

Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
December 12, 2024

Call to Order

Announcement: The Oakland Borough Council held executive session on November 14, 2024 from 6:04 pm to 6:54 pm for personnel, contractual, and litigation purposes.

The Oakland Borough held executive session on December 12, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 6:45pm for personnel, contractual, and litigation purposes.

Attendance: President Brad Krayeski, Valerie Senese, Robert Muiiter, Debra White, John Martin, Administrator Trish Hendrickson and Treasurer Rhonda Parfitt. **Absent:** William Deakin and Patrick Gall

Also present was resident, Doug Arther.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed

1. Agenda:

A. A motion made by Ms. Senese, Seconded by Mr. Muiiter to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

Under #5 Financial reports: C; add \$2580.00 to John Martins Escrow

#13 New Business: D; Vacancy Seat. E; Setting Business Date and Time for 2025.

All in favor, motion carried

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. A motion made by Mr. Muiiter, seconded by Ms. Senese accept the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Krayeski opened public comment at 7:05 pm, Doug Arthur, 5157 Prospect Street stated food bank was good and ran smooth, they had about 15 families. He added with the power outage Marie did have to throw away the milk and other frozen food items. Mr. Krayeski thank him, and closed public comment at 7:06 pm.

4. Community Development:

- A. Mr. Glover stated since Susquehanna Fire Department couldn't get a crew to take down and hang flags he was going to have Dan and Pete do it. They were going to use the dump truck and work from the back.
- B. Ms. Senese stated Heather Krayeski did the tree lighting it was a small gathering but very nice.
- C. Ms. Senese also stated that a new meeting for the Joint Comp. Plan was being discussed.

5. Financial Reports:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese seconded by Mr. Muter to approve the Treasurers report as presented, all in favor, motion carried
- B. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter to approve the modified Bill list to include depositing \$2580.00 in an escrow account for the purpose of litigation. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Correspondence:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter to donate \$100.00 to the Memorial Bridge Committee for the maintenance of the flags. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Mr. Muter, seconded by Ms. White to donate \$250.00 to the Susquehanna Branch Library, motion passed, Ms. Senese opposed. Ms. Senese stated her concerns about the financial findings of not managing the funds properly. Ms. Parfitt suggested doing a gift card to benefit the local library that way it can be used supplies and no money is involved. Mr. Muter amended the previous motion, to state; give \$250.00 gift card to the Susquehanna Branch Library to help with supplies, seconded by Ms. White, all in favor, Motion carried.

7. Codes Report:

- A. Mr. Krayeski stated the burning letters had gone out along with a copy of the burn ordinance.
- B. Mr. Krayeski let the council know that he is changing the rental application cover letter explaining the change over to COG. Ms. Parfitt asked about the fee that is due January 1st, Mr. Krayeski said they will extend it to January 31st, 2025. Ms. Senese

asked about the unpaid fee from last year, Mr. Krayeski said they will start fresh going forward.

- C. A discussion about the training for the interested applicant for the Code Enforcement Position took place, Ms. Senese said a contract should include the length of required employment and the dollar value of the training, Ms. Senese would like to reach out to start training. She said the training should be around \$5,000.00 or less. The test is in Williamsport and the borough could compensate the hotel and travel expenses. Mr. Muter suggested a 2 to 3 year contract. Ms. Senese suggested a hiring committee to include Ms. Senese, Mr. Muter, And Mr. Krayeski.
8. Mayor's Report:
- A. Mr. Glover requested a small dumpster for garage.

9. Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Muter stated the committee did not meet

10. Food Pantry:

A. Doug Arther stated they had 4 volunteers and it worked for now. He said normally the food bank will be the 4th Thursday of the month.

11. Grant Updates:

A. LSA grant- Mr. Glover and Mr. Krayeski will monitor emails for the LSA grant so the contract can be signed.

B. CFA/CDBG- Ms. Senese spoke with Patrick McClaine to discuss the decrease in property value due to the industrial look of the railing that was installed. Ms. Senese stated she contacted Susquehanna about the company they got there railing for Ira Reynolds Park from. Ms. Senese also stated she requested the amount of no parking signs on the lower end of the project to be rectified. She said there should one that says no parking here to corner.

A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Ms. White to submit payment for the change order for the blue stone with the stipulation that all hours for travel are reimbursed if not used. The property owner wants the stone off his property. Motion carried, Mr. Krayeski Abstained due to interest in the blue stone.

C. StMP Grant- A peer consultant came on December to 16 to work with Ms. Hendrickson, Mr. Muter expressed his interest in finding new technical management, and voice recording in the building, Ms. Senese stated she is not comfortable with voice recording. Mr. Martin stated if voice recording did take place there would have to be a developed plan.

12. Old/ Tabled Business:

A. River Bounty Update Mr. Muter asked about Teena Gall being on River Bounty since she is no longer with the borough, Ms. Senese stated she believes a letter should be written to the committee letting them know she is no longer representing Oakland Borough. Mr Martin agreed and added if they choose to leave her on the committee then it is not the boroughs concern.

B. A motion made after a lengthy discussion by Mr. Muter, seconded by Ms. Senese to 1st reimburse the money out of the impact account and 2nd to in force regular financial reporting. All in favor, motion carried

13.New Business:

A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter to approve 20252 Budget as advertised. All in favor, motion carried.

B. a motion was made by Ms. Senese , seconded by Mr. Muter to approve resolution 2024-9 to keep the tax rate the same. All in favor, motion carried.

C. A Motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded Mr. Muter to adopt Tri-Boro Municipal Authority, Ordinance #11. All in favor, motion carried.

14.Adjournment:

a. A motion was made by Ms. Senese seconded by Ms. White to adjoin the meeting at pm, all in favor and meeting was adjoined.