

Oakland Borough Council
Monthly business meeting
August 12th 2021

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

1. Agenda
 - a. **Consider a motion** to adopt the agenda
2. Minutes
 - a. **Consider a motion** to approve the July 8th minutes as presented
 - b. **Consider a motion** to approve the July 29th minutes as presented
3. Appointment of Vice-President
4. Public Comment
5. Opening of Winter Road Maintenance bids
6. Financial reports
 - a. **Consider a motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented
 - b. **Consider a motion** to approve the Bill List as presented
 - c. **Consider a motion** to approve the employee time sheets as presented
7. Correspondence:
 - a. Water Authority request for funding
 - b. Request for donation from Area on Agency
8. Codes Report: Nothing to report
 - a. **Consider a motion** to accept the Codes Report
9. Police Report:
 - a. **Consider a motion** to accept the Police Report
10. DPW report: Provided by Valerie Senese
 - We need winter tires for the new truck. Where do we want to take the truck?
 - We have interest from two people for plowing and DPW work
 - River Road and Spring Creek had knotweed cut back by Harmony TWP. A bill is on the way.

- Some pot holes on River Road need some modified, but all in all the road needs major repair work. Half is dirt and half is asphalt. Both the dirt and asphalt are in disrepair. I recommend getting some bids on the dirt road being graded, including Harmony TWP. The council should discuss whether or not the entire road should be dirt or not.
- I received an email from Penn Dot regarding a drainage issue on Westfall. The policy on whose responsibility it will be to maintain the once open ditch, that has closed due to an impaction of materials, will be of some dispute. I would like to forward continued correspondence to our administrator so that the conversation keeps going.
- Fall is coming and we should discuss leaf removal. Leaves are the major offender of clogged ditches. I recommend putting a system in place to collect and remove leaves in the fall before the snow flies to leave the ditches open through the winter and spring.
- Chestnut/Walnut Street-

11. Codes Committee report: The committee met on August 5th with Tom Shepstone to review his drafted codification of the ordinances. Some ordinances were removed. Only one was fully replaced (sidewalk) and several were updated. The format and readability were changed for all ordinances. The committee is fully reviewing the draft and will forward any additional comments to Tom. He will send the final updated code for review by us and the Borough solicitor. The goal is to vote to advertise the code update in September and adopt the code in October. Tom recommends a public hearing at which he will do all the talking and answering of questions, followed by a public meeting to adopt the code.

12. Community Development Committee Report: The committee has been unable to meet due to summer and work schedules.

13. Finance Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Finances are in good standing.

14. Parks Committee Report:

- a. **Consider a motion** to accept the parks committee report as presented

15. Volunteer Committee Report: There is nothing to report

- a. **Consider a motion** to accept the volunteer committee report as presented

OLD BUSINESS

16. Ordinance codification: Update as seen in codes committee report

17. Streetlight replacement: **table**- nothing to report

18. Petition to Penelec for better electric service: **table**- nothing to report

19. Food Pantry: **table**- nothing to report

20. Kindred Spirits: will return in the fall

21. Adams Cable- They have agreed to maintain our flags for the duration of the time that they are hanging

22. Grant updates:

- a. CBDG- applied for \$39,448.00 in funding and we have committed to matching up to that same amount. *Reminder that we are requesting community donations for the accessible equipment.
- b. CFA-This ended up being an application for 2.1 million dollars which includes labor, engineering fees, and administration of the grant. Matches are supposed to be waived at this time. If for some reason the match is not waived, we will not be able to match this grant.
- c. DGLVR- Rhonda is requesting permission to apply for the Dirt/Gravel Low Volume Road Grant through the conservation district for up to \$50,000. This will cover a portion (yet to be determined by Delta) of the repair of upper Boyden Street. The Borough will need to commit to a 10% match, plus engineering fees.

NEW BUSINESS

23. Marcellus Legacy Grant- Rhonda and Jenny are seeking permission to apply for the Marcellus Legacy Grant in the amount of approximately \$60,000 to cover a portion of the Little League renovation at the park. This grant requires a 50% match, so the Borough would need to provide \$30,000. Part of this can in in-kind services which we are hoping to obtain in donations and volunteer hours. We are also working on solicitation letters to help match the grant.

24. Adjournment