

**Oakland Borough Council
General Business Minutes
February 12th 2026
380 State St.
Susquehanna, PA 18847**

Announcement: The council held an executive session before the meeting to consult with our solicitor and our attorney concerning litigation. The meeting opened at 5:59 pm and ended at 6:51 pm.

Council in attendance: Wendy ManDonald-Dudley, William Deakin, Ronald Beavan, Douglas Arthur, Scott Arthur, Michael Payne, Brett Deakin, Patrick Gall, John Martin solicitor. Justine Ord, secretary, Jennifer Boerner Admin/Treasurer.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm and led by William Deakin, President.

William Deakin stated that the meeting was being recorded. Due to malfunction of recorder the meeting was not recorded.

Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed,

New elected officials were sworn in by mayor Wendy MacDonald-Dudley, Michael Payne and Brett Deakin.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Ronald Beavan. All in favor motion carried.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January meeting minutes were accepted with corrections to be made motion by Patrick Gall and seconded by Ronald Beavan with abstains due to not being sworn in Michael Payne and Brett Deakin.
3. **Public Comment** was opened at 7:12 and closed at 7:12
4. **Community Development Report:** None given.

A. Oakland Borough has an open spot on the Community Development committee. Mayor Wendy MacDonald-Dudley spoke up to nominated Dee Ippolito of 60 Brush St. to fill open spot. A motion was made by Ronald Beavan and Seconded by Patrick Gall to accept Dee Ippolito to community development committee. All in Favor motion carried.
Wendy MacDonald Dudley also spoke about Fundraisers and other ideas to help with costs of projects.

5. Financial Reports:

- A. A motion by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall was made to accept Treasurers report as presented, all in favor motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Douglas Arthur to approve bill list as presented, all in favor motion carried.
- C. While going over bill list a suggestion was made by John Martin that all bills should be presented at the meeting for the board to approve payment. With that the council went through the bill list with Jennifer Boerner Treasurer, and gave verbal ok's on certain bills to be paid immediately upon receipt and others to be presented at time of meeting. The board would also like all time sheets to verify hours of all employees.

6. Correspondence:

- A. Penn Dot was requesting to renew the Agility Agreement; this will be good for a 5-year renewal. Motion to sign agreement was made by Patrick Gall and Seconded by Douglas Arthur all in favor motion carried.
- B. We received a letter from the Susquehanna County Conservation District to donate to the Envirothon for the year 2026, a motion to donate \$100.00 was made by Patrick Gall and seconded by Douglas Arthur, all in favor motion carried.

7. Codes Report:

- A. Given by Ronald Beavan, 16 second notice letters will be sent out certified on February 13, 2026 for rental inspections.

10 rental inspection applications were sent to NEIC on February 6, 2026.

2 more inspection applications came in and will be sent to NEIC.

3 applications came back with non-rental applications.

Ronald Beavan requested information on the 3 non-rentals names and addresses. Ms. Boerner gave the 3 names and addresses.

- B. Council members discussed on how to check if these are true non-rentals. Tabled to March meeting.

- C. Ronald Beavan asked about attending PSAB Codes webinar on February 26th at a cost of \$45.00 a motion was made by Douglas Arthur and seconded by Michael Payne. All in favor of Ronald attending training.

8. Mayors Report:

- A. Mayor Wendy MacDonald-Dudley gave a report on our possible police coverage. Mayor Wendy MacDonald-Dudley spoke with the local Townships and Boroughs to gather information. She also spoke with Mayors and Police Chiefs. Both Lanesboro Borough and Susquehanna Depot would like to help but we will have to choose which one. Lanesboro Borough and Susquehanna Depot are limited on how much time they can offer. With the state of our budget for these services after allowing for time in court and calls through 911 for our borough, we would only be able to afford 2-3 hours per week of coverage.
 - B. We need to confirm our budget for 2026 and see where we can get money for more coverage hours.

9. DPW Report: President William Deakin gave report

- A. Minor truck repairs were done on the 2008 F550 (red Dump Truck)
- B. The Council also discussed building repairs and to see who can do the minor repairs, or do we put it out to bid. Douglas Arthur stated bubble covers were installed and no idea who installed them. The discussion on repairs was tabled to the March meeting.

10. Finance Committee: No report given

11. Food Pantry Report:

- A. Douglas Arthur gave the report that 70 Families were served and the food bank is now on the third Thursday of the month from 1 pm to 3:00 pm. It was changed due to Weinberg delivery schedule.

12. Grant Updates:

- A. 2 Grants are being closed out DCNR and just CFA waiting on final payment.
- B. Council would like to look into grants for sidewalk on Westfall Ave.

13. Old Business:

- A. Food Pantry donation was tabled to March meeting. Possible fundraisers to offset costs.

14. New Business

- A. Council voted on and approved getting a \$75,000 loan for the upcoming sewer repairs. Ronald Beavan, Vice President and William Deakin, President are going to be in charge of this task. A motion was made by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Michael Payne. All in favor, motion passed.
- B. Council asked to fill DPW spot as a part time employee. Arnold Terpstra was nominated to fill this position on an as needed basis at 20.00 an hour. A motion was made by Ronald Beavan and seconded by Patrick Gall. All in favor, motion passed.
- C. Council reviewed sidewalk ordinance due to some residents clearing their sidewalks and others not so much. This will be tabled for now so council can review the ordinances to figure out the best way to handle the situation. Also, the side walk on south side of river street between Westfall and the bridge needs to be cleared. Several people walking in the road due to it not being taken care of. Council needs to find out who is responsible to take care of it.
- D. It was suggested that Council take advantage of trainings offered by PSAB/ NIMS.
- E. We had an open seat on Vacancy Board. Mayor Wendy MacDonald-Dudley nominated Dee Ippolito a motion was made by Brett Deakin and seconded by Patrick Gall. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Comprehensive Plan was table to March meeting.
- G. Council took a moment to speak with our solicitor John Martin, to see what his thoughts were on not being at every meeting. He stated that was fine but would like to be made aware of any upcoming or future meetings that he should be involved in. Please contact him and let him know that we are requesting him to attend the meeting. A motion was made that John Martin does not need to attend all meetings by Patrick Gall and seconded by Douglas Arthur. All in favor, motion passed.

15. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm motion made by Patrick Gall and Seconded by Brett Deakin. All in favor, motion carried.