

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7:00 pm  
Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting called to order by President Joe Cali.

Roll call taken: Present were: President Joe Cali, Vice President Ron Norton, Councilman Charles Blair, Councilman Adam Lockhart, Councilman John Knittel, Mayor Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

**VISITORS:** Randy Beamer voiced concerns regarding suspicious activity in the borough.

Cedric Stopansky voiced concerns regarding buses speeding in the borough.

Jeff Bankosh of Bankosh Sanitation had several questions regarding the upcoming trash collection contract.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Knittel to adopt the minutes from the March Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** The Solicitor provided several amendments to the garbage collection ordinance for Council's review.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mr. Braun provided Council with a cost estimate for crack sealing from Nagy Construction.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Copies of the report were provided to Council.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The first quarter employee taxes have been filed and paid.

A check in the amount of \$577.80 from the Municipal Authority of Washington Township for 12EDUs for the period of January 2021 through December 2021 was received.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The bank reconciliation for the period ending 3/31/2022 is as follows:

General Fund - \$230,201.13  
Sewer Fund - \$396,882.88  
Liquid Fuels - \$21,924.13  
Special Road Fund - \$156,002.85

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:** The amount of taxes deposited in the month of March:

Wage - \$7,718.16

**READING OF THE BILLS:** The general and monthly utility bills for Oklahoma Borough have been paid for the month of March.

The following invoices were received:

1. Compass Minerals in the amount of \$1,526.34 for road salt.
2. Estermyer & Associates in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the borough's annual audit.
3. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services in the month of February.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A letter from the K.V.W.P.C.A including a proposed resolution was received.

Todd Sherbondy arrived at 8:04 p.m.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE:** A stop sign on Middle Street was replaced.

There are concerns with patrons speeding when leaving the Oklahoma Inn. There is a neighboring property with a 6-foot fence that Mr. Lockhart feels could be obstructing the view of traffic.

Vice President Norton also received a complaint regarding potholes on Community Park Road.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Blair will have a letter drafted by the end of the month to report the way Oklahoma Borough plans to spend their COVID relief funds.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Vice President Norton is in the process of researching a sign for the park. He has been in contact with three different companies and plans to provide estimates soon. A suggestion was also made to install an additional sign at the entrance of the park.

Vice President Norton has also contacted Best Buy for an estimate to install security cameras at the park. A suggestion was made to also contact 2Krew for an estimate.

Mr. Blair made a suggest for consideration to host a Movies in the Park. A cost estimate was provided to Council.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES:** Several members of council are concerned with the lack of a siren at the Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** The President and Vice President of Council met the Solicitor on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. They asked the Solicitor attend at least one or two meetings per year. In addition, Council would like the Zoning Solicitor to attend one meeting to meet him.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A roster has been received from the Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department after a letter was sent by the Solicitor. No membership information was received for the semi-annual newsletter. Several members of Council voiced concerns with the short list of members. Mr. Lockhart believes that the majority of members do not live within the borough. A suggestion was made to partner with another department.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made by Mr. Blair to table changing the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Delegates for Oklahoma Borough until the May Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to table the advertisement of the revised trash collection ordinance until the May Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to consider the resolution 2 of 2022 provided by Geary, Loperfito & Generelli concerning the K.V.W.P.C.A. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to table the above motion until the May Council meeting to have the Solicitor review. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to discuss purchasing a website for Oklahoma Borough. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have Senate Engineering to prepare a bid package for crack sealing project and put the project out to bid for up to the estimated cost of \$18,365.00. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to consider hosting Movies in the Park as per the earlier discussion once per month through the summer. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made to table the above motion until the May Council meeting. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Lockhart. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Joseph Cali, President

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Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary