

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
February 13th, 2023 – 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, Councilwoman Christine Emerick, Mayor Don Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering.

Absent: Councilman Adam Lockhart, Mayor Emerick and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

VISITORS: Lara Laero and Carol Garrett, representing Living Hope Christian Church, requested the borough list information for the church on the borough website and in the newsletter.

Cedric Stopansky voiced positive comments regarding Oklahoma Borough.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Senate has now decided the missing manholes do not exist. Mr. Braun suggests a meeting to review the situation with the Street, Sewers and Solid Waste Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The garage man-door has been replaced.

Council chose Saturday, April 15th for spring clean-up day.

Council has decided to send a spring newsletter and revisit suspending the newsletter due to the new website in the fall.

The annual audit was started on January 24th.

The 2022-2023 salt contract has been renewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 1/31/2023 is as follows:

General Fund - \$289,888.57

Sewer Fund - \$422,962.88

Liquid Fuels - \$21,925.97

Special Road Fund - \$176,324.85

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

Wage – \$2,850.96

Real Estate - \$1,065.80

Per Capita - \$22.00

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Judy Evans in the amount of \$270.00 for cleaning the park pavilion during the 2022 season.
2. Sikora Excavating in the amount of \$300.00 for testing the two backflow prevention devices.
3. Gary A. Falatovich in the amount of \$26.00 for legal expenses in the month of January.
4. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services in the month of December.
5. Mudrinich Home Enhancements in the amount of \$2,836.00 for the garage man door replacement.
6. Owens Locksmith in the amount of \$100.00 for rekeying the garage man door.
7. Compass Minerals in the amount of \$1,848.62 for a load of salt.

COMMUNICATIONS: 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: Several stop signs have been replaced. Mr. Blair plans to work with Mr. Mowers to continue to replace signs.

FINANCE: The grant money is expected to be received in the very near future.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The Solicitor has combined the two agreements for the Apollo Kiski Little League.

A suggestion was made to host a Meet the Council Day where residents can meet the Oklahoma Borough Council.

Mr. Norton plans to continue to work on installing new signs at the park.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: Mr. Blair is working to obtain pricing to add a street light on Thorn Street.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: None.

HUMAN RESOURCES: None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: A phone call was received from the owner of NBT gym on Hancock Avenue with concerns regarding a tree on a paper street.

Mr. Cali is continuing to research the rental/landlord agreement ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Blair to pay Sikora Excavating in the amount of five hundred dollars for the missing manhole situation. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Norton to approve the agreement between Oklahoma Borough and the Apollo Kiski Little League pending receipt of an insurance certificate. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to approve Chuck Blair to apply for grants on a short term notice and do not require matching funds. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to reimburse Charles Blair one hundred dollars for a grant writing workshop. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Council would like the Mayor to contact the Pennsylvania State Police to attend the next regular meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary