

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Mayor Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Councilman John Knittel

**VISITORS:** None.

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** None.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** A letter from the M.A.A.T. in response to the I/I study findings was received. Mr. Braun made a suggestion to send a response letter to the M.A.A.T. Senate will draft the letter.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Comcast Franchise Agreement is up for renewal.

The Secretary provided estimated counts of homes, businesses and vacant properties for the trash collection agreement.

The borough's insurance policy is also up for renewal.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The bank reconciliation for the period ending 4/30/2022 is as follows:

General Fund - \$246,614.95

Sewer Fund - \$407,618.52

Liquid Fuels - \$21,924.31

Special Road Fund - \$156,002.85

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

Wage - \$3,459.60

Per Capita - \$852.60

Real Estate - \$15,029.85

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Gary A. Falatovich in the amount of \$1,144.00 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 March.
3. Rae-Lyn Enterprises in the amount of \$403.60 for street signs and hardware.
4. Staples in the amount of \$201.97 for office supplies.
5. Senate Engineering Company in the amount of \$141.00 for a driveway permit inspection.
6. Senate Engineering Company in the amount of \$1,823.50 for the LSA Grant application preparation.
7. Senate Engineering Company in the amount of \$93.00 for a lateral inspection at 153 Thorn Street.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** A membership application from Medic 106 was received.

A donation request letter was received from the Vandergrift Public Library.

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.

A letter from CNX was received to notify the borough they are applying to renew a Permit to Drill and Operate Gas Wells near Oklahoma Borough.

A copy of the 2020 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund audit is on file for review.

A letter from Apollo Trust Company was received and emailed to Council and the Mayor.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE:** The committee is waiting for bids to come in for crack sealing.

Mr. Lockhart made the suggestion to have Senate Engineering investigate the unmapped sewer lines discovered last fall.

There is no new information regarding the truck purchase.

**FINANCE:** The COVID funding report has been completed. The remaining balance of funds is expected to be received in the near future.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Mr. Norton is in the process of researching new signs for the park. An example was presented to Council.

Mr. Norton has contacted 2Krew for an estimate to install security cameras at the park.

Gravel needs to be purchased for the parking area at the park.

A suggestion was made to clean up the hillside located on the former Tin Hut area.

The committee would like to remove the wooden fencing in the park near the outfield.

The Secretary is working to assign an address to Oklahoma Borough Park.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES:** None.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:** Mr. Lockhart received a call from Westmoreland County 911 regarding a tree down in Oklahoma Borough blocking a road. The O.V.F.D. did not respond. Vandergrift No. 2 and Apollo No. 2 would not respond to the call. Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Mowers were not able to find a tree blocking the road.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** Vice President Norton asked Mr. Lockhart to contact Ed Mowers regarding pot holes on Community Park Drive and Walnut Street. The pot holes were repaired on Clean-up Day.

Mr. Blair received complaints regarding the Oklahoma Inn.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to advertise the revised garbage collection ordinance. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adopt Resolution 2-2022 provided by the K.V.W.P.C.A. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to establish a website for Oklahoma Borough using services provided by Stephanie Motchar. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Additional questions were answered regarding Oklahoma Borough hosting Movies in the Park. Mr. Lockhart asked several more questions. Mr. Blair will gather answers for the June meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Norton will prepare a guideline sheet for members of Council to better understand how to follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to accept the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to make a donation of \$200 to the Vandergrift Public Library. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to purchase gravel for the park parking lot. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have Senate Engineering to investigate the unmapped sewer lines discovered last fall during a lateral inspection. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have Senate Engineering draft a response letter to the M.A.A.T. concerning the sewer flow issues discovered during smoke testing. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Joseph Cali, President

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Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary