

1 **CALL TO ORDER OF WORK SESSION**

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3 The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:03
4 p.m. by President Osterhout in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767
5 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

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7 **ROLL CALL**

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9 Present: Council Members Arnold, Brankley, Holst, Leonardi, Pagnotta, Ride,
10 and Borough Council President Osterhout; Borough Manager Fodi,
11 Borough Solicitor Diersen, Mayor Facaros, and Chief Ford

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13 Excused:

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15 Visitors: 6 Visitors

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17 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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19 **REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

20 A. Colin Lampark, PE – Hatch Engineering

21 Mr. Lampark updated OBC on the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
22 They have found that the panel for the system does not fit in the existing
23 building. Improvements will be made to the electrical system and items
24 that have raised safety issues, such as the dry well. Mr Lampark believes
25 the water quality management permit will be presented to DEP within the
26 next month, and construction will start as soon as the permit is issued.
27 They expect it to take 90 days to receive the permit.

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29 Mr. Lampark had preliminary meetings with DEP, and the Borough will be
30 required to activate the 537 Plan. A program exists through the State to
31 receive help to cover the costs of updating the 537 Plan. The plan can be
32 made in parallel with the task action report. However, permitting will not
33 be given until the 537 Plan is activated.

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35 The budget will be submitted to the Borough in the coming weeks.

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37 B. Joe Rakowski – Waste Water Treatment Plant

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41 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

42 No comments were made.

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44 **COUNCIL MINUTES**

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46 **Review of Minutes of April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting**

47 President Osterhout requested changes or corrections to the April 18, 2022,
48 Regular Minutes.

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50 Changes were submitted regarding name misspellings and clarifications on
51 comments.

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53 **DISCUSSION ITEMS (BOROUGH MANAGER)**

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55 Mr. Fodi led the discussion regarding the appointed boards and the following
56 items. Three times a year, committee chairs will present to OBC.

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58 **A. Appointed Boards:**

59 Oakmont Boulevard Project:

- 60 • Review of Meeting Minutes from Oakmont Boulevard Project Meeting
61 dated April 26, 2022
62 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to review the minutes, and stated the OBP is
63 excited to start working on the LED conversion project and getting
64 bids.

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66 OBP discussed an additional ask to expand the American flags to the
67 wall at ARB and Plum Street.

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69 Kerr Museum:

- 70 • Nothing to report

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72 Oakmont Carnegie Library:

- 73 • Nothing to report

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75 Parks and Recreation Board:

- 76 • Nothing to report

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78 Shade Tree Commission:

- 79 • Nothing to report

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81 **B. Administration:**

82 1. Manager's Report

83 Mr. Fodi stated that Ms. Anderson has been working extensively on the
84 Sustainability Project. Mr. Fodi is in the process of getting the Borough the
85 new streetsweeper. It is due soon. The bookkeeper is back in the office.

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87 Mr. Fodi was invited to speak at the Allegheny League spring conference
88 about the text alert system. Vendors and others have reached out to
89 discuss the text alert system.

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91 Mr. Fodi stated the architect for the OVFD has submitted plans to the
92 Borough, and they have requested dimensions to be double checked.

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94 OBC discussed the OVFD and the fire sirens.

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96 2. Solicitor's Report

97 Ms. Diersen stated she will have updates in the Executive Session.

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99 3. Engineer's Report

100 Shawn Wingrove, with LSSE Civil Engineers, reported on the following
101 projects:

- 102 • 2022 Roadway Improvement Program
103 • 2022 Line Striping Program
104 • College Avenue Retaining Wall Repair
105 • Allegheny River Boulevard LED Lighting Replacement
106 • 7th Street Storm Sewer System
107 • Crystal Drive Storm Sewer Improvements
108 • Chateau Beach/ Kayak Park
109 • ADA Ramps
110 • 2022 Stormwater Improvements
111 • Sanitary Sewer Long Term Maintenance Plan
112 • Oakmont Place
113 • Allegheny Avenue Realignment

114 Ms. Ride asked for clarification on what the item was.

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116 Mr. Wingrove explained that it's for the parking lot plan along Allegheny

- 117 Avenue.
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119 4. Assistant Borough Manager's Report
120 Ms. Anderson reported on the following items:
121 • Personnel
122 - Monthly staff meetings following OBC Work Sessions
123 - Notary for the Borough
124 - Working on medical and sick leave policies
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126 • Sustainability
127 - EV Charging Stations: Spoke to Duquesne Light about feasibility of
128 having stations in the Borough.
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130 • CONNECT
131 - Attended meetings
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133 • Newsletter Contributions
134 - Wrote article regarding short-term rental laws within the Borough.
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136 • County Hauling
137 - Working with Solicitor Diersen to handle County Hauling issues; they
138 have not fulfilled their contract as expected.
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140 • Policies
141 - Working with VP Ride and Council Member Holst on Medical Leave and
142 Sick Leave Policies.
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144 • Resource X
145 - Attended meeting to learn about software that helps to budget for
146 products. Ms. Anderson will schedule a meeting to get more information
147 on the product.
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149 • Live Well Allegheny
150 - Ms. Anderson is working to get the Live Well Allegheny Logo for
151 Oakmont. They will have a booth at the Oakmont 5k to help residents
152 learn how to make healthier lifestyle choices.
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154 • Glass Recycling Event went well
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156 • CEC
157 - Attended CEC training: PA State Association of Boroughs, ADA, and solar
158 panels and EVP chargers
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160 5. Medical Leave Policy Update
161 Ms. Holst stated she is ready to submit, Solicitor Diersen is reviewing.
162 They followed FMLA and expanded it to include immediate family that
163 FMLA does not always cover.
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165 6. Correspondences
166 **Chamber of Commerce Father's Day 5k Request**
167 Mr. Fodi stated that the Chamber of Commerce is requesting permission
168 for the Father's Day 5k.
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170 Mr. Brankley raised concerns about the cost of the providing personnel for
171 the event. It will cost the Borough close to \$2,000 for personnel and
172 barricades.
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174 OBC discussed the concerns regarding the date and the cost of the event to

175 the Police budget.

