

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
June 13th, 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 John Knittel, Councilman Adam Lockhart, Mayor Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Councilman Charles Blair

VISITORS: Jack Salvaterra and Ed Ahlquist made a request to paint additional lines for pickle ball on the tennis courts.

Cedric Stopansky, Judge of Elections stated that the election was “run by the book” and he thanked everyone that came to vote.

Observe: Joyce Spillers and Renee Lubik of the O.V.F.D.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: The President of Council had contact with the Solicitor and will be brought up later in the meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Senate drafted a letter in response to the letter previously received from the M.A.A.T.

Two bids have been received for the crack sealing project. Russell Standard was the low bidder at \$8,850.00 per day.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None.

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT: The borough’s insurance policy is also up for renewal. The current policy will expire in August.

The borough park needs to be assigned an address. The secretary has been working with Westmoreland County 911 to start the process.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 5/31/2022 is as follows:

General Fund - \$287,071.25

Sewer Fund - \$408,109.48

Liquid Fuels - \$21,924.49

Special Road Fund - \$156,002.85

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

Wage - \$12,030.80

Per Capita - \$1,558.20

Real Estate - \$34,325.49

Prior Year Per Capita - \$5.50

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Gary A. Falatovich in the amount of \$1,079.00 for legal services in the month of March and April.
2. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services in the month of April.
3. S.W.I.F. in the amount of \$656.00 for a workers compensation insurance installment.
4. Adam Lockhart in the amount of \$69.99 for a Microsoft renewal/EMC expense.

COMMUNICATIONS: A thank you letter was received from the Vandergrift Public Library.

A payment in the amount of \$129.48 was received for state police fines and penalties.

A letter from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. was received to notify the borough they are applying for a Permit to Drill and Operate Gas Wells near Oklahoma Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: None.

FINANCE: Mr. Blair made a request that all Council members consider project ideas to be considered in the 2023 budget.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Mr. Norton is in the process of researching new signs for the park. Additional information was provided to Council.

Mr. Norton received an estimate from 2Krew to install security cameras at the park.

Mr. Blair left a message that he did not feel there would be an issue with parking if Council would host Movies in the Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Mr. Lockhart forwarded an email regarding cyber security to all members of Council and the Secretary.

HUMAN RESOURCES: None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: It is possible that Pennsylvania may require local municipalities to become OSHA compliant.

Mr. Cali is researching a rental property ordinance for the borough. It was suggested that inspections would be conducted after change in tenants or every three years.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Norton to adopt Ordinance 2022-01. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to advertise for bids for trash collection. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to have Movies in the Park at Oklahoma Borough Park. Second by Mr. Lockhart.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to table the above motion until the July meeting. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to table the discussion of insurance coverage until the July meeting. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to accept the bid from 2Krew in the amount of \$9,848.50 for the park security system. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to spend a maximum of \$1000 to purchase accessories needed to install the security system at the park. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to accept the low bidder, Russell Standard, for crack sealing at \$8,850.00 with a maximum of \$20,500.00. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Norton to establish a line of command to have contact the zoning/code enforcement officer. Second by Mr. Lockhart.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to table the above motion until the July meeting. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to permit the pickle ball team to paint additional lines on the basketball court. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have Westmoreland County 911 assign an address to Oklahoma Borough Park. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary