

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
February 14th, 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, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Mayor Emerick

President Cali congratulated and complimented Vice President Norton for his service and dedication to Oklahoma Borough over the past thirteen years.

VISITORS: Hayden Geisweidt – representing C&S Ambulance, answered questions regarding emergency services provided to Oklahoma Borough.

Renee Lubik – representing the Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department, answered questions regarding the operations and services provided by the fire department. Council requests that the fire department provides a quarterly report of calls.

Jason Sowers and Eric Radebaugh – representing Apollo Kiski Little League, made a request to use the park pavilion to store and operate a cooler/refrigerator.

Cedric Stopansky voiced concerns and questions regarding a bill received from the ambulance service and fire department.

Joyce Spillers and Todd Sherbondy – observe.

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adopt the minutes from the January Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: A letter was received from Municipal Authority of Allegheny Township in response to the letter sent by Oklahoma Borough regarding the Sanitary I/I Study.

Information regarding the LSA Grant was provided. The due date for this grant is March 15th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A request was made by the Secretary to schedule Spring Clean-Up Day.

The annual audit was started on Thursday, February 10th, 2022 and will continue on February 17th, 2022.

The garbage contract is up for renewal in July. The Secretary made a suggestion to have the Solicitor review the contract and add the dumpster at the park.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 12/31/2021 is as follows:

General Fund - \$231,940.82
Sewer Fund - \$392,492.16
Liquid Fuels - \$1,845.88
Special Road Fund - \$149,228.85

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General Fund - \$224,944.34
Sewer Fund - \$392,552.04
Liquid Fuels - \$1,845.90
Special Road Fund - \$156,002.85

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

Wage - \$3,200.44
Per Capita - \$38.25
Real Estate - \$592.31

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services for the month of December.
2. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$180.00 for the lateral replacement inspection at 113 Walnut Street.
3. Myers Print Shop in the amount of \$849.00 for sewer fund envelopes and postage.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from CNX was received to notify the borough they are applying for a Permit to Drill and Operate Gas Wells near Oklahoma Borough.

The Westmoreland Conservation District 12th Annual Municipal Roundtable is scheduled for Friday, February 25th, 2022.

Representative Silvis' office provided information on two upcoming seminars - Seniors For Safe Driving and Concealed Carry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: None.

FINANCE: Mr. Blair has done some research on what the COVID Relief Funds can be spent on but does not believe it can be spent on purchasing a truck. Mr. Blair believes that sewer type improvements would qualify.

PARKS AND RECREATION: A contract extension was received from J&L Lawn Care.

Vice President Norton is in the process of researching signs for the park. In addition, Vice President Norton would like to research a security system.

President Cali would like to purchase two barrels for twenty dollars each to use as trash receptacles at the park. This would be a cash purchase and President Cali would need to be reimbursed.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: Several streetlight repairs have been made.

HUMAN RESOURCES: A proposal for a new zoning solicitor has been received.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Norton to schedule Clean-Up Day for Saturday, April 23rd. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to accept the contract extension from J&L Lawn Care for 2022. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to accept the proposal from Robert B. Liotta, Esquire to serve as zoning solicitor for Oklahoma Borough. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to grant the Apollo Kiski Little League permission to store drinks and a cooler inside the pavilion at the park. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have the solicitor review the existing garbage collection contract and add to the contract a dumpster for the park to advertise for bids in April. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to proceed with the LSA Grant application with assistance from Senate Engineering. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary