

**Oakland Borough Council**  
**380 State St.**  
**Susquehanna PA 18847**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Announcement:** An executive session was held prior to regular meeting. The meeting opened at 6:25 pm closed at 6:55 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** President, William Deakin, Vice President, Ronald Beavan Mayor, Wendy MacDonald-Dudley, Douglas Arthur, Scott Arthur, Micheal Payne, Patrick Gall

**Absent:** Brett Deakin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President William Deakin. The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed. It was also noted that the meeting was being recorded.

1. **Agenda:** A motion to accept the agenda was made by Michael Payne and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried
2. **Minutes:** A motion to accept the March 12, 2026 minutes was made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Michael Payne, all in favor, motion carried
3. **Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from March 26, 2026 special meeting, motion by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried.

4. **Public Comment** was opened at 7:04 pm and closed at 7:05

5. **Financial Reports:**

- A. **Treasurer Report**, a motion was made to accept the treasurer report with corrections, by Patrick Gall and seconded by Michael Payne, all in favor, motion carried

B. **Paid Bill List**, a motion was made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Ronald Beavan, all in favor, motion carried

C. **Unpaid Bills**, a motion was made by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried to pay received bills that need approval.

D. Council Reviewed employee payroll

E. **Pay Brad Murray** for 2025 Audit, was covered in unpaid bills.

6. **Correspondence:**

A. Douglas Arthur, Resignation from council, motion made to accept by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried

B. Jennifer Boerner, Resignation from treasurer, motion made to accept by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried.

C. Thank you from food pantry was read aloud

D. Zoning questions on 328 River St. was addressed and passed onto the buyer of property

7. **Codes Report:** was given by Ronald Beavan, He addressed Rentals and the status of third and final paperwork to be mailed out to those rental properties that have not scheduled or paid for their rental properties.

8. **Mayors Report:** was given by Mayor, Wendy MacDonald-Dudley, She addressed the hanging of the Veterans Flags, and also discussed the poles on the bridge, which ones can we use. She also gave an update on the park and its use by the Little League. Also discussed was the Memorial Day parade and possibly doing something with Susquehanna Depot the day of parade to Honor our Veterans.

9. **DPW:** Road work will begin, street sweeping and pot holes ect.

Randy will fill us in on work being done.

10.**Community Development:** The committee spoke about the park and clean-up day May 2, 2026 12:00pm to 3:00 pm. Also, about having a yard sale and the possibility of having movie nights at the park to raise money for all their goals.

11.**Finance Committee:** Ronald Beavan gave the report and asked about street lights, what streets have been changed to LED vs Sodium. Douglas Arthur and Scott Arthur offered to see what streets have yet to be changed. Ronald also asked about the thermostat and having it set to keep the fuel bill low. Ronald also asked who pays workman's comp. It was discussed that the employer pays it.

12.**Park Committee:** DPW is working on the inside of the concession stand and fixing the fencing around the concession stand. Douglas Arthur

asked about someone from the school going into forestry if we could get help in planting some trees around the park for shade. Wendy MacDonald-Dudley gave a cabinet with a lock and that was installed inside the concession stand for camera equipment and anything that would need to be locked up.

**13.Food Pantry:** Douglas Arthur gave the report that they served 65 people, down a bit from last month.

**14.Grant Update:** Still waiting on close out money for sidewalk grant.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Council agreed to get more bids on repairing the flashing on the building, we have the supplies just need a licensed contractor to do the job.

B. Justine Ord, Secretary is working on getting correct information on the insurance coverage for the park concession stand and its contents.

C. Sidewalk ordinance was TABLED

D. Housing rental ordinance was TABLED

E. Ramp and railing added to the front of the building was TABLED need to have a plan. Scott Arthur will present some options and budget to move this forward.

- F. Justine Ord, Secretary will call Rosenkrans in Great Bend to inquire on a price for a new Oakland Borough sign to be attached to the front of the building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Scott Arthur spoke on some concerns. He spoke on the possible situation concerning use of borough property, a survey may need to be done. Scott will check into survey costs. He also spoke about trees on lines, more information will be collected and proper parties will be notified to take care them. He also spoke on street conditions and the possibility of getting (renting) a street sweeper. The hydro-electric building was spoken about; the fencing and the doors need to be a bit more secured. Douglas Arthur and Scott Arthur will go down to see just what may be needed to accomplish securing the building.

- B. Council agreed to change our phone line from Adams over to PennTela Data with no price increase, a motion was made by Patrick Gall and Seconded by Michael Payne, all in favor, motion carried.

- C. Council asked that an advertisement be placed in the Transcript and the Northeast Shopper for 30 days, for our open treasurer position. Motion was made by Michael Payne and seconded by Patrick Gall, all in favor, motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Ronald Beavan, all in favor, motion carried, meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.