

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 7:00 pm  
Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting called to order by President Joe Cali.

Roll call taken: Present were: President Joe Cali, Councilman Charles Blair, Councilman Adam Lockhart, Mayor Emerick and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Vice President Ron Norton, Councilwoman Christine Emerick and Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering.

**VISITORS:** Lisa Empfield voiced complaints regarding a neighbor dumping trash and burning.

Cedric Stopansky thanked the Council on behalf of the Vandergrift Meals on Wheels for their generous donation in memory of Mr. Jared Spillers. Mr. Stopansky also voiced concerns regarding school buses driving to fast on Vista Drive.

Lara Laero of the Living Hope Christian Church would like to rent the park for a community vacation bible school July 10th-14th.

Observe: Danika Bracken.

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** None.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A Liquid Fuels audit for 2021 and 2022 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The new porch lights have been installed; however, the wiring was too old to replace the switches.

The Secretary is waiting for paperwork from the code office regarding the smoke testing from 2021. The follow-up has not been completed. The Secretary is also waiting for clarification on two properties from Senate Engineering. Mrs. Sherbondy will file the paperwork unless Council provides further instruction.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The bank reconciliation for the period ending 4/30/2023 is as follows:

General Fund - \$390,157.52

Sewer Fund - \$437,305.14

Liquid Fuels - \$40,760.53

Special Road Fund - \$183,098.85

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

Wage – \$4,115.74

Real Estate - \$11,254.73

Per Capita - \$651.70

**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. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning and code enforcement services in the month of March.
2. Gary Falatovich in the amount of \$104.00 for legal expenses in the month of April.
3. Dion Garrett in the amount of \$287.50 for replacing a faucet at the park and turning on the water at the pavilion for the 2023 rental season.
4. S.W.I.F. in the amount of \$663.00 for a workers compensation insurance installment.
5. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$376.50 for the I/I Study.
6. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$386.75 for the 2023 Paving Program.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you cards from both the Vandergrift and Apollo Meals on Wheels were received. In addition, a thank you card was received from the Spiller's family.

A letter regarding a code enforcement complaint was received.

A meeting notice from the Westmoreland County Borough's Association was received.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE:** Allegheny Township provided a quote to tar and chip Oklahoma Borough's portion of Community Park Road.

**FINANCE:** A suggestion was made to add Edward Mowers as an authorized user on the borough's credit card.

The borough's insurance policy is ready for renewal.

The Youth Day of Caring was a success. The Kiski Area Key Club did a great job. A suggestion was made to have members of the Key Club to clean the borough office once per quarter.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** The corner when you turn onto the salt road has orange liquid seeping out of the ground. President Cali will investigate and possibly have someone come in to see what is causing the issue.

A quote was received in the amount of \$425.00 from J&L Lawn Care to power was the playground equipment.

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT:** None.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:** President Cali would like to consider updating the Zoning Board and Planning Commission members.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** It is up to Council to choose a time for their monthly meetings.

The Solicitor will draft an ordinance to prohibit feeding wild animals such as feral cats, deer and rats.

Lastly, the Solicitor believes the COVID funds could be used to replace the municipal building roof.

**7:25 Cheryl Yakopec arrived to discuss her campaign.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to accept the quote in the amount of \$4272.65 from Allegheny Township to tar and chip Oklahoma Borough's portion of Community Park Road with a double seal coat. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to have Senate Engineering excavate and repair the bent pipe discovered while camera-ing sewer lines if located within the property owned by the borough. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to add Edward Mowers to the borough's credit card account with a limit of \$1000.00. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to renew the borough's insurance policy. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to accept the quote in the amount of \$425.00 from J&L Lawn Care to power wash the playground equipment. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to have the Solicitor prepare an ordinance to prohibit feeding wild animals in our neighborhood. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

A suggestion was made to also investigate re-painting the playground equipment.

Mr. Lockhart will ask the Solicitor about current ordinances pertaining to the weight restrictions on borough roads.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Joseph Cali, President

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Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary