

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Benusa.

ROLL CALL

Present: Messrs. Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Taliaferro and President Benusa, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; and, Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

Excused: Mr. Myers and Solicitor Shoop

Visitors: Rebecca Borgony, Acting Police Chief David H. Brankley, Walt Brotherton, Brandon Miles, Cassie Narkevic, Craig Olson, Fire Chief Bill Peoples, and Steve Stuart

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HULTON ROAD SIGNALIZATION – WALGREENS

Paradise Group Project Manager for the Walgreens development project, Brandon Miles, gave a presentation on types of traffic signals, their locations, and the input from Oakmont's Boulevard Project Board in connection with the signalization of Hulton Road at Allegheny River Boulevard and Allegheny Avenue.

PennDOT has approved the Highway Occupancy Permit for this project, stated Mr. Miles. PennDOT must still give final approval. The Paradise Group will also attempt to work with the Allegheny Valley Railroad when erecting the signals. Once PennDOT signs off, the signalization plan will go to HRG for a final review.

Steve Stuart, HRG traffic consultant, then discussed pre-emption options for emergency vehicles at the intersections. He also explained how the traffic signals will be coordinated with the signals at the west end of Hulton Bridge and at S&T Bank as closely as possible.

Mr. Miles said that Walgreens is currently slated to open the first week of August. The signals should be in before that.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2005, the Adjourned Meeting of December 28, 2005, the Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2006 and the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2006, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

President Benusa asked all Members of Council to examine and review all the reports and correspondence prior to leaving that evening:

PUBLIC HEARING

Borough Manager Dunlap announced that there would be a Conditional Use Public Hearing on the Duquesne Light substation on February 20, 2006.

Mr. Bland asked that the Duquesne Light Company be made aware of all conditions requested by Council *prior* to the Conditional Use Hearing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fescemyer deferred to Acting Chief Dave Brankley, who reviewed the monthly police report for the previous month. In addition to crime statistics, Acting Chief Brankley reported that Officers Eaton and Geppert were trained in advanced sobriety testing. Brankley met with high school personnel regarding the FBI's Adopt-A-School Program, which Officer Ford will be responsible for implementing. Acting Chief Brankley and Mayor Fescemyer met with Oakmont's new District Magistrate David Sosovicka and with Tarentum Dispatch to discuss the possible transfer of services to the County's 9-1-1 dispatch system.

Mayor Fescemyer added that a formal letter had been sent to County Council Chair Dan Onorato expressing interest in this service.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Dunlap noted that copies of the balance sheets and year-to-date budget reports for all Borough funds had been provided to all Council Members. There was nothing unexpected or unanticipated in the Budget and Financial Report, dated February 10, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, PERSONNEL & LEGAL

Tax Collector Appointment

Mr. Favo moved to adopt No. R9-2006, appointing Borough Manager Roger A. Dunlap, Jr. as the Real Estate Tax Collector for the Borough of Oakmont.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 76, as **Resolution No. R9-2006**.

Tax Collection Agent Designated

Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company (PaMS), 336 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139, designating PaMS as the Borough's exclusive agent for the purposes of collecting Current Real Estate Taxes.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Auditor Appointment Tabled

Resolution No. R10-2006 appointing Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants, as the Borough's Independent Auditor was tabled.

Council Member Favo asked that additional proposals for the position be solicited.

Mr. Bland offered a motion to advertise and accept all proposals for the Borough Auditor position. Mr. Federici seconded this motion.

On a called yea and nay vote to advertise and accept all proposals for the Borough Auditor position, the vote was as follows:

President Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Yea
Mr. Bland	Nay	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	Yea
Mr. Federici	Yea		

The motion carried by a 6-to-1 vote.

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to table the motions to accept nominations to fill vacancies on the Library and Boulevard Project Boards until the Boards had a chance to review the applications for appointment.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Assistance with Selection of Police Chief

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to authorize the execution of a Letter of Intent with the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to request technical assistance in the selection of a Chief of Police.

Mr. Federici seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OVFD Permission to Host Annual Event

Fire Chief Bill Peoples asked for the Borough's permission to host the County Volunteer Fire Fighters Association annual parade, tentatively scheduled for June 24, 2006. Chief Peoples outlined additional events that would also be taking place that week as host municipality.

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Council expressed no objections to holding this week-long event in Oakmont. Chief Peoples is to coordinate Riverside Park events with Mr. Kennedy.

PLANNING, ZONING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DelRosso Lot Consolidation Plan

Mr. Bland offered Resolution No. R10-2006, and moved for its adoption, a resolution approving the DelRosso Lot Consolidation Plan at 519 Maryland Avenue, for one lot consisting of 7,312 square feet, located in an R-3 Residential Zoning District.

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

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 77, as **Resolution No. R10-2006**.

CULTURE & RECREATION

Library, Kerr Museum & Park Events

Council Member Kennedy reported on the latest Library Board meeting, which was held on February 8, 2006. He said that Library Renovation Project architect Doug Philp had billed the Borough \$170,000 for his services thus far on the project. After meeting with Mr. Philp, he agreed to reduce his bill to \$80,000.

Mr. Kennedy announced the itinerary for the Kerr Museum Antique Show, to be held at the Pittsburgh Field Club the weekend of March 17, 2006.

He has received requests from the Riverview Athletic Association and Oakmont Bakery to use the ball fields during the summer season.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

2006 Shade Tree Pruning/Removal Contract

Mr. Favo offered a motion to award Contract No. 06-01, the 2006 Pruning Program and the 2006 Tree/Stump Removal Program to Arboreal Tree Service of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, for a total amount of \$17,705.00.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

WARRANT LISTS

Mr. Dunlap explained the new format for authorizing the paying of bills that "warrant" payment. President Benusa suggested the Warrants be put under the Financial Committee on the agenda in the future.

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Warrant List #01-02-2006

Mr. Taliaferro moved to approve Warrant List #01-02-2006, dated January 31, 2006. Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Warrant List #02-01-2006

Mr. Federici moved to approve Warrant List #02-01-2006, dated February 10, 2006. Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Walt Brotherton asked Council if the totals for each of the warrants could be made public in the future. President Benusa said that they would.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Federici commended Acting Chief Brankley for his report and asked if he would like to comment on staffing problems.

Acting Chief Brankley expressed an urgent need to fill vacancies as quickly as possible. Mayor Fescemyer said the force was down one full-time officer, one part-time officer, and possibly a second. He characterized the issue as a "severe shortage situation."

President Benusa said he would like to proceed quickly so that staffing would be set by the summer. Chief Brankley suggested that interviewing start by early March.

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 9:30 PM.

Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager
and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

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