Oakmont Borough Council
Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 18, 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 Emily Mueller, 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 legal matters.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Facaros delivered the Oath of Office to Susan Anderson, Borough Tax Collector, prior to the meeting.

REGISTERED SPEAKER

- **Phil Fraga, Principal, Cohen Law Group, Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC**
  Mr. Fraga explained the proposed cable franchise agreement. Highlights included:
  - Review of history cable franchise agreements.
  - Terms of agreements between Verizon and Comcast (5 year vs. 10 year).
  - Federal law re: non-exclusive agreements.
  - Competition effect on pricing.
  - School district and Borough building inclusions for the free cable services.
  - Liability terms in the contract.

    Mr. Fraga said that an affirmative vote by Council would be beneficial to the community.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Jason McConnell, 813 Eighth Street, thanked OBC for volunteering their time. He spoke to OBC about the dangers of traffic near the school, including near accidents with cars and pedestrians. Mr. McConnell asked for a greater police presence near the schools, and to develop a plan to help with the dangerous traffic.
- Joanne Anderson, 415 11th Street, echoed Mr. McConnell's concerns. She also spoke to OBC about volunteering for Shade Tree Commission and praised the work of Brian Crooks and the Commission, and the support OBC gives them.

CORRESPONDENCES

- **Waste Collection**
  Mr. Fodi stated the Borough received an email regarding the concern of the level service provided by the current waste and recycling collector. Mr. Fodi explained that Oakmont doesn't have a waste department, and that it's all through contracts and the requirements of the agreement including how waste is to be placed in waste cans for collection and what the process is when a residence—or block—is missed by the collection crew at any time. All service inquiries we receive are forwarded to the collector which puts it on notice with penalties if contract breach occurs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Fodi reminded the public that tonight's meeting was moved from it's regularly scheduled evening due to the primary election taking place on Tuesday, May 19th, and the use of the chambers for a polling place.

COUNCIL MINUTES

- April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
  Ms. Ormay stated Line 198 needs to have who approved the motion added. The approval will occur at the June Regular Meeting.

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:

- The Civil Service Commission has provided the list of individuals still under consideration for the Final Eligibility List. The process to finalize to three (3) individuals for Council to consider is ongoing.

Communications Committee:

- Mr. Fodi explained the online Collectives reporting forms and the process for putting everything together for OBC meetings. He asks that he be sent an alert in some manner so he knows to download the report for the meeting packet.

Dark Hollow Woods Committee:

- **Contract No. 25-ST01 – Dark Hollow Woods Stormwater Improvements – Change Order #1**
  Motion by Ms. Paris, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve Change Order #1 for Contract No. 25-ST01 for a decrease of $3,793.00, in the contract amount. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Contract No. 25-ST01 - Dark Hollow Woods Stormwater Improvements - Partial Payment #1**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve partial payment #1 in the amount of $161,588.31 for the Dark Hollow Woods Stormwater Improvements Project to Protocol, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: This Project is being partially funded ($30,000) through the 2023 GEDTF (gambling revenue) Fund. The Allegheny Valley North Council of

Governments will make a partial payment on our behalf upon Council approval. The remaining balance of $131,588.31 will be paid from the Capital Parks Fund. The Borough will make one final payment in the amount of $4, 143.29 until the Borough Engineer authorizes a FINAL Payment.

- **Contract No. 26-PK01 - Pollinator Garden - Change Order #1**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Wilson, to approve Change Order #1 for Contract No. 26-PK01 for a decrease of $3,500.00 in the contract amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Kerr Museum:

- **Victorian May Day Celebration**
  OBC discussed the celebration, and Mr. Parsons read an email from Ms. Stewart stating it was a hot day and 100 people attended.

Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- **April Board Meeting Minutes (included for informational purposes)**
  President Ride stated the Taste of Two Towns raised $23,654.90 and that was $5,000 more than was raised the previous year.

- **Allegheny County Library Association Salary & Benefits Study**
  ACLA has provided its 2025 study of member libraries in the County.

