

**Oakmont Borough Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

(DRAFT)  
May 16, 2022

1 **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING**

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3 The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00  
4 p.m. by Vice-President Ride in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767  
5 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

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7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 **ROLL CALL**

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11 Present: Council Members Arnold, Holst, Leonardi, Pagnotta, Ride, and  
12 Borough Council President Osterhout; Borough Manager Fodi,  
13 Assistant **Borough Manager Anderson**, Borough Solicitor Kate  
14 Diersen, Mayor Facaros, and Chief Ford

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16 Excused: Council Member Brankley

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18 Visitors: There were seven visitors.

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20 **REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

21 A. There were no registered speakers.

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23 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

24 No comments were made.

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26 **COUNCIL MINUTES**

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28 **Minutes of April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting**

29 Motion by Ms. Pagnotta, seconded by Ms. Holst, to approve the Minutes from the  
30 April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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32 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)**

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34 **A. Appointed Boards:**

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36 Shade Tree Commission:

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- Nothing to report

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39 Carnegie Library:

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- Nothing to Report

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42 Recreation Board:

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- Nothing to report

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45 Kerr Museum:

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- Nothing to report

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48 Oakmont Boulevard Project:

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- Nothing to report

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51 **B. Administration:**

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53 1. Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by President Osterhout, to approve

54 Payment Number 1, in the amount of \$29,920.51 to Hosey Excavation

55 Services, LLC for Senate Contract No. 12,752, Seventh Street – California

56 Avenue Storm Sewer Project.

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Ms. Ride asked if a final payment would be expected.

Commented [LB1]: I didn't see her present, but it's possible she was offscreen.

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- 58 Mr. Fodi stated that it is divided into two payments.  
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60 Motion carried unanimously.  
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62 2. Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to authorize the Borough  
63 Manager to advertise the 2022 Oakmont Borough Line Striping Program.  
64 Motion carried unanimously.  
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66 3. Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to authorize Hatch  
67 Engineering to file the necessary submissions to the Pennsylvania  
68 Department of Environmental Protection related to improvements at the  
69 Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried unanimously.  
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71 4. Motion by Ms. Leonardi, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to authorize the  
72 Council President and Borough Manager to execute a Submerged Lands  
73 License Agreement for the Public Recreational Dock/Boat Launching  
74 Ramp on the Allegheny River at Chateau Beach. Motion carried  
75 unanimously.  
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77 5. Correspondences  
78 a. Letter from Oakmont Chamber of Commerce to expand the Street Sale  
79 road closure from Pennsylvania Avenue to California Avenue  
80 (previously, Council Approved the Closure to Washington Avenue)  
81 Mr. Fodi briefed OBC on the request for the expansion of the road  
82 closures.  
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84 Ms. Ride asked Chief Ford if he had concerns for the expansion.  
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86 Chief Ford did not have any concerns.  
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88 OBC discussed the road closure expansion.  
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90 OBC approved the request to expand the road closures.  
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92 b. The Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Annual Summer Street Sale  
93 on Saturday, July 30, 2022. They are asking permission to close  
94 sections of Allegheny River Boulevard from Pennsylvania to  
95 Washington Avenue, From 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. They Are Asking to  
96 Post No Parking Signs on Thursday, July 28, 2022.  
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98 **C. Community Planning:**  
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100 1. Zoning Hearing Board Update  
101 Mr. Fodi stated the Zoning Hearing Board held a meeting for an hour to an  
102 hour-and-a-half. The meeting will reconvene on June 21<sup>st</sup> to further consider  
103 the request for parking variance at the former Oakmont Bakery site.  
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105 2. Motion by Ms. Osterhout, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, for the Borough to  
106 maintain Advanced Way and in support of the Oakmont Foundation  
107 Multimodal/Public Parking Project move forward as preliminarily approved  
108 by the Planning Commission at their March 2022 Meeting, to widen the  
109 alleyway and develop and fund any needed public sidewalk in accordance  
110 with and upon approval of a Final Plan of the Project from the Planning  
111 Commission. Further, upon completion of the project, move forward with  
112 changing the name of Advanced Way to Monaco Way.  
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114 President Osterhout stated that the project has been worked on with OBC  
115 over the previous months. This plan gives a nod to the Monaco family and  
116 goes along with previous plans of Advance Way.

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118 Mr. Arnold asked if the Oakmont Community Foundation had been contacted  
119 about the motion.  
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121 President Osterhout explained that the motion fulfills their request for a  
122 motion on what the Borough's wishes are for the project and follows Solicitor  
123 Diersen's recommendation from the previous meeting.  
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125 OBC discussed the motion and the project.  
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127 Roll Call Vote:  
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129 Mr. Arnold: No  
130 Mr. Brankley: Not present.  
131 Ms. Ride: Yes  
132 Ms. Leonardi: Yes  
133 Ms. Holst: Yes  
134 Ms. Pagnotta: Yes  
135 President Osterhout: Yes  
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137 Motion carried unanimously.  
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140 **D. Finance:**

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142 1. Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by President Osterhout, to approve the  
143 Warrant List for April 2022, in the amount of \$312,975.33. Motion carried  
144 unanimously.  
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<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$124,769.81
Boulevard Project Fund	\$6,754.29
Kerr Museum Fund	\$576.06
Library Fund	\$44,584.25
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$0.00
Sewer Fund	\$136,290.92
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$0.00
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00
American Rescue Plan	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$312,975.33</b>

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149 **E. Public Safety:**  
150 1. Office Of the Mayor:  
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152 • Discussion and Possible Motion for Turning Restriction at Third Street  
153 and Hulton Road  
154 Mayor Facaros presented a draft to OBC to create a turning restriction  
155 at Third Street and Hulton Road based off traffic accident data. The  
156 draft is a 90-day trial to create a right turn only off Third Street to  
157 Hulton Road and a right turn only onto Third.  
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159 Chief Ford suggested making all traffic on Third Street right turn only.  
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161 Motion by President Osterhout, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to approve  
162 **Resolution #12 of 2022**, allowing for right turn only from Third Street

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163 onto Hulton Road as a 90-day trial. Motion carried unanimously.

