

Oakland Borough Council  
General Business Meeting Agenda  
380 State Street  
Susquehanna, PA 18847  
February 13, 2025

**THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED**

Call to Order:

Present were Council members Brad Krayeski, Robert Mui ter, Debra White, Mike Payne, Billy Deakin, and Pat Gall; Solicitor John Martin; Treasurer Rhonda Parfitt. Absent was Valerie Senese.

Members of the public present were Doug Arthur, Jason Trevarthan, and Teena Gall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

President Brad Krayeski informed the public that an executive session had been held before the meeting from 6:28 to 6:56pm for contractual and litigation purposes.

1. Agenda:

A. Mr. Gall made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to adopt the amended agenda as follows:

- a. #6 Correspondence, letter C added: Estate letter received
- b. #13 New business, letter B: bids for sewer project and letter C: Repository Properties

All in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of minutes:

A. Mr. Mui ter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gall, to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

A. Public comment opened at 7:05pm. Doug Arthur stated that Marie Curtis was requesting a response to her inquiry regarding having petty cash for the food pantry. Mr. Krayeski stated that someone would reach out to her. Jason Trevarthan was wondering if the sewer for the Borough building could be run to the property on River Road below the Borough building so that they could get rid of the porto-John. Mr. Krayeski responded that the Borough does not own the property below the building but has a different plan for the repair. Mr. Trevarthan then asked if and how he was responsible for maintaining Borough pipes that direct water to his property. He further stated that Mayor Randy

Glover told him he was responsible for the issue he was having. Mr. Krayeski stated that he would speak to the Mayor and see what could be done, if anything, about the water issue. Teena Gall requested to know how many taxpayer dollars had been spent on the Oakland Park since 2020. Mr. Krayeski stated that they did not have that information readily available for the meeting but that if she was willing to give the Borough a week or so, they would be happy to produce that information. Public comment was closed at 7:10pm.

4. Community Development: There was no report given

5. Financial Reports:

- A. Mr. Muijer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Payne, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Mr. Muijer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deakin, to approve and pay Bill List as presented. All in favor, motion carried. Before the motion, Mr. Muijer expressed that he would like the Borough to consider shopping for propane prices as Paraco Gas, the current supplier, was running almost \$2 more per gallon than other providers. Ms. Parfitt stated that she would ask Ms. Hendrickson to get pricing from multiple vendors and the switch could be done in the summer after the heating season is over.

6. Correspondence:

- A. Susquehanna County Conservation District- requesting a donation for the annual Envirothon. Mr. Muijer made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to donate \$100 to the Envirothon. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Susquehanna community Development Association- requesting a donation. Ms. Parfitt did not know where Ms. Hendrickson had put the letter and suggested that it be tabled until the next meeting when the letter could hopefully be found.
- C. Estate letter- Mr. Krayeski stated that the Council had received a letter from an estate and had directed its solicitor to respond.

7. Codes Report:

- A. Mr. Krayeski stated that rental applications were coming in and that he was working with Ms. Hendrickson to send out second notices of the fee being due. He also noted that there was a lot of work being done at the old Oakland Corner Pub. According to COG, none of it needed permits as the owner is just remodeling, but Mr. Krayeski stated that they would be watching to make sure there was nothing being done that needed a permit. Mr. Muijer asked if there was anything that could be done about the properties that had been sitting vacant and condemned. Mr. Krayeski responded that it would be something that would get handled under the vacancy ordinance, but work on the vacancy ordinance had come to a halt after running into some questions about how the water authority could still get its funds when properties are condemned.

8. Mayor's Report:
  - A. Mayor Glover was absent and unable to report.
  - B. After some discussion, Mr. Muiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Payne, to purchase a trailer from Oakland Township to haul equipment in the amount of \$2,400.00. All in favor, motion carried.
  
9. Finance Committee Report:
  - A. Mr. Muiter made a motion, seconded by Ms. White, to open a CD with Edward Joes Investments-\$18,000 at 4.25% APY for six months. All in favor, motion carried.
  
10. Food Pantry:
  - A. Next pick up is February 27<sup>th</sup>.
  
11. Grant Updates:
  - A. LSA grant- Contracts have been signed by Brad and Randy and we are awaiting our next steps.
  - B. DCNR- Rhonda has been in communication with Carl from ATLAS. Minichi is ordering materials but hasn't been able to start digging yet due to the cold temperatures. Rhonda has also been in communication with the DCNR and will be requesting additional funds to complete the project. We can get anywhere between \$25K and \$60K additional due to the difference in what the project was estimated to be and what the actual cost ended up being.
  - C. ARPA- All money has been spent (list of expenditures provided at the last meeting). We are waiting for a good break in the weather to be able to take the Bobcat to Bartron's in Tunkhannock to have the backhoe attachment installed. Rhonda and Randy are in communication about this.
  - D. StMP- Barbara (the trainer) is going to talk to her supervisor about working on the Right-to-Knows and get back to us.
  - E. CFA- KSG sent the change order for the railings. There are adequate funds left in the grant to cover this. The railing will be replaced in the spring.
  
12. Old/Tabled Business:
  - A. River Bounty Update: A letter had been received from Charles Aliano, the River Bounty attorney and with it came Oakland Borough's portion of the money that was left in the bank account, a sum of \$2,291.73. Mr. Muiter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deakin, to open a bank account for the Hydroelectric Building with the signers being President Brad Krayeski, Vice President Robert Muiter, President Pro-Tem Valerie Senese, and Treasurer Rhonda Parfitt. All in favor, motion carried.
  
13. New Business:
  - A. Mr. Payne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muiter, to sign the Election Polling Place Agreement with the County Elections Office. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Bids for sewer project- Mr. Krayeski proposed the plan to fix the sewer for the Borough building which included coming off the front corner of the building and running it out to the main on State Street rather than down the hill toward the bridge. Brief discussion was had about if engineering plans were needed, and it was agreed that Ms. Hendrickson was to reach out to the Sewer Authority to get specs on what would need to be done to accomplish this before hiring an engineer. Mr. Muter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gall, to get bids for the sewer repair, including the handling of PennDOT permits, sewer authority guidelines, all materials, etc. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Repository Properties- Ms. Parfitt stated that information had been received from the County Treasurer's office requesting permission to accept any price that could be negotiated for a repository property in the Borough. Mr. Martin explained that a repository property was a property that had been through tax sale and judicial sale already. He advised that the Council should sign the treasurer's request as the goal was to get the property back on the tax rolls. After some discussion, Mr. Muter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gall, to release the repository property for any price that could be negotiated. All in favor, motion carried.

### 13. Adjournment:

- A. Mr. Muter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deakin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.