

Oklahoma Borough Council Meeting
November 15th, 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 Don Emerick, Mr. Bill Braun from Senate Engineering and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

Absent: Councilman John Knittel.

A letter of resignation from Councilman John Knittel was read by President Cali.

Motion made by Mr. Norton to accept the letter of resignation from John Knittel. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Letters of interest to fill the vacancy were received from Christine Emerick and Matthew Mottura. The letters were read by President Cali.

A nomination was made by Mr. Norton to appoint Christine Emerick to fill the vacancy. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adopt Resolution 6 of 2022 to appoint Christine Emerick to fill the vacancy on Council. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Mayor Emerick read the Oath of Office and swore in Christine Emerick.

VISITORS: Todd Sherbondy, board member of the K.V.W.P.C.A. provided an update to Council on two items.

Christine Emerick thanked Council for appointing her to the vacancy.

Cedric Stopansky, Judge of Elections reported that 69.3% of the borough citizens voted at the November 8th election.

Observe – Joyce Spillers

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The borough's MS4 waiver was submitted and approved.

There are two manholes on a drawing that Senate is unable to locate. A metal detector was able to locate large pieces of metal but the borough does not have the means to excavate. A subcontractor will be needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Emerick contacted the Pennsylvania State Police to patrol during trick-or-treat.

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Copies of the report were provided to Council.
SECRETARY'S REPORT: A workers compensation audit was performed on Wednesday, November 2nd.

The M.A.W.C. does not apply for road opening permits with the borough. The Secretary has received no communication regarding the repair in front of the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 10/31/2022 is as follows:

General Fund - \$289,455.88
Sewer Fund - \$423,555.72
Liquid Fuels - \$21,925.41
Special Road Fund - \$176,324.85

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

Wage – \$4,244.95
Per Capita - \$5.50

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

The following invoices were received:

1. Gary A. Falatovich in the amount of \$91.00 for solicitor expenses in the month of October.
2. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services in the month of September.
3. S.W.I.F. in the amount of \$664.00 for a workers compensation insurance installment.
4. Allegheny Township in the amount of \$297.50 for zoning/code enforcement services in the month of October.
5. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$2,127.00 for the I/I Study to be paid from the Sewer Fund.
6. Senate Engineering in the amount of \$70.50 for the LSA Grant application.

COMMUNICATIONS: A letter was received from CNX Gas Company LLC to inform the borough that CNX is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate Gas Wells within 3000' of Oklahoma Borough.

A letter was received from PennDOT regarding a Virtual Public Officials Briefing to learn about the SR 0356 over Pine Run and Roundabout Project on Wednesday, November 16th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: The committee is in the process of applying for an LSA Grant to replace the salt shed. They are investigating different options for the structure.

Mr. Lockhart contacted two small excavating contractors to locate the missing manholes but he did not receive a return call.

FINANCE: Mr. Blair reviewed the Proposed 2023 Budget with Council.

In addition, Mr. Blair provided an update on the LSA Grant and the other \$3000 grant.

Mr. Blair would like to host the Polar Express movie at the O.V.F.D. on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION: There is a training with 2Krew scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd.

Mr. Cali has noticed one to three cars parked at the park very early in the morning. Also, the pickle ball league has been using the courts and has quite a few members who are residents of the borough.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: None.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Norton feels that snow is in the near future. The borough has received compliments on Mr. Mowers doing an excellent job in the past.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Blair to advertise the Proposed 2023 Budget. Second by Mr. Norton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to have the park pavilion and borough office re-keyed. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to seek out an excavating contractor to coordinate with Senate Engineering to attempt to locate the lost manholes in the sewer survey so the borough can determine the best course of action to repair the damaged sewer lines that they should be attached to. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to host the Polar Express at the Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Mr. Blair made a suggestion to put the K.V.W.P.C.A. Board Representative description on the borough website.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary