

Judge Richard H. Zoller administered the Oath of Office to Robert J. Fescemyer as Mayor of the Borough of Oakmont. The Reorganization Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was then called to order at 7:34 PM by Mayor Fescemyer.

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

Those elected to office in November were: Michael L. Federici, Allan R. Kennedy, Douglas E. Myers and Dru Taliaferro. These newly elected Oakmont Borough officials were asked to come forward and be sworn in.

Again, Judge Richard H. Zoller administered the Oath of Office to Messrs. Benusa, Federici, Kennedy, Myers and Taliaferro.

The Assistant to the Borough Manager then called the Roll.

Present: Messrs. Benusa, Bland, Favo, Federici, Kennedy, Myers and Taliaferro, members of Council; Mayor Fescemyer; Solicitor Shoop; and, Mr. Dunlap, Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary

Visitors: Kaaren Amodeo, Frank Bonaroti, Adeline Brown, Taylor Caffas, Dorothy Calfe, Victor Calfe, Donna DeTurck, Anthony Federici, Bonnie Federici, Fred Federici, Chandler Fescemyer, Jennifer Fescemyer, Judy Fescemyer, Kyler Fescemyer, Maryann Fescemyer, Missie Fescemyer, Robert Fescemyer, Jr., Timmy Fescemyer, Charles Girard, Mark Gleason, Jim Lampl, Dennis Moore, Cassie Narkevic, Leslie Proctor, Preston Proctor, Sr., Preston Proctor, Jr., Norbert Slipski, Aaron Taliaferro, Constance Taliaferro, Lawrence Taliaferro, Marlene Taliaferro, Wilma Ward and Richard H. Zoller

Mayor Fescemyer announced that the floor was now open to accept nominations for the election of Oakmont Borough Council officers.

Mr. Kennedy nominated William E. Benusa for the office of Oakmont Borough Council President. Mr. Myer seconded the motion.

Mr. Taliaferro nominated Allan R. Kennedy for the office of Oakmont Borough Council President. Mr. Kennedy declined the nomination.

There being no other nominations for the office of Oakmont Borough Council President, Mr. Bland moved to close the nominations. Mr. Favo seconded the motion.

On a called yea and nay vote to elect William E. Benusa as Oakmont Borough Council President, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Yea
Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	No
Mr. Federici	No		

The motion carried to elect William E. Benusa to the office of Oakmont Borough Council President by a 5-to-2 vote.

Mr. Kennedy nominated Tim Favo for the office of Oakmont Borough Council Vice President. Mr. Favo declined the nomination.

Mr. Favo nominated Tom Bland for the office of Oakmont Borough Council Vice President. Mr. Myers seconded the motion.

There being no other nominations for the office of Oakmont Borough Council Vice President, Mr. Bland moved to close the nominations. Mr. Favo seconded the motion.

On a called yea and nay vote to elect Tom Bland as Oakmont Borough Council Vice President, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Yea
Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	No
Mr. Federici	No		

Mayor Fescemyer then turned the gavel over to President Benusa.

President Benusa announced that he would make the appointments to Council Committees at the Regular Meeting, to be held on January 9, 2006. He then called for motions to appoint Borough Officials.

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to appoint Frederick R. Favo as Borough Treasurer. Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to appoint Robert H. Shoop, Jr. as Borough Solicitor. Mr. Bland seconded the motion.

On a called yea and nay vote to appoint Robert H. Shoop, Jr. as Borough Solicitor, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Yea
Mr. Bland	Yea	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	No
Mr. Federici	No		

The motion carried to appoint Robert H. Shoop, Jr. as Borough Solicitor by a 5-to-2 vote.

President Benusa said he would entertain a motion to appoint The Gateway Engineers, Inc. as the Borough Engineer in accordance with their 2006 Schedule of Fees.

No motion was offered.

Mr. Bland offered a motion to appoint Roger A. Dunlap, Jr. as Borough Manager and Borough Secretary.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to appoint Mark A. Christman of Strassburger, McKenna, Gutnick & Potter, as Solicitor for the Oakmont Zoning Hearing Board, in accordance with their 2006 Schedule of Fees.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Mr. Bland asked if Mr. Christmas also participates in Planning Commission discussions, as well as Zoning Hearings. Mr. Dunlap said that he currently did participate in Planning Commission discussions, but that that was ending with the new Budget in order to save money. Mr. Favo characterized Mr. Christman's dual role as a "redundancy."

Discussion continued with both Mr. Dunlap and Solicitor Shoop clarifying the exact purpose of Mr. Christman's role as Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Myers offered a motion to reappoint John Wojtyna, 677 Fourth Street, to the Boulevard Project Board to serve a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to reappoint Kitty Vagley, 830 Fifteenth Street, to the Boulevard Project Board to serve a three-year term expiring December 31, 200.

Mr. Taliaferro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to appoint Camilyn K. Leone, 365 College Avenue, to the Boulevard Project Board to serve a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Mr. Myers seconded the motion.

President Benusa said Ms. Leone came with the recommendation of the Boulevard Project Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to reappoint Marilyn Dunlay, 725 Fourteenth Street, to the Library Board to serve a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion.

Mr. Taliaferro noted that Ms. Dunlay no longer lived in Oakmont. Mr. Dunlap agreed that Oakmont residency was a requirement for a Board position.

Mr. Kennedy then moved to withdraw the motion. Mr. Favo seconded the motion, which passed.

Mr. Myers moved to appoint Ronald E. Scott, 605 Twelfth Street, to the Library Board to serve the remainder of an unexpired five-year term expiring December 31, 2009.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to reappoint Kitty Vagley, 830 Fifteenth Street, to the Civil Service Commission to serve a six-year term expiring December 31, 2011.

Mr. Taliaferro moved to appoint K. Les Leasure, 307 Canterbury Court, to the Civil Service Commission to serve a six-year term expiring December 31, 2013.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Myers offered a motion to reappoint Kaaren L. Amodeo, 1412 Eaton Drive, to the Kerr Museum Board to serve a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Myers moved to appoint Joan Stewart, 810 Ninth Street, to the Kerr Museum Board to serve the remainder of an unexpired five-year term expiring December 31, 2006.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo offered a motion to reappoint Frank J. Almendinger, Jr., 730 Woodland Avenue, to the Municipal Authority Board of Governors to serve a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliaferro moved to reappoint James M. Joyce, 544 Tenth Street, to the Planning Commission to serve a four-year term expiring December 31, 2009.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federici offered a motion to reappoint Mary Ann Provenza, 53 West Crystal Drive, to the Recreation Board to serve a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Favo moved to reappoint Bart French, 520 Seventh Street, to the Shade Tree Commission to serve a five-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliaferro offered a motion to appoint Owen F. Slagle, III, 670 Thirteenth Street, to the Zoning Hearing Board to serve a three-year term expiring December 31, 2008.

Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion.

Mr. Bland said he did not know this gentleman, and had had no time to review his resume prior to appointment. Mr. Dunlap said Mr. Slagle's application had come in that day, and stated Mr. Slagle's qualifications.

On a called yea and nay vote to appoint Owen F. Slagle, III, to the Zoning Hearing Board, the vote was as follows:

Mr. Benusa	Yea	Mr. Kennedy	Yea
Mr. Bland	Abstain	Mr. Myers	Yea
Mr. Favo	Yea	Mr. Taliaferro	Abstain
Mr. Federici	Abstain		

The motion carried to appoint Owen F. Slagle, III to the Zoning Hearing Board by a 4-to-0 vote, with three abstentions.

Mr. Favo offered Resolution No. R1-2006, establishing Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, PNC Bank, N.A., and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as depositories for all Borough funds.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 68, as **Resolution No. R1-2006**.

Mr. Myers offered Resolution No. R2-2006, authorizing the Borough Manager to transfer monies within Borough funds, as required, for the orderly financial operation of the Borough.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 69, as **Resolution No. R2-2006**.

Mr. Federici offered Resolution No. R3-2006, authorizing the Borough Manager to pay warrants of a recurring nature when received.

Mr. Bland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 70, as **Resolution No. R3-2006**.

Mr. Kennedy offered Resolution No. R4-2006, designating the *Advance Leader* and the *Valley News Dispatch* as the official newspapers of publication for the Borough.

Mr. Favo seconded the motion.

Mr. Bland asked for clarification about naming local papers as official organs of publication. Mr. Dunlap responded that this applied primarily to legal notices.

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Mayor Fescemyer asked if there could be a problem depending on whether the paper was a weekly paper or a daily paper. Solicitor Shoop said this was not a problem, as long as the newspaper was a publication of general distribution in Oakmont.

The motion passed, unanimously.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 29, Page 71, as **Resolution No. R4-2006**.

President Benusa asked if there were any issues, not on the agenda, that those present wanted to discuss. No one responded.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Kennedy offered a motion to adjourn to the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2006, which passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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

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