- **ICE/Government Organizations**
  Libraries have been working to develop protocols for when ICE or other government organizations try to access areas of libraries. The protocol is to give them a card with the Borough Solicitor's information and the Borough Manager's information.

Recreation Board:

- **Nothing to Report**
  Mr. Fodi stated field lighting project is in process, locations for lights have been confirmed. The installation will start in June when all supplies have been received.

Shade Tree Commission:

- **Nothing to Report**

Announcements & Old Business

- **Nothing to Report**

B. Administration:

Franchise Agreement – Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC
Mr. Fodi stated that historically the Borough received between $130,000 and $140,000 in franchise fees.

Motion by Mr. Fox, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to authorize Resolution No. 13 of 2026, authorizing the Borough to enter into a Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC. and authorize Borough officials to execute said Franchise Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Continuing discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2026 authorizing the Borough to enter into a Cable Franchise

Agreement with Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC. and authorize Borough officials to execute said Franchise Agreement.

In late 2025, Verizon Pennsylvania, LC (Verizon) approached Oakmont to enter into a Cable Franchise Agreement similar in nature to the Agreement Oakmont currently holds with Comcast. The Proposed Agreement would permit Verizon to market and provide cable TV service to customers in Oakmont, providing competition to Comcast, which is the only existing cable television provider in the Borough. Oakmont used the services of The Cohen Law Group to complete our negotiations. Cohen also assisted Oakmont with its latest Comcast Franchise Agreement.ff

- **Riverside Park Lighting Project - Memorandum of Understanding with Riverview School District**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Fox, to adopt Resolution No. 14 of 2026 ratifying the authorization of Borough officials to execute a Memorandum of Understand with the Riverview School District for the advancement of funds to alleviate costs incurred by the Borough to complete the Field Light Installation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

  Note: Riverview School District is agreeable to advance the cash needed to have the project progress. Grant-funded projects require municipalities to pay for improvements as projects move forward then seek reimbursements. The reimbursement process can take several weeks. The Borough has several other grant-funded capital projects occurring and the cash outlay can be challenging. The MOU confirms Oakmont will reimburse the School District as grant funds are deposited with the Borough.

- **Chamber of Commerce Road Closure Requests - Night Market Events**
  Motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve closing Allegheny River Boulevards between Pennsylvania and Washington Avenues between the hours of 3:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. for the Oakmont Chamber of Commerce Night Market Events on June 12, August 14, and September 11. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Planning:

- **Nothing to Report**
  Mr. Fodi briefed OBC on Oakmont Place's progress and the proposed rain garden that is not working and is only ponding. The developer has applied to the state for a permit to eliminate the rain garden.

D. Finance:

- **Warrant List for April 2026**
  Motion by Ms. Ormay, seconded by Ms. Paris, to approve the Warrant List for April 2026 in the total amount of $973,223.08. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Public Safety:

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

  Chief Ford stated the Memorial Day Parade is ready. He thanked the Borough for the support given to the fallen veterans.

F. Public Works

- **Contract No. 2024-01 - Partial Payment - Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades – Partial Payment**
  Motion by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Ormay, to approve partial payment #9 in the amount of $292,353.98 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. Parsons, seconded by Ms. Paris to approve Payment #9 in the amount of $29,249.64 to Hatch Associate Consultants, Inc., Pittsburgh for Construction Management & Inspection for March 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Monthly Reports

- Borough Solicitor
  The Borough Solicitor updated OBC on the land use appeal filed by Mr. Keefe. The Borough was successful, but has entered another appeal. The next step is to hear from the Supreme Court if the Court agrees to hear the appeal.

  The next litigation was filed by John Keefe regarding the ownership of Adeline Brown Way. Before any ruling could be made, Mr. Keefe filed to discontinue the litigation.

- Library Director

- Parkview EMS Report –
  - 99 dispatches
  - 40% were for Presby SeniorCare

- Police Department

- Budget Report for March 2026

- Balance Sheets for March 2026

H. Future Agenda Topics

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No Comments were Made

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Labrador