

January 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Federici.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Calabrese, Favo, Kennedy, Ride, Taliaferro, Zentgraf and President Federici; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Shoop; Chief DiSanti; and, Assistant Borough Secretary Lisa Cooper Jensen

Visitors: Barbara Charlton, Scott Frankowski, Les Leasure, Tom Meising, Gary Mostel, Melony Mostel, Gene Rebyanski, Paula Reeve (7:26 PM), Bertha Shearer, Ted Sokol (7:11 PM), Robert Springer, Mildred Strategos (7:26 PM), Jim Trangle, Holly Usher (7:08 PM) and Richard Williams

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Speed Bumps – Gene Rebyanski, 731 Third Street, asked for more speed bumps along Third Street, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Hulton Road. The request was referred to the Mayor, Chief and Council Member Taliaferro for review and recommendation.

Meising Litigation – Tom Meising, 17 Potomac Street, said he had not received a letter concerning current litigation that was promised him. Solicitor Shoop said, “We made you an offer, you rejected it. We went to Court, you lost.” He advised Mr. Meising that he could appeal the Court’s decision if he liked.

Nuisance Landlord Ordinance – Barbara Charlton, 11 Potomac Street, asked Council to pass an ordinance to deal with landlords who rent to unsavory tenants who must have the police called on them all the time. President Federici said Council was looking at sample Landlord Nuisance ordinances.

Plum Creek/Plum Street – Ted Sokol, 720 Plum Street, asked about getting Plum Creek dredged to prevent further flooding, and about curtailing speeding along Plum Street. President Federici said Council had been talking with the County about Plum Creek. He referred speeding issues to the Mayor, Chief and Council Member Taliaferro for review and recommendation.

Brenntag Noise – Bertha Shearer, 39 Morris Street reported that the nightly noise from Brenntag had gone away for a while, but that it had returned. Chief DiSanti said he would contact Brenntag tomorrow.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

HHI Trucking & Supply, Inc. – President Federici announced that the fourth Public Hearing on the HHI Trucking & Supply, Inc. Conditional Use Application for a Concrete Batch Plant would be held on January 29 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT

December Report - Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his December 2007 Police Report for those present. He also announced that the Civil Service Commission's Eligibility List for a full-time police officer had been completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standing Committee Assignments

President Federici announced the Standing Committee appointments as follows:

1. Internal Governmental Relations – Ms. Ride
2. Public Safety – Mr. Taliaferro
3. Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Favo
4. Engineering and Public Works – Ms. Zentgraf
5. Recreation, Cultural and Community Assets – Mr. Kennedy
6. Communications and Internal Relations – Dr. Calabrese
7. External Governmental Relations
 - a. State/Federal Liaison – Mr. Taliaferro
 - b. Local/County Liaison – Ms. Zentgraf
8. Borough Manager Search Committee – Dr. Calabrese, Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Zentgraf

President Federici said he had already shared these appointments with Council, but that all Borough boards would be apprised of the appointments within the week. He said the tasks would be simplified once a Borough Manager was in place.

Council Member Favo asked why he had been moved from the Finance Committee (now Internal Governmental Relations) to Planning and Economic Development. President Federici, noting that he had discussed this the previous week with Mr. Favo, said he felt that some members of Council were multi-talented and more flexible, and therefore could serve on more than one specific committee. President Federici used his prerogative to place members of Council where he best felt they could serve.

Mr. Favo said it made no sense to remove him from the police union negotiations. President Federici said Mr. Favo was not necessarily off the Council negotiation committee.

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Internal Governmental Relations

Warrants – Ms. Ride moved to approve Warrant List #12-02-2007, dated January 14, 2008, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$528,603.13
Library Fund	\$30,529.65
Sewer Fund	\$74,873.22
Capital Fund	\$204,000.00
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$156,346.00
Highway Aid Fund	\$85,436.83

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2008 Police Pension Contribution – Ms. Ride offered Resolution No. R7-2008, and moved for its adoption, a resolution establishing a 3.5% contribution rate for the Police Pension Plan for the year 2008, as confirmed by the Plan’s actuary, Mockenhaupt Associates, Inc.

Dr. Calabrese seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Federici declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 30, Page , as **Resolution No. R7-2008**.

2008 Non-Uniformed Employees’ Pension Contribution – Ms. Ride offered Resolution No. R8-2008, and moved for its adoption, a resolution establishing a 3.5% contribution rate for the Non-Uniformed Employees’ Pension Plan for the year 2008, as confirmed by the Plan’s actuary, Mockenhaupt Associates, Inc.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Federici declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 30, Page , as **Resolution No. R8-2008**.

2007 Borough Audit – Ms. Ride offered a motion to authorize the audit firm of Maher Duessel, CPA, to prepare the 2007 Audit and Financial Report for the Borough of Oakmont.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

Engineering & Public Works

Force Main Project – Council Member Zentgraf gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant’s Force Main Project, saying that there had been a slight change in the route, but that the project was proceeding as scheduled.

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Recreation, Cultural and Community Assets

Riverside Park – Mr. Kennedy described the Park as “dormant” at present. He said he had met with Coach Todd Massack to discuss Field House improvements and the costs to be shared by the Borough and the School District.

Communications and Internal Relations

Frederick R. Favo, Treasurer – Dr. Calabrese offered Resolution No. R9-2008, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Frederick R. Favo as Borough Treasurer, for a term commencing the First Monday of January 2008, and continuing thereafter until a successor or successors are duly appointed and qualified, and making other provisions thereto.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Federici declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 30, Page , as **Resolution No. R9-2008**.

Robert H. Shoop, Jr., Solicitor – Dr. Calabrese offered Resolution No. R10-2008, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Robert H. Shoop, Jr. as Borough Solicitor, for a term commencing the First Monday of January 2008, and continuing thereafter until a successor or successors are duly appointed and qualified, and making other provisions thereto.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Federici declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 30, Page , as **Resolution No. R10-2008**.

Lisa Cooper Jensen, Assistant Borough Secretary, etc. – Dr. Calabrese offered Resolution No. R11-2008, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing Lisa Cooper Jensen as Assistant to the Borough Manager and Assistant Borough Secretary, for a term commencing the First Monday of January 2008, and continuing thereafter until a successor or successors are duly appointed and qualified, and making other provisions thereto.

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, and all those members of Council present voted in the affirmative.

President Federici declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 30, Page , as **Resolution No. R11-2008**.

External Governmental Relations

State & Federal Liaison

Zentgraf to AVN-COG – Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to re-appoint Cheryl P. Zentgraf as Borough of Oakmont representative to the Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments (AVN-COG) for 2008.

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Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Local and County Liaison

AVN-COG Meeting – Council Member Zentgraf reported that there would be a reorganization meeting of the COG on January 23, and that she would report back after the meeting.

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS – President Federici explained that this was a new item on the agenda, and was a listing of the public meetings known at the time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hulton Road Accident – Paula Reeve, 391 Woodland Avenue, said her son was hit by a truck on Hulton Road on January 2, and wanted to know why the correct signage had not yet been erected along Hulton Road. Chief DiSanti said the signs had come in that day and would be installed by the end of the week. Ms. Reeve added that her injured son had just gotten a citation for jaywalking in the mail that day.

Senator Ferlo's Assistant – Scott Frankowski, Senator Jim Ferlo's assistant, told those present that the Senator's office was working on the following Oakmont projects: the Oakmont History Society, the Hulton Bridge Design Project and the Edgewater Traffic Plan.

Hulton Road Safety – Mildred Strategos, 909 Allegheny Avenue, said it was unsafe crossing Hulton Road with the new traffic signals. Mr. Federici said the signals were still being "fine tuned."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

New Meeting Start Time – President Federici announced that all Council meetings in 2008 would start at 7:00 PM, not 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Lisa Cooper Jensen
Assistant Borough Secretary