

**Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting minutes
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
August 15, 2024**

Meeting Call to Order

Present at the meeting were, council members Brad Krayeski, Robert Muiteer, Teena Gall, Patrick Gall, Bill Deakin, Administrator Trish Hendrickson, and Treasurer Rhonda Parfitt. Council members Valerie Senese and Debra White were absent

Also Present were residents, Doug and Sue Arthur, Jessica and Andrew Komula, and Bette Rae and Jim Bucci.

This meeting is being recorded

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

1. Agenda:

A .Mr. Krayeski added discussion of President position after approval of minutes. Mr. Muiteer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gall, to adopt the amended agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of minutes:

Mr. Gall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muiteer, to approve July 18th minutes as presented, all in favor, motion carried

***Mr. Krayeski informed the council that Ms. Senese would be taking a medical leave of absence. He is willing to fill the Present seat if no one else is interested. Mr. Muiteer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gall that Mr. Krayeski fill the president role with Mr. Muiteer remaining the Vice President. All in favor, Motion carried.**

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Krayeski opened public comment at 7:04 pm. Jessica Komula stated ditches and drains seemed to be sloped to her house causing flooding issues, wanted to know why no ditches were not cleaned prior to rain and what was going to be done to prevent it again. Ms. Komula stated she never had flooding until the sidewalks were installed. Bette Rae Bucci stated had flooding last year this year much worse, water came in garage and storage shed wanted to know what was going to be done to fix the problem.

Doug Arthur stated he had flooding causing foundation problems, gravel washed out and went through door.

Mr. Krayeski thanked them for their comments.

4. Community Development:

A. Committee did not meet

B. Ms. Parfitt stated volunteers for dog park rescheduled due to weather.

5. Financial Reports:

A. Mr. Muiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gall, to approve the treasurer's report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Ms. Gall had a few questions about larger expenses, which Ms. Parfitt was able to answer. Mr. Muiter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gall, to approve and pay bill list as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Correspondence:

A. Ms. Parfitt shared the borough received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Susquehanna County Conservation District for environmental education.

7. Codes Report:

A. Mr. Krayeski stated there was a couple grass and rubble complaints which would be handled in the next few days.

8. Mayor's Report:

A. Mr. Glover was not present so no report given.

9. Finance Committee Report:

A. Finance committee did not meet, however they recommended to council renew its CD. Ms. Gall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muiter, all in favor, motion carried, to renew an \$18,000 CD with Edward Jones- 6 months at 4.6%.

10. Food Pantry Update:

A. Mr. Muiter said he would contact Marie Curtis who had expressed interest in becoming the food pantry manager.

11. Grant Updates:

A. KSG Westfall Ave. Sidewalk bid results Phase A for \$92,229.00 awarded to Boland's Excavating and Topsoil, Inc. Mr. Gall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gall, all in favor, motion carried.

- B. KSG Westfall Ave. Sidewalk bid results for phase B for \$177,319.75 awarded to Pioneer Construction Co.,Inc. Mr. Gall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muite, all in favor, motion carried.**
- C. Ms. Parfitt requested that the council sign a letter of intent to enter into the peer review program through the DCED, council thought program was a good idea but had questions about billing, and cost. Council tabled the motion until this information could be gathered.**

12. Old/Tabled Business:

- A. River Bounty has agreed to give 1.3 acres of land to Susquehanna Borough with the understanding there is to be no profit made from the land. Going to hire Charlie Aliano to accomplish the dissolving of river bounty which will be a lengthy process.**

13. New Business:

- A. Mr. Deakin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gall all in favor, motion carried for Ms. Parfitt to be compensated \$200 per week for the training of Trish Hendrickson, beginning the week of August 18th and ending October 26th.**

- 14. Adjournment: Ms. Gall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deakin to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm, all in favor and meeting was adjourned.**