

**Oakland Borough Reorganization
and General Business Minutes
January 5, 2026
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847**

MEETING LED BY: John Martin, Solicitor

Council in Attendance: Wendy MacDonald-Dudley, William Deakin, Ronald Beavan, Douglas Arthur, Scott Arthur, Patrick Gall, John Martin, Solicitor, Justine Ord, Secretary, Jennifer Boerner, Admin/Treasurer.

Wendy Macdonald-Dudley was not sworn in at the time for meeting due to some bad advice. We have 2 council members who are already on-board William Deakin and Patrick Gall and 3 others Douglas Arthur Scott Arthur and Ronald Beavan who were sworn in prior to meeting and 5 council members constitutes as a quorum.

John Martin our solicitor called meeting to order at 7:01pm Jan. 5th 2025

John Martin stated that the meeting was being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

New Elected Officials sworn in by a Notary before the meeting:

1. Ronald Beavan

2. Douglas Arthur

3. Scott Arthur

A. Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Ronald Beavan to accept the agenda. All in favor, motion Carried.

B. Ronald Beavan nominated William Deakin for President, Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan. All in favor, motion carried.

Douglas Arthur nominated Ronald Beavan for Vice-President. Motion was made by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Douglas Arthur. 3 yeas', 2, nays. Motion carried.

Meeting was turned over to President, William Deakin

4. Douglas Arthur nominated Patrick Gall for Pro Tem. Motion by William Deakin and 2nd by Ronald Beavan. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Motion was made by Douglas Arthur and 2nd by Patrick Gall to keep the meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Oakland Borough Building.

6. Motion made by Douglas Arthur, 2nd by Ronald Beavan to advertise in the Susquehanna Transcript meeting date and time. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Other Board/ Committee Nominations:

1. Motion by Douglas Arthur and 2nd by William Deakin Finance Committee will be: Ronald

Beavan, Scott Arthur and Patrick Gall. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Motion by Douglas Arthur and 2nd by Ronald Beavan Community Development Committee will be: Chistina Deakin and Duke Rosino. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion by Scott Arthur and 2nd by Patrick Gall, Parks Committee will be: Wendy MacDonald Dudley, Douglas Arthur. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Motion made by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan DPW Head will be: Randy Glover. Committee will be Scott Arthur and Patrick Gall. All in favor, motion carried.

8. Decisions:

1. Motion by Ron Beavan and 2nd by Pat Gall to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. 4 years', 1 nay.

Motion carried.

2. Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Douglas Arthur that President William Deakin and Vice-President Ronald Beavan will be signatories on checks. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Ronald Beavan to adopt the Rules of Conduct for Public Meetings were adopted. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Points of Contact:

1. DPW Contact: Motion by Pat Gall and 2nd by Ron Beavan that Randy Glover will be Point of Contact. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Codes Contact: Motion by Pat Gall and 2nd William Deakin that Ronald Beavan will be Point of Contact. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Park Contact: Motion by Pat Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan that Wendy MacDonald – Dudley will be Park Contact. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Administration Contact: Motion by Ronald Beavan, 2nd by Patrick Gall for William

Deakin will be Point of Contact. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Professional Service:

1. Motion made by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ron Beavans for Municipal Solicitor John Martin. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ron Beavans to pay John Martin solicitor \$1,350.50 for services 10/10/25 to 12/ services from 11/25. All in favor, motion.
3. Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan to pay Council of Government yearly membership of \$180.00. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion by Pat Gall and 2nd by Ron Beavan all in favor, Motion carried for Sewage Enforcement and or COG.
5. Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by William Deakin to continue contract with Auditor-Bradley Murray CPA for audit 2025 done in 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

9. Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion by William Deakin and 2nd by Patrick Gall to accept the December 11, 2025 Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

10. Public Comment:

Public Comment was opened at 7:51 pm by President William Deakin. Closed at 7:51 pm. by President William Deakin.

11. Financial Reports:

1. Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan to approve the Treasurer Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion by Ronald Beavan and 2nd by Patrick Gall to approve and pay Bill List as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by Ronald Beavan to establish the 2026 employee pay rate
As follows:
 - Susan Arthur- Tax Collector Commission 5.00%
 - Jennifer Boerner- Administration/ Treasurer \$20.00 per hour.
 - Justine Ord- Secretary \$17.00 per hour.
 - Daniel Kelly- Part-time DPW \$20.00 per hour.
 - Pete Miller- Part- time DPW \$22.00 per hour.
 - Spencer Beamer- Part-time DPW \$15.00 per hour.
 - Hunter Koziol- Part-time DPW \$15.00 per hour.

12. Correspondence:

1. A card from Marie Curtis head of food bank was tabled to next month meeting, to check

on previous donations to the Food Bank.

13. Codes Report: Given by Jennifer Boerner

1. 18 rental inspections for 2026 was sent out on December 1, 2025. Ms. Arthur informed council there are more rental units in Oakland Borough. Ms. Boerner and Ms. Arthur will get together and go over the list.

2. Still waiting to hear from NEIC for the outstanding properties that did not Comply with the Ordinance that was sent to magistrate.

3. Douglas Arthur inquired about the bubble covers on the outside of building. It was explained that NEIC stated we were in compliance. Douglas Arthur asked permission from Council to install the bubble covers, just to be reimbursed for the purchase of the bubble covers. Council was all in favor.

14. DPW Report: NO REPORT GIVEN

15. Finance Committee Report: NO REPORT GIVEN

16. Parks Committee Report: Given by Jennifer Boerner. Would like to finish up concession stand properly with grant money.

17. Food Pantry Report: Given by Doug Arthur, that the food pantry is feeding many