

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
January 9th, 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, Councilman Adam Lockhart, Councilwoman Christine Emerick, Mayor Don Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

VISITORS: Observe – Todd Sherbondy - arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Joyce Spillers, Tax Collector was audited for year ending 2021. There were no findings.

Cedric Stopansky asked a question regarding snow plowing over the holiday.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Senate has not received a call from the contractor to locate the missing manholes.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: First Commonwealth Bank requires a motion listing names of card holders and credit limits to establish a credit/debit account for Oklahoma Borough.

The fourth quarter employee taxes have been filed and paid. The Secretary is also working to complete the end of year taxes.

Statements of Financial Interest are due by no later than May 1st, 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 12/31/2022 is as follows:

General Fund - \$294,489.68

Sewer Fund - \$422,418.79

Liquid Fuels - \$21,925.78

Special Road Fund - \$176,324.85

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

Wage – \$10,586.91

Real Estate - \$99.86

Per Capita - \$11.00

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Gary A. Falatovich in the amount of \$52.00 for solicitor expenses in the month of December.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from Senate Engineering was received.

J&L Lawn Care submitted a letter requesting a contract extension for 2023.

An estimate to replace the garage man door was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: None.

FINANCE: Mr. Blair feels that the COVID relief funds cannot be used to purchase a new truck. Mr. Blair plans to discuss with Mr. Lockhart to possibly spend the funds on sewer repairs.

34 people attended the Polar Express on December 17th.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Mr. Cali talked to Michael at the park. Michael stated he is aware he is not permitted in the park.

There are two street lights out at the park. Both have been submitted for repairs however only one is working.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: None.

HUMAN RESOURCES: None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Due to the resignation received from John Knittel there will be a vacancy on the primary election ballot.

Mr. Cali plans to do further research on the rental inspection ordinance and also the street opening permit process.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to develop a list of credit/debit card holders with spending limits for Oklahoma Borough. There was no second. Motion did not carry.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to amend the above motion to state assign a credit/debit card to Joseph Cali with a spending limit of \$1000.00, Charles Blair with a spending limit of \$500.00, Alecia Sherbondy with a spending limit of \$5000.00 and Adam Lockhart with a spending limit of \$5000.00. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

The rental property ordinance was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to replace the existing man door in the garage with the larger window package to allow more natural light into the area. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.
Motion made by Mr. Norton to approve the contract extension for lawn care from J&L Lawn Care for the 2023 season. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to approve the \$150.00 weed eating at 1 Orr Avenue and \$25.00 per month weed control around the pavilion area as additional items listed in the contract extension from J&L Lawn Care. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary