

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
March 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, Mayor Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

VISITORS: Trooper John Corna – representing the Pennsylvania State Police, gave a report on calls answered in 2021 for Oklahoma Borough.

John Richey – gave a brief presentation of services offered through Enviro21.

Todd Sherbondy – K.V.W.P.C.A. board member, plans to meet with the Sewers Committee to further discuss amending Oklahoma Borough's sewer ordinance.

Cedric Stopansky, Judge of Elections – the Election Board for Oklahoma Borough has been set for the next four years.

Tom Dougal – observe.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Braun is in the process of processing a driveway permit for 133 Orr Avenue.

Senate Engineering would like to email additional information regarding the flow meter study to the Municipal Authority of Allegheny Township in response to their letter received regarding the results of the Sanitary I/I Study.

Mr. Braun will provide Council with a cost estimate for crack sealing.

A resolution for the LSA Grant will need to be approved before the application can be submitted. The due date for this grant is March 23rd. There is a one hundred dollar application fee.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The annual audit has been completed. Copies have been provided to all members of Council and the Mayor.

Bidding thresholds have been increased for 2022. A written/telephonic price quotation bid worksheet was provided to all members of Council.

The 2022 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$20,078.03 has been received.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 2/28/2021 is as follows:

General Fund - \$233,685.69

Sewer Fund - \$391,824.55

Liquid Fuels - \$1,845.91

Special Road Fund - \$156,002.85

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

Wage - \$11,692.74

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$361.50 for zoning/code enforcement services for the month of January.
2. Compass Minerals in the amount of \$1,384.42 for road salt.
3. S.W.I.F. in the amount of \$659.00 for a workers compensation insurance installment.
4. WEX in the amount of \$225.47 for gasoline.
5. Compass Minerals in the amount of \$1,482.62 for road salt.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter from the M.A.W.C. was received to notify the borough ARPA funding can be used towards water and sewer projects.

A letter from the Keystone Collections Group was received providing information on their services.

The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Annual Banquet is scheduled for Friday, February 29th, 2022.

The Westmoreland County Boroughs Association Dinner and Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: A list of streets that need crack sealing was compiled and emailed to Mr. Braun. Paving was put on hold for 2022.

FINANCE: Mr. Blair attended the PA Grant Seminar on March 14th. Mr. Blair believes that the borough would be able to use the COVID funds to purchase a borough truck.

The LSA Grant is very competitive and it is not likely that the borough would receive the funds they requested. It is possible the borough may receive five thousand dollars.

PARKS AND RECREATION: 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.

A gate key was given to the owner of the property next to the salt bin at the park.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: There is an issue with a truck parking on Middle Street. The state police requested that someone call while the truck is illegally parked so that they can respond accordingly.

HUMAN RESOURCES: The President and Vice President of Council are scheduled to meet the Solicitor on Thursday, March 17th. They plan to request that the Solicitor attend at least one or two meetings per year.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice President Norton felt that the ambulance company was not truthful at the February Council meeting by stating they were not for profit. The Borough has stopped paying their workers compensation insurance years ago because they are a for profit business.

The Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department was asked twice to provide a roster and quarterly report of calls but has failed to do so.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adopt Resolution 1 of 2022 to request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$217,830.00. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have Senate Engineering Company develop a cost estimate for crack sealing. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to update the Westmoreland County Tax Collection PSD Delegates to the following Charles Blair, John Knittel and Joseph Cali. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary