

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Oakmont Borough Council**

(Corrected) 29  
**May 12, 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 Jensen

Visitors: Jack Artman, Sheila Brotherton, Walt Brotherton, Kim Butler, Gini Calabrese, Barbara Charlton, Frederick R. Favo, Matt Provenza, Tracy Provenza, Rebecca Sciallo, Ted Sokol and Holly Usher

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Oakmont Commons Roads** – Walt Brotherton, 291 Commons Drive, said he hoped that Oakmont Commons' streets were on the list of streets to be paved this year.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2008 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Dr. Calabrese seconded the motion, which passed.

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**New Hulton Bridge** - President Federici read a letter from PennDOT's Dan Cessna, dated May 1, 2008, announcing the authorization to begin engineering services for the Preliminary Design of the Hulton Bridge Replacement Project.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Chief DiSanti reviewed portions of his April 2008 Police Report for those present.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**HHI (Folino) Hearings Closed** – Solicitor Shoop reported on the status of the HHI Trucking & Supply, LLC Conditional Use Application for a concrete batch plant. Briefs have been filed, and the record closed as of May 6, 2008. Council must render a decision on the application no later than June 20, 2008.

**Edgewater Site** – Two issues remain to be resolved: traffic issues and the off-site recreation area proposed by Kacin.

**Gas Wells** – Concerning the proposed gas well installation on the Capretto property, Council has decided to make an appeal before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. There has been no word yet whether the Court will hear the case, or not.

**Folino Work Site** – Mr. Brotherton stated that Mr. Folino had already begun work on the concrete batch plant. Mr. Shoop said this had been investigated and found that Mr. Folino was working on another property he owns along Dark Hollow Road, but not on the proposed cement plant property.

Mr. Brotherton said Mr. Folino was building a 3-foot high mound around the entire concrete plant property. Solicitor Shoop said he would check further into the matter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Internal Governmental Relations**

**Warrants** – Ms. Ride moved to approve Warrant List #04-02-2008, dated May 12, 2008, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$55,805.43
Library Fund	\$14,108.61
Sewer Fund	\$33,199.34
Capital Fund	\$30,066.30
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$1,146.23
Boulevard Project Fund	\$7,148.32
Sewer Construction Fund	\$-0-

Dr. Calabrese seconded the motion, which passed.

Ms. Ride moved to approve Warrant List #05-01-2008, dated May 12, 2008, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$44,149.74
Library Fund	\$28,254.64

Sewer Fund	\$213,863.95
Capital Fund	\$445.75
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$362.11
Boulevard Project Fund	\$3,748.00
Sewer Construction Fund	\$154,287.25

Ms. Zentgraf seconded the motion, which passed.

**Dark Hollow Woods Park Gas Well** – Council Member Ride reported that Penneco had drilled the well, but had yet to install the gas line.

Mr. Brotherton asked if the well were anywhere near Oakmont Commons. Ms. Ride said that the gas line was only a small, plastic 2-inch line, approximately 2-3 inches underground. The line will go towards the Commons, but will not be in the Commons, she said.

**Planning and Economic Development**

**Falling Springs Run Park Paving** – Mr. Favo offered a motion to award asphalt paving work in connection with Falling Springs Run Park development to Carlucci Construction Company, Inc., at a cost of \$7,464.00.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Council Member Favo said this was the third step in a series of six to help prevent water coming down from Alexander Drive going down Lee Street.

On a called vote, the votes were as follows:

President Federici	Yea	Ms. Ride	Yea
Dr. Calabrese	Nay	Mr. Taliaferro	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Ms. Zentgraf	Yea
Kennedy	Yea		

The motion passed.

Mr. Favo said he was skipping the next agenda item because it was repetitive.

**Engineering & Public Works**

**Methodist Church Outdoor Festival** – Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to give permission to the United Methodist Church of Oakmont to close off a portion of Fifth Street (600 Block, from Maryland Avenue north, to the southernmost drive of the Oak Ridge Condominiums Complex, 640 Fifth Street), for an Outdoor Festival on July 19, 2008 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed.

**Turnpike Scope of Work Study** – Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to accept the proposal of ATS Chester Engineers to conduct a Scope of Work Study on connecting the Turnpike Rest Area sanitary sewer line to the Municipality of Penn Hills at a cost of \$1,500.00.

Ms. Ride seconded the motion.

Solicitor Shoop asked why we were paying for a study to be done in Penn Hills. Ms. Zentgraf explained that the sewer water goes into Borough lines, that it could possibly impact the Commons, and there was a need to investigate the what options might be available to avoid possible problems with this line.

The motion passed.

**Allegheny Avenue Curbing Repair** – Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to ratify the action of the Borough Council President to accept the proposal of Satira Brothers, Inc., dated April 2, 2008, for the removal and replacement of approximately 261 lineal feet of concrete curbing (including new stone base, all required street repairs in front of curbing and material sealing), along the eastern side of Allegheny Avenue between Hulton Road and Archie Street, at a cost of \$9,852.00.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion. Ms. Zentgraf mentioned that the funds for this project had come from the PNC Bank developer's account.

The motion passed.

**2008 Paving Project Costs** - Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to stipulate that the 2008 Paving Project Costs were not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Dr. Calabrese seconded the motion.

Mr. Favo felt there was no need to cap the amount spent until there was a firm list on the streets to be paved. Ms. Zentgraf said, "I didn't put this on the agenda."

Ms. Zentgraf then offered a motion to withdraw her original motion to create a price limit for the 2008 Paving Project.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion on the process of delineating which streets are paved per year.

The motion passed.

**2007 Paving Project Update** – Ms. Zentgraf asked President Federici to give an update on this project. President Federici said the project was nearing completion. Paving of Fifteenth and View Streets is complete. Delaware Avenue is almost complete. A portion of the funds allotted for this project are being withheld until all work is complete.

**Force Main Project** – Ms. Zentgraf reported that the project is done, pending a final review. She noted that the costs for this project are reflected in the Sewer Fund amounts in this month's Warrant No. 05-01-2008.

### **Recreation, Cultural and Community Assets**

**Riverside Park Activities** – Mr. Kennedy reported briefly on activities at Riverside Park. He suggested that the backstop shed could be used as a Ticket

Booth, instead of paying for a new one. He said he has continually asked for a third employee at the Park, but that this was needed in March, not now. He added that Park laborers were currently without a truck. Future park projects will probably include resurfacing of the tennis courts (approximately \$30,000) and renovation of the Field House (approximately \$300,000).

**Communications and Internal Relations**

**Manager Search Update** – Dr. Calabrese reported that Council was exploring a variety of options, at present, and that they were making a good faith effort to find a new Borough Manager as soon as possible.

**External Governmental Relations**

**State & Federal Liaison – Plum Creek Flooding** – Mr. Taliaferro said he had spoken with several county, state and Corps of Engineers officials about conducting a walk-thru of the Plum Creek floodplain area. He said the County was willing to loan equipment to the Borough and that PennDOT said they would do what was necessary to clear Plum Creek banks behind the Sokol scrap yard. No date has been set for the walk-thru at present. Mr. Taliaferro vowed that he was “not going to let up.”

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**Plum Creek Flooding** – Ted Sokol, 720 Plum Street, said that the water problems Oakmont is experiencing with Plum Creek have originated in other communities. He felt that these other communities should be held responsible for mitigating Oakmont’s problems.

Solicitor Shoop said it would be very difficult to prove that another community had caused flooding problems in Oakmont.

Discussion followed concerning other communities’ willingness to accept responsibility for problems with the portion of Plum Creek that goes through Oakmont. Currently, there is some attempt to make communities above Oakmont aware of the problem, but there are still not seeing it as *their* problem.

***Oakmont in Bloom* Update/Installation of Planted Urns** – Rebecca Sciuillo gave Council an update on the goals and most recent activities of the group. Because all the trees have been taken out on the eastern side of the 500 block of the Boulevard due to poor pruning, she asked permission from Council to install seven planted urns in the block until the trees were replaced. She said *Oakmont in Bloom* would assume the costs for the urns and the plantings.

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to approve the request of *Oakmont in Bloom* to install temporary decorative urns and plantings along Allegheny River Boulevard, between Maryland and Delaware Avenues.

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Dr. Calabrese seconded the motion, which passed.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**Movie Filming** – President Federici announced that a movie was going to be shot in Oakmont from May 28-30, 2008 at 404 Hulton Road. Filming would be done from 5:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Because movie-related trucks will be parking in the 800 block of Fifth Street, parking in that area will be restricted to one side only during filming.

**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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

L. C. Jensen  
Assistant Borough Secretary

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