

Oklahoma Borough Meeting
January 13th, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Joe Cali.

Roll call taken: Present: President Joe Cali, Vice President Adam Lockhart, Councilman Chuck Blair, Councilman Chris Glavan, Councilman John Knittel, Mayor Amy Blair, Solicitor Tim Miller, Jessica Brett from L.S.S.E and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Troup

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS: Todd Sherbondy mentioned the K.V.W.P.C.A. rate increase.

Dom Antoniono asked council to investigate the intersection of Thorn Street and Walnut Street where the gas company replaced lines and is now sinking.

Cedric Stopansky voiced concerns with Vista Drive sinking at the end of his driveway. Mr. Lockhart will look at the area of concern.

Fred Champion – observe

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: The solicitor forwarded the response letter from 2Krew to council.

The solicitor has begun reviewing the information sent by American Legal. Mr. Miller suggests a meeting with the committee.

The solicitor has not received a response after multiple attempts to contact the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

Motion made by Mr. Glavan to approve the solicitor's report. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: A monthly report was provided to Council and the Mayor.

The field work portion of the CCTV project was completed. LSSE recommends dye or smoke test to verify sanitary connection and determination of inflow near the manhole by the park. In addition, LSSE recommends a field review of unlocated manholes. A meeting will be scheduled soon to review the scope of work.

LSSA provided examples of applications and fees for the Street Opening Application and Permit to the borough.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the engineer's report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The request to collect donations for the family affected by the fire on Hancock Avenue was rescinded.

Mayor Blair provided Council copies of the quarterly call report for the O.V.F.D.

Mayor Blair provided information on suicide awareness following a recent suicide within Oklahoma Borough.

Oklahoma Borough was invited to attend a Media Event & Luncheon at the Live! Casino in Greensburg to celebrate the LSA grant Mr. Blair successfully applied for and was awarded to pave the parking lot at the park. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 14th.

It is strongly encouraged to pick up after your pets at the park.

Mayor Blair requests that all borough residents abide by the speed limits.

The deadline for the REAL ID is approaching. There is an information pamphlet on the counter if interested.

Information on several upcoming events being held by State Representative, Jill Cooper, was provided.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the mayor's report. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Liquid Fuels audit has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 21st.

The fourth quarter employee taxes have been filed and paid.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to approve the Secretary's report. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 12/31/2024 is as follows:

General Fund - \$179,867.08

Sewer Fund - \$364,337.69

Liquid Fuels - \$23,359.59

Special Road Fund - \$230,566.85

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

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

Wage - \$6,804.99

Motion made by Mr. Blair to approve the Tax Collector's report. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

READING OF THE BILLS: Copies of the check registers were provided to the Council and the Mayor.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Glavan. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The COSTARS salt agreement will be renewed this week.

The K.V.W.P.C.A. Audited Financial Statement for the years ended July 31st, 2024, and 2023 were received.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Leonard Miller will be held on Sunday, January 19th at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Apollo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: None.

FINANCE: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The playground surface repairs were made at no cost to the borough.

Mr. Blair will contact Bankosh Sanitation regarding the issues with a resident filling the dumpster at the park.

A suggestion was made to seal the basketball courts.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: The draft copy of the recodification is being reviewed.

HUMAN RESOURCES: No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Mr. Lockhart has a meeting scheduled with the O.V.F.D. to discuss the location of the two non-working fire hydrants and review the call log for Station 49.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: The zoning/code enforcement officer is working with the family who lost their home to a fire. The Planning Commission will need to be involved.

A suggestion was made to purchase new chairs for borough meetings along with two stools for behind the counter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved to the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have the solicitor review the example application for the street opening ordinance along with the suggested fee schedule for the engineer that covers administrative and inspection costs. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Glavan to purchase new folding chairs to use for meetings and two stools for behind the counter. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to table the above motion to the February meeting to determine an approximate cost for the chairs. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Glavan reviewed the new website.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cedric Stopansky would like to commend the council on the December meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Glavan to adjourn the meeting and enter an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.
Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary