

August 13, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice President Bland.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Zentgraf, Messrs. Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy and Taliaferro, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Shoop; Chief David R. DiSanti, Sr., Roger A. Dunlap, Jr., Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary and Lisa Cooper Jensen, Assistant to the Borough Manager

Excused: President Benusa

Visitors: Walt Brotherton, Kim Butler, Paula Calabrese, Dorothy Calfe, Victor Calfe, Barb Charlton, Teresa Creighan, Judy DeRubeis, Donna DeTurck, William DeTurck, Patrick Hahn, Dean Hornsby, Greg Macaluso, Tom Meising, Brian McCauley, Rich McMahan, Melony Mostel, Rosemary Portera, Laura Procaccio, Matt Provenza and Claudia Vergara

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Volunteer Clean-up – Rich McMahan, 640 Fifth Street, said that he wanted to form a volunteer clean-up group and wanted Council’s approval to proceed. He said he would be willing to finance the venture initially, but not forever.

Ms. Zentgraf said she would bring this to the attention of the Oakmont Boulevard Committee.

Vice President Bland said someone would get back to Mr. McMahan about this within two weeks.

Meising Complaints – William DeTurck, 53 Morris Street, said that at the June 11, 2007 Council Meeting, Tom Meising agreed to remove the boulders in the alley on Borough right-of-way that he had placed next to his house at 17 Potomac Street. Mr. DeTurck said the boulders were still there. He said that Mr. Meising also uses the area as a basketball court, and that he had added a porch to his house at the corner of Allegheny Avenue and Potomac Street without a building permit.

Solicitor Shoop, noting that there was on-going litigation around the property located at 25 Potomac Street, suggested that the Police Chief inspect the properties in question for any violations and take action as necessary.

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Storms of August 9, 2007 – Walt Brotherton, 291 Commons Drive, thanked Borough Officials for their assistance at Oakmont Commons during the storms of August 9. Mr. Brotherton went on to list the improvements he felt needed to be done in order to avoid flooding in the area in the future.

Kim Butler, 4 New London Lane, said her street had flooded for the first time, which she felt was due to run-off and compromised sewer lines.

Dean Hornsby, 310 Canterbury Court, described the conditions on his street during the storms. He said there was raw sewage in the street, which after it dried, became airborne raw sewage once the street cleaner cleaned the street the next day. He felt the street should have been cleaned with Clorox.

Edgewater Developments – Rich McMahon, 640 Fifth Street, suggested that the old Edgewater office building be made into a steel museum. Mr. Bland said the developers intended to demolish the building, but that the drawings of the former buildings on the property have been stored at the Library.

MINUTES APPROVED

Ms. Zentgraf offered a motion to accept the minutes of the Work Session of June 4, 2007, the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2007, the Work Session of July 2, 2007 and the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2007, as circulated to the members of Borough Council.

Mr. Federici, listed as absent in the July 2, 2007 Minutes, said he believed he had attended that meeting.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion to accept the Minutes of June 4, June 11, and July 2 and July 9, with the corrections, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Borough Manager said the usual reports and newsletters had been given to Council for their review.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Kacin - Mr. Dunlap said there would be an Adjourned Public Hearing on the Kacin Companies application for Conditional Use Approval on August 22, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Police Chief DiSanti – Mayor Fescemyer read a citation from the Pennsylvania Legislature commended Chief DiSanti for his role in the U.S. Open. Chief DiSanti said he was “humbled and surprised” by the citation.

Mayor Fescemyer said that Chief DiSanti had established residency in Oakmont recently.

August OPD Report - Chief DiSanti reviewed the highlights of his July 2007 Police Report for those present and announced that a Civil Service Examination would be administered on Saturday, September 8, 2007 at the high school. He said he was in the process of updated the department's Policies and Procedures and its Mission Statement.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

August 9 Storms – Borough Manager Dunlap thanked the residents of Oakmont Commons for their work with the Borough during the storms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Personnel & Legal

Warrants - Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #07-02-2007, dated August 13, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$186,466.47
Library Fund	\$18,324.62
Sewer Fund	\$36,648.77
Capital Fund	\$1,801.57
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$2,304.66
Highway Aid Fund	\$6,798.32

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to approve Warrant List #08-01-2007, dated August 13, 2007, for payments drawn from the following Borough funds:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Amount</i>
General Fund	\$62,088.07
Library Fund	\$5,920.22
Sewer Fund	\$44,593.76
Capital Fund	\$-0-
Centennial Foundation Fund	\$78.09
Highway Aid Fund	\$-0-

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Labor Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. Favo offered a motion to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with General Teamsters Local Union 249, setting forth the terms and conditions of the

Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Street and Wastewater Treatment Plant employees of the Borough.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Safety

Council Member Taliaferro thanked School Superintendent Chuck Erdeljac, the American Red Cross and Tom Wallace of the Oakmont Country Club for their assistance during the August 9 storms.

Planning, Zoning & Community Development

Planning Commission Meeting – The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on August 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Mr. Dunlap said the Commission will hold a pre-application meeting for a proposed subdivision at 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and discuss the HHI Trucking, Inc. proposal to construct a cement batch plant at 109 Dark Hollow Road.

Engineering & Public Works

ARB Restoration Project – Mr. Federici said the rebricking from Hulton Road to Porte Street should be completed by August 15. He thanked the residents for their patience, and the Street Crew for removing and storing the old brick.

WWTP Phase II Upgrade – The bids for this project were opened July 31 and are being reviewed by the Borough Engineer.

Street Paving – Council Member Federici reported that the bids for this project were opened the previous week and were being reviewed by the Borough Engineer.

Traffic Line Painting – Mr. Federici felt that this project should continued to be pursued since there was still time to complete the work before cold weather.

Flooding – Mr. Federici said that Council was prepared to move forward on comprehensive long-term planning for flood control measures in the Borough.

Culture & Recreation

Riverside Park – Mr. Kennedy said the Park was being used a lot.

Library Flooded – The Library basement was flooded during the August 9 storms. The Library Board will convene on August 11 to inspect the damage.

Community Affairs

Shade Tree Pruning - Ms. Zentgraf commended the Shade Tree Commission for their work in maintaining the trees of Oakmont.

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Vice President Bland thanked all who had helped during the “near-flood situation,” adding that he was optimistic that, with County help, the Borough was going in the right direction to address problems.

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 8:31 PM.

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

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