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177 **Newsletter from Municipal Risk Management (MRM)**

178 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to read the letter in their packet.

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180 **Comcast Franchise Agreement Kickoff Letter**

181 Mr. Fodi stated that Comcast stated they received a letter to review cable
182 contract for the Borough.

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184 OBC discussed the reason for the agreement and the use of Borough right-
185 of-ways.

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187 **Capricious, LLC – Goats Used as a Broad-Spectrum Solution to**
188 **Problem Vegetation**

189 Ms. Anderson briefed OBC on the Capricious, LLC. They provide an
190 environmentally friendly way to eliminate knotweed and other noxious
191 vegetation. There are areas within the Borough that the use of goats would
192 be beneficial to take care of vegetation. A quote is forthcoming.

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194 **Park Use Applications**

195 Mr. Fodi alerted OBC to the following permits for park use:

- 196 - Tenth Street Elementary, May 17 or May 20, 2022
- 197 - Relay for Life, June 3-6, 2022

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199 **7. PennDOT Third Street Traffic Study Update**

200 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to the letter from PennDOT in Fall 2021 in their
201 packets. It reviewed how to proceed with the issues at Hulton and 3rd
202 Street.

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204 OBC discussed the safety issues at Third and Hulton, including possible
205 solutions and State requirements.

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207 **C. Community Planning:**

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209 **1. Chateau Beach Boat Slip Agreement**

210 Mr. Fodi directed OBC to the slip agreement in their packets. Action will be
211 taken at the Regular Meeting. For any permitting to take place on the park,
212 a slip agreement is necessary.

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214 **2. Oakmont Foundation – Advance Way Right-Of-Way Vacation Relocation**

215 Mr. Fodi stated the letter from the Foundation regarding the plans for the
216 parking lot. The Foundation will not make any further changes to plan
217 until the issues with the right-of-way is solved.

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219 OBC discussed the issues at Advance Way and the vacation of the land.

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221 The parking lot issue will be on the agenda for the Regular Meeting.

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223 **3. Zone Hearing Board – JOHMAD, LLC, 527 Allegheny Avenue**

224 Mr. Fodi stated the property owner has requested a meeting with the
225 Zoning Hearing Board. They will be requesting a variance for parking in
226 the area.

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228 OBC discussed the parking logistics, potential precedents that could be set
229 for allowing a variance,

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231 **D. Finance:**

232 Ms. Ride led the discussion of the following finance items with OBC:

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234 1. Warrant List as of April 2022

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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
Sewer	\$136,290.92
Capital Parks	\$0.00
Liquid Fuels	\$0.00
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$0.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00
American Rescue Plan	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$312,975.33

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240 2. Budget Report as of April 2022

241 Ms. Ride stated that Mr. Galm's report in April suggested a few changes
242 to the Budget that OBC should discuss in the future.

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244 3. Capital Budget Update

245 Mr. Fodi stated he is preparing a Capital Budget for OBC to review.

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247 **E. Public Safety:**

248 1. Mayor's Report

249 Mayor Facaros stated that the OPD is looking into placing cameras at all
250 entrances of the Borough.

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252 Chief Ford stated they are looking for bids for cameras at major
253 intersections and the entrances into Oakmont.

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255 Chief Ford stated the OPD received more state money for DUI patrols.

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258 **F. Public Works:**

259 1. Line Striping Preliminary Opinion of Probably Cause – Revision

260 Mr. Fodi stated that the project will go out to bid.

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262 2. Plumb Creek Projects Update, Grant Extension

263 Mr. Fodi stated they will be getting grant extensions for projects within
264 the Borough, including Chateau Beach/Kayak Park.

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266 **G. Council Remarks**

267 1. President of Council, Osterhout.

268 No additional remarks.

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270 2. Vice-President of Council Ride.

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273 3. Council Member Pagnotta.

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276 4. Council Member Holst.
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279 5. Council Member Leonardi.
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282 6. Council Member Brankley.
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285 7. Council Member Arnold
286 No additional remarks.
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288 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

289 Sal Coella, 308 Delaware Avenue, stated that the Oakmont Community
290 Foundation has not listed that wanted anything from the Borough online, and
291 they received over a million for the project through grants.
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293 Mr. Coella also raised safety concerns for the pedestrian crossing at 3rd and
294 Hulton. He also stated that there were 60 cars at Advance Way at lunch time.
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296 **ADJOURNMENT**

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298 Motion by Mr. Brankley, seconded by Mr. Arnold, to adjourn to executive session.
299 Motion carried unanimously.
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301 The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.
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304 Respectfully submitted,
305 Bianca Labrador