

**Oakmont Borough Council**  
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(Final)

**May 9, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Favo in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All those who were present and able stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Donovan, Milberger, Ride, Saxon, Scott, Vagley and President Favo; Mayor Fescemyer; Chief DiSanti; Borough Manager Jamison and Assistant Borough Secretary Jensen

Excused: Solicitor Shoop

Visitors: Jack Artman, Elena Colianni, Paul Jenkins, Jeff Lezark, Tom Meising, Craig Olson, Matt Provenza, Bertha Shearer, Summer Tissue and Rich Williams

**REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No one was registered to speak that evening.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No one present in the audience spoke at that time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Mighty Oak Barrel Parking** - President Favo said he had met once again with the owner of the Oak Barrel to discuss ideas for alternative parking. New parking spaces were painted today behind Lieberth Dodge to help accommodate Oak Barrel staff and free up other on-site parking spaces for patrons.

**Street Paving Bricks** - Borough Officials met with some brick specialists, reported President Favo. He said the specialists stressed the importance of using the right sand in the mortar. It looks like the last couple paving repairs have been done with the wrong sand, but this will be remedied in the future, he said.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

In Mr. Shoop's absence, there was no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Memorial Day Parade Contribution** – President Favo read a letter from Rich Luciana, dated May 5, 2011, asking for a contribution from the Borough for this year's Memorial Day Celebration. After reading the letter, President Favo said this would be voted on later in the Agenda.

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Park Renovation Update** – Mr. Jamison said that Environmental Planning & Design, Inc. (EPD) was finalizing the designs for the renovation of Riverside Park. One of the items left to determine is the lighting. One member of the Recreation Board would like to see LED lighting in the Park. The Borough Manager stressed the need to stay within budget on this complicated project.

Mr. Jamison reported that a crew he put together would be digging trenches at the Park for the next two weeks. The trenches are to hold lighting conduits. He said they would also be installing conduit for future lighting of the upper Park.

Finally, bids will be going out soon for Park demolition, noted Mr. Jamison.

**Traffic Line Painting** – Borough Manager Jamison said the traffic line painting crew had started that day. He asked Council Members to contact him should they discover any particular sites that need line painting.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Monthly Police Report** - At Mayor Fescemyer's request, Police Chief DiSanti reviewed portions of his April 2011 Police Report for those present.

**Monthly OVFD Report** – In Fire Chief Bill Peoples' absence, Craig Olson reported on the Fire Department's activities for April 2011. He remarked that the two part-time officers commended by the Police Chief and Representative Dermody's office at the last Council Meeting were also being commended by Allegheny County.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Milberger offered a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2011, as written. Ms. Vagley seconded the motion.

The motion passed, 7 to 0.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Financial Committee**

**Warrants** – Vice President Ride moved to approve the Warrant List for April, 2011, dated May 9, 2011, showing the following expenditures:

<b><i>Fund</i></b>	<b><i>Amount</i></b>
General Fund	\$105,572.75
Boulevard Project Fund	\$15,888.38
Kerr Museum Fund	\$3,445.83
Library Fund	\$32,701.11
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$7,229.78
Sewer Fund	\$145,045.29
Sewer Deposit Fund	-0-
Capital Fund (Parks)	\$19,122.25
Capital Fund (Roads)	\$1,016.00
Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,300.00
Operating Reserve Fund	\$ -0-

Ms. Saxon seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**ARB Paving Meeting** – Vice President Ride reminded Council of the meeting next Monday, May 16, 2011, on the Boulevard to walk the recently paved section at

Delaware and to discuss what needs to be done, in general. All are invited to attend.

**Public Safety Committee**

**Morris Estates Traffic Trial** – Mr. Scott offered a motion to extend the 30-day trial period to improve parking and traffic patterns in Morris Estates by another 30 days, to end on June 11, 2011.

Vice President Ride seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Memorial Day Celebration Contribution** – Mr. Scott offered a motion to make a \$400 contribution to the 2011 Memorial Day Celebration.

Ms. Vagley seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Planning and Economic Development Committee**

**Resolution No. R13-2011, Building Permit Application Fees** – Ms. Vagley offered Resolution No. R13-2011, and moved for its adoption, a resolution amending and revising the Schedule of Fees per Borough Ordinances with regard to Building Permit Application Fees.

Council Member Scott seconded the motion.

President Favo noted that this had been discussed previously at the May 2, 2011 Work Session, as well as in a recent meeting with the Borough’s Building Inspector and Code Enforcement company. He voiced the frustration that many are feeling over the Uniform Construction Code.

President Favo explained that this was another attempt to “fill in the cracks” left after the passage of the Uniform Construction Code.

On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

Mr. Donovan	Yes	Ms. Saxon	Yes
President Favo	Yes	Mr. Scott	Yes
Mr. Milberger	Yes	Ms. Vagley	Yes
Vice President Ride	Yes		

The motion passed 7 to 0.

Ms. Vagley explained that, due to the considerable length of the resolution, it would not be read in its entirety that evening. However, anyone who wished to review the resolution in its entirety could do so at the Borough office, here in the Municipal Building, on Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM prevailing time.

President Favo declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 31, Page 36, as **Resolution No. R13-2011**.

**Public Works Committee**

**2011 Paving Projects** – Mr. Milberger said the Borough would be spending approximately \$400,000.00 on paving this year. The bid documents, opened last week at the Work Session, have been evaluated by our Borough Engineer and it appears that Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. has the lowest bid.

It had been hoped, said Mr. Milberger, that the Water Company and the Borough could coordinate paving and water line installation projects and share the costs. Unfortunately, the only potential cost sharing street was Library Place, which was already started by the Water Company last year.

**Bid Award** – Mr. Milberger offered a motion to award the 2011 Paving Projects contract to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., lowest bidder, in the amount of

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\$405,888.76, to include the Base Bid and Bid Alternatives Nos. 1, 2 and 4, pending the Borough Manager coming up with an additional \$4,788.76.

Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**2011 Streets to be Paved** – Mr. Milberger entered into the record the streets to be paved by the Borough in 2011. They are:

<b><i>Street</i></b>	<b><i>From</i></b>	<b><i>To</i></b>
Pennsylvania	Thirteenth	Fourteenth
Seventh	Pennsylvania	Maryland
Fir	Pennsylvania	End
Library	ARB	Fourth
Washington	ARB	Eighth
Eleventh	Delaware	Washington
California	Fifth	Sixth
Second	Delaware	End
Third	Delaware	Washington
Isabella	End	Delaware
Wade Lane (Alt.)	Hulton	Elmcrest
Elm (Alt.)	Maryland	Delaware
Potomac (Alt.)	End	Allegheny

**Communication & Code Committee**

**2011 Civil Service Exam and Eligibility List** – Ms. Saxon moved to authorize and request the Oakmont Civil Service Commission to conduct Civil Service Examinations with the goal of producing an Eligibility List.

Vice President Ride seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

**Business District Parking** – Council Member Saxon reported that she had met with Chief DiSanti, President Favio and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Summer Tissue to discuss parking in the Business District. The goals reached, as a result of the meeting, were:

- increase the on-street parking limit to three hours;
- install an on-foot police officer on the Boulevard;
- define each parking space, rather than painting a single line inside of which cars may park; and,
- explore making the 400 block of Isabella Street one-way with angled parking on both sides of the street.

Ms. Saxon finally mentioned that increased fines for habitual parking offenders is also being considered.

**Newsletter** – Ms. Saxon announced that the deadline for article submissions to the Chamber Newsletter was May 12, and asked to let her know by May 11 if anyone wanted something in the Newsletter.

**Legal, Zoning & Land Use Committee**

**Bocce Court Sign** – Mr. Donovan asked if the sign in front of the Bocce Court next to the Municipal Building were legal. The Borough Manager said he had been told the Recreation Board had already been given a Variance for the larger sign during the Zoning Board Hearing on the bocce courts. When he reviewed the hearing transcript, he could find no evidence of this.

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Because the 16 square foot sign is larger than permitted by the *Zoning Ordinance*, a Variance would be needed for the sign to remain.

Mr. Donovan said he thought the Borough, or in this case, the Borough's Recreation Board, should be held to the same standard as everyone else.

**PaMS Audits** - Mr. Donovan asked if Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company (PaMS) had ever handed over their previous years' audits. He stated he auditor reported that the 2008-2009 fiscal year was the last year that an audit report had been made available by PaMS to the Borough auditors.

Mr. Jamison said a letter to PaMS on this was "in the works."

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**Morris Estates Petition** – Bertha Shearer referred to a petition to Council that Morris Estates residents be notified whenever there was a hearing of any kind involving their area. She said no one had notified them about the Guerin hearing.

She mentioned that she had seen Police Chief DiSanti working on a Sunday and that the Volunteer Fire Department was great, but did not get any recognition from anyone. She said they had been around a long time, putting their lives on the line with each fire.

Finally, Mrs. Shearer asked that, if any money were left over from this year's paving project, that the money be put towards paving her street.

**UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS** – President Favo referred those present to the list of public meetings itemized in the Agenda, noting that dates were correct as of publication of the Agenda.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** - There were no miscellaneous items to report that evening.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Milberger offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Jensen  
Assistant Borough Secretary