

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting  
April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting called to order by President Joe Cali.

Roll call taken: Present were: President Joe Cali, Councilman Charles Blair, Councilwoman Christine Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Vice President Ron Norton, Councilman Adam Lockhart and Mayor Emerick.

**VISITORS:** Danika Bracken would like to have a small youth group meet at the park. They would not require any resources from the borough.

Cedric Stopansky asked a question regarding an ordinance.

Observe: Todd Sherbondy.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Blair to adopt the minutes from the March Council Meeting. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** None.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** All three I/I issues discovered near the property located near 125 Orr Avenue have been resolved.

Senate provided a cost estimate for the 2023 Paving Program to Council. The job is ready to put out to bid.

Additional information is needed for the new salt shed project. Mr. Braun would like to schedule a meeting with the Streets Committee.

The Secretary will provide Mr. Braun with contact information for AA Garrett Roofing & Heating to possibly dye test the park pavilion and residence behind the pavilion.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter employee taxes have been filed and paid.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The bank reconciliation for the period ending 3/31/2023 is as follows:

General Fund - \$376,861.57

Sewer Fund - \$430,114.58

Liquid Fuels - \$40,760.20

Special Road Fund - \$183,098.85

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

Wage – \$12,823.32

**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. Estermyer & Associates in the amount of \$3,650.00 for the 2022 annual audit.
2. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$659.00 for zoning and code enforcement services in the months of January and February.
3. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$559.00 for the I/I Study and review of power point and meeting with Chuck Blair paid from the sewer fund.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Brandon Firestone is the new Municipal Services Specialist for Oklahoma Borough. Contact information will be given to all members of Council and the Mayor.

A letter from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board was received to inform Oklahoma Borough of a new application or transfer of license for premises not currently licensed.

A letter from CNX Gas was received to notify the Borough of Oklahoma that CNX Gas Company LLC is applying for Permits to Drill and Operate Gas Wells that maybe located inside, adjacent or within 3000' of Oklahoma Borough.

A letter from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. was received to notify the Borough of Oklahoma that Olympus Energy, LLC is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PA DEP for two gas wells.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE:** None.

**FINANCE:** Mr. Blair met with State Representative Jill Cooper on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Jill Cooper would like to hold a Town Hall meeting on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Oklahoma Municipal Building to answer any questions residents may have.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** The committee will talk to Mr. Mowers about several items that need to be done on clean-up day on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Apollo Kiski Little League brought in some fresh dirt for baseball field.

A suggestion was made to pressure wash the playground equipment.

Mr. Blair is preparing for April 28<sup>th</sup> Youth Day of Caring.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES:** Mr. Blair is investigating adding a street light to Thorn Street.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:** None.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** None.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** A shingle blew off the roof and needed to be repaired. The roof will need to be inspected and possibly replaced. Council would like to have a professional look at it.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to assign the following as the Westmoreland County Tax Collection PSD Delegates for Oklahoma Borough; Charles Blair, Christine Emerick and Joseph Cali. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made by Mr. Blair to have Senate Engineering to advertise for bids for the 2023 Paving Program. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to make a \$250.00 donation to both the Vandergrift and Apollo Meals on Wheels totaling \$500.00 in memory of Jared Spillers. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to have J&L Lawn Care pressure wash the playground equipment not to exceed \$300.00. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Mr. Blair. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Joseph Cali, President

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Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary