

Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
April 11, 2024

Announcement: Oakland Borough Council went into executive session before the General Business meeting on March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for contractual and litigation purposes. Meeting ended at 6:42 p.m.

Oakland Borough Council went into executive session before General Business meeting on April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for contractual, litigation and personnel purposes. Meeting ended at 6:52 p.m.

Attendance: President Valerie Senese, Vice-President Robert Muiteer, Debra White, Brad Kraveski, Teena Gall, William Deakin, Patrick Gall, Mayor Randy Glover, Solicitor John Martin.

Absent: Administrator Jennifer Bixby, Treasurer/ Asst. Administrator Rhonda Parfitt

Meeting was called to order by President Valerie Senese at 7:00 p.m.

THE MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED IT WAS BEING RECORDED.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

1. Agenda:

- A. Motion by Mr. Muiteer, 2nd by Mr. Gall to adopt the agenda as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of minutes:

- A. Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Mr. Muiteer to accept the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

- A. President Valerie Senese opened public comment at 7:02 p.m.
There was no public comment to submit to record.
Ms. Senese closed public comment at 7:02 p.m.

4. Community Development:

- A. There were no meeting minutes to submit to record.
- B. Ms. Senese informed Council there was a meeting held on April 17, 2024. There is a project that needs approval from Council. Susquehanna Blossoms and Oakland

Borough Community Development would like to do a voluntary project to replace the sign outside the building and the garden box that is dilapidated and deteriorating. Replacing it with a beautiful stone box. Oakland Borough Community Development has it within their budget. DPW Department would help removing the old box and grading the area. Adding a concrete pad under the stone box. Mr. Krayeski requested having an electrician look to make sure there is no power going to the light for the flag pole that doesn't work.

Motion by Mr. Muiter, 2nd by Ms. Gall.

All in favor, motion carried.

- C. Ms. Senese informed Council that Joseph White is the new Head Chairperson and Heather Krayeski is the Co-Chairperson for the Community Development.
 - D. Oakland Borough Community Development will be holding the annual clean up days on April 19 and April 20, 2024. Supplies will be provided. DPW will collect the debris from resident's curb.
 - E. Oakland Borough Community Development discussed doing a fundraiser to recognize volunteers.
5. Financial Reports:
- A. Mr. Muiter informed Council that the audit has been done.
 - B. Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Mr. Krayeski to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Mr. Muiter to approve and pay Bill List with the addition of Solicitor John Martins bill of \$886.45 (eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and forty-five cents). All in favor, motion carried.
6. Correspondence:
- A. Ms. Senese informed Council that Oakland Borough received a letter from the State Police that they will be covering Oakland Borough.
7. Codes Report:
- A. Verbal report was given by Brad Krayeski.
 - B. Received a letter from the Mayor with some things to look at.
 - C. Received a few phone calls:
 - 1. Correspondance with one property owner that owns a lot of properties within the Borough. Getting the owner on track with corrective action to get his properties up to code to reinstate his rental license.
 - 2. A phone call with a few questions on the rental ordinance.
 - 3. A phone call on a placement of a shed.
 - 4. COG had 1 application for a permit for a privacy fence on 3rd Avenue.
8. Mayor's Report:

- A. Ms. Senese explained the Resolution 2023-4, CAMERA POLICY to redact references to the “Chief of Police” and replace it with the “Mayor of Oakland Borough”.
 - B. Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Robert Muiiter to approve Resolution 2024-5 Nomination of Mayor as Responsible Operator of Oakland Borough Public Security Cameras. All in favor, motion carried.
 - C. Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Robert Muiiter to Adopt the PSC access log format sheet pursuant Resolution 2023-4 Camera Policy Section 12.B. All in favor, motion carried.
 - D. Motion by Mr. Krayski, 2nd by Mr. Gall to have the Street Sweeper come out. All in favor, motion carried.
9. DPW Report:
- A. A Verbal report was given by Randy Glover, Head of DPW.
 - B. Mr. Glover informed Council that he has been in contact with a person that could take care of the leaves. It should be done twice a year. Once in spring and once in fall. Residents should rake the leaves as close to the road as possible. Mr. Glover is looking in on pricing for this.
 - C. Mr. Glover informed Council that ditches are getting cleaned out.
10. Finance Committee Report:
- A. There were no meeting minutes to record.
 - B. Verbal report was given by Robert Muiiter.
 - C. Mr. Muiiter informed Council that the audit has been done.
11. Food Pantry:
- A. Ms. Bixby was unavailable to give a verbal report for the Food Pantry.
12. Grant Update:
- A. DCNR grant update: Adams Cable was rescheduled to move pole on April 15, 2024. No cost to Oakland Borough. The electrical pole that was not originally in the plans but needs to be moved, DCNR is encompassed it into our budget. The removal of electrical pole is a little over \$7,000.00 (seven thousand Dollars). There was a DCNR meeting on April 11, 2024 that signs going down to the handicap parking needs to say “one car at a time” both ways until the next phase which will include parking. Oakland Borough is on schedule for construction of baseball field for fall 2024.
 - B. KSG sidewalk updates for sidewalk projects:
CDBG grant for lower end has been approved by PennDOT and is ready to bid out. Upper Westfall Ave.: Paperwork has been done and sent to PennDOT for approval.
 - C. DCED Employee Handbook update: Mr. Muiiter informed Council that it went back for revisions and haven’t received it back yet.
 - D. Mr. Muiiter informed Council that there was a meeting with two representatives from DCED at the Compressive meeting with Oakland Borough, Woodlands and Susquehanna Depot. There will be a survey for the public including what the public

sees and what they would like to see. The meeting was focusing around the river and the old building on River St and how to utilize the building. There will be another meeting next month to review the surveys.

13. Old/Tabled Business:

A. There was no old business to discuss.

14. New Business:

A. Ms. Senese informed Council that she received an email that Ms. Gall and Mr. Deakin would like to be the Water Authority Delegates. Ms. Senese explained that she received a correspondence from the Water Authority. Water Authority does not appreciate a formal delegation, but appreciates having people just show up to the meetings as members of the public or as Council members.

15. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Gall, 2nd by Ms. Gall to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
All in favor, motion carried.