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165 Ms. Ride requested the Borough find a solution for the pedestrian  
166 crossing at Hulton Road to make it safer.

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168 • Monthly Police Report – April 2022

169 Chief Ford directed OBC to review the submitted report.

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171 Chief Ford stated there were 37 traffic stops, 19 warnings, and 33  
172 citations issues during the aggressive driving event from April 14<sup>th</sup> –  
173 April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was funded through a grant from the state of  
174 Pennsylvania.

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176 Ms. Holst asked about the jaywalking tickets, and training the police  
177 had in April.

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179 Chief Ford explained the jaywalking event, the police training, and the  
180 drug takeback event.

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182 **F. Public Works**

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1. Engineer's Report

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a. No report currently.

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186 2. Plum Creek Project Updates

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Proposed Change Order from Bankson for DeFrank Development's  
188 Creekside Park Improvements and Plum Creek Trail System – Phase II,  
189 Contract 21-1.

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191 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to the change order. The change order addresses  
192 increased costs for diesel and supplies. He explained that not all items  
193 should be approved.

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195 Solicitor Diersen explained how the package was developed by Bankson.  
196 The change order addresses things that should not become the  
197 Borough's responsibility. Bankson was contacted regarding the items  
198 the Borough will not cover.

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200 Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by President Osterhout, to accept  
201 Bankson Engineers' proposal to pay DeFrank Development Inc. in the  
202 amount of \$2,166.78, for item three on the change order. Motion carried  
203 unanimously.

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205 **G. Capital Improvements Projects:**

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1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

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- Review Possible Approval of Preliminary Design Report Proposal  
208 Dated May 9, 2022, for the Aeration, Clarification, and Disinfection  
209 Improvements at the Oakmont Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant.  
210 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to review the two proposals from Hatch. The  
211 first proposal covers the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements.  
212 The second proposal is the additional work for the Plum Creek Station  
213 that addresses safety concerns and electrical work.

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215 **Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Pagnotta, to authorize Hatch to**  
216 **continue their design work on the Plum Creek Pump Station**  
217 **rehabilitation pursuant to the proposal dated May 9, 2022.** Motion  
218 carried unanimously.

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220 - Discussion and Possible Motion to Approve Preliminary Design Report  
221 Proposal Dated May 9, 2022, for the Aeration, Clarification, and  
222 Disinfection Improvements at the Oakmont Borough Wastewater  
223 Treatment Plant.

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225 Mr. Arnold stated that costs should be explicit and not implicit.

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227 **Motion by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to authorize Hatch**  
228 **Engineering to commence the Preliminary Design Report Proposal**  
229 **Dated May 9, 2022, for the Aeration, Clarification, and Disinfection**  
230 **Improvements at the Oakmont Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant.**  
231 **Motion carried unanimously.**

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233 **H. Council Remarks**

234 1. President of Council, Lindsay Osterhout  
235 President Osterhout congratulated Ms. Labrador for graduating, and  
236 thanked her for her work. She also asked the status for the Father's Day  
237 5k.

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239 Mr. Fodi stated it has been canceled.

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241 2. Vice-President of Council, Nancy Ride  
242 No comments were made.

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244 3. Council Member John Arnold  
245 No comments were made.

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247 4. Council Member Brankley  
248 Not present to make remarks.

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250 5. Council Member Tracey Holst  
251 No comments were made.

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253 6. Council Member Jamie Leonardi  
254 Ms. Leonardi stated that OBC has acted in good faith for the parking lot  
255 project. Everyone wants to see it come to fruition, and it will be great for  
256 the community.

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258 7. Council Member Amanda Pagnotta  
259 Ms. Pagnotta echoed Ms. Leonardi's sentiments.

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261 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

262 Drew Richard's, Commons Drive, asked OBC if anyone had considered blocking  
263 off Third Street completely, or adding in a pedestrian bridge over Hulton Road.  
264 He also recommended additional signage, painting the pedestrian crosswalk in a  
265 different manner that would be more visible, and possibly adding in a turning  
266 lane from Hulton to Third Street.

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268 Sal Coella, 308 Delaware Avenue, asked how much the Borough took about in  
269 bonds for the sewer treatment plant.

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271 Mr. Arnold stated it was \$16 million.

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273 Mr. Coella asked how much the Borough is paying for the debt service of the  
274 bonds each year.

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276 Drew Richards, Commons Drive, expressed concerns about the brick roads. He  
277 asked if Oakmont has considered stamped asphalt like Verona has.

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279 Ms. Ride stated that Oakmont had previously been told stamped asphalt would  
280 not hold up in Oakmont.

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282 Mr. Richards raised concerns for the curb appeal of the facades between  
283 Delaware and Washington on Allegheny River Boulevard. He stated someone of  
284 the businesses appear a little run down.

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286 **ADJOURNMENT**

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288 Motion by Ms. Holst, seconded by Ms. Leonardi, to adjourn the meeting.

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290 The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

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292 Respectfully submitted,

293 Bianca Labrador