

Oakland Borough Council  
Special business meeting  
January 25, 2021

The special meeting of the Oakland Borough Council was called to order at 6:30pm. Present were Gary Boughton, Valerie Senese, Robert Muter, Pat Gall, and Brad Krayeski; Administrator Rhonda Parfitt. Council member Debra White was absent.

There were no members of the public present.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

1. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Krayeski, and approved by unanimous vote.
2. The motion to place the specified truck and equipment out for bid was considered. Mr. Muter and Mr. Krayeski stated that a 4WD specification needed to be added. Mr. Muter asked if the Borough could continue to use the existing plow, to which Mr. Krayeski responded that the plow would be too heavy for the new truck. Mr. Boughton and Ms. Senese stated that the new truck would be kept for its dumping capabilities and as a secondary plowing vehicle. Mr. Krayeski asked about accessories like light bar and painting. He recommended getting a magnet with the Borough logo instead of painting so that it could be used for another vehicle. Ms. Senese stated that any accessories could be purchased afterward. Also noted was a "skirt" to go around the rear fender of the truck which would prevent the salt from coming up underneath. Council felt this was a good preventative measure.

Council began to discuss the financing of the vehicle, and Ms. Parfitt stated that the finance committee recommended purchasing the vehicle in cash. The cash would come from leftover funds in the money market and approximately \$15,000 from the Liquid Fuels fund could also be used for a vehicle purchase. This would save thousands of taxpayer dollars in not having to pay interest. Ms. Parfitt stated that a note had been made for the 2022 budget to begin a line item for equipment savings so that next time equipment was needed, the money would be available. Ms. Senese stated that the goal was that the Borough would never be in the position of needing a truck to provide for the residents and not being able to afford one. Council was pleased with this measure. A motion to place the following for bid was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter, and approved by unanimous vote: The Oakland Borough Municipality of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania is accepting sealed bids for the following: a new 2020 or 2021 one-ton SRW 4WD pickup truck fitted with an 8-foot V-plow and an in-bed salt box and spreader made of polypropylene material which is of appropriate size and capacity for the one-ton truck. Bids will be open from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 12:00pm. All bids must be clearly marked SEALED BID and mailed or hand-delivered to the Borough office at 380 State Street, Susquehanna, PA 18847. Bids meeting these criteria

will be opened at a public meeting at the Borough Building on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm.

3. Due to no members of the public being present, there was no public comment.
4. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Krayeski, and approved by unanimous vote.