSpace updates and improvements to the library.

Recreation Board:

- **Nothing to Report**
  Mr. Parsons stated the playground at Riverside Park is coming along well.

  OBC discussed lighting for the park.

  Mr. Fodi stated the dog park is looking to be opened around June 20, 2026.

  OBC discussed partially opening a section of the dog park for residents to use.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **Nothing to Report**

Announcements & Old Business

- **Nothing to Report**

B. Administration:

- **Oakmont School Crossing Guard Recognition**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2026 recognizing the Oakmont Borough School Crossing Guards for their dedicated service towards the Borough school children. Motion carried unanimously.

  Mr. Fodi read the proclamation recognizing the school crossing guards.

- **Allegheny River Boulevard Brick Repair: Future Costs and How to Maintain Allegheny River Boulevard Properly (ARB)**
  President Ride reviewed the issues with the costs and the state of ARB. She suggested two options: to discuss as a whole group during OBC meetings or to form a committee for discussions.

  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve the grant application, for repairs to Allegheny River Boulevard, to be prepared by the Borough Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- **Data Center Regulations Zoning Amendment**
  Mr. Fodi briefed OBC on the OPC's work to create a zoning amendment.

  Note: Due to the advertising requirements in the PA Municipality Planning Code and the significant decrease in publication (paper copy) of the Valley News Dispatch, the Public Hearing for the amendment to the Borough's Zoning Code will be moved to the July Regular Meeting.

D. Finance:

- **Warrant List for May 2026**
  Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve the Warrant List for May 2026 in the total amount of $455,670.17. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

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

  Chief Ford stated the monthly report has been submitted. The camera system is up and running with hardware being installed later this week. He thanked the Pittsburgh FBI department for providing the active shooter training.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Partial Payment - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – General Construction**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve partial payments #10 in the amount of $521,621.10 for the WWTP Plant Upgrades to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract H-376273 Oakmont WWTP Upgrades – Construction Management/Inspection**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Fox, to approve Payment #10 in the amount of $26,388.94 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for March 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- Borough Solicitor
  Emily Mueller delivered a brief litigation update regarding the litigation with Mr. Keefe.

  The Supreme Court stated that skill games are slot machines and they will need licenses from the Game Controller.

- Library Director
  Mr. Fodi stated that the average number of visitors for the month of May was 473. He also reminded everyone for the 150th celebration on August 9, 2026.

- Police Department
  Chief Ford stated officers were handing out pamphlets to residents about safe driving. The project was covered by a grant from the state.

- Parkview EMS Report –
  - 135 dispatches
  - 58 were for Presby SeniorCare

- Budget Report for May 2026

- Balance Sheets for May 2026

H. Future Agenda Topics

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No Comments were Made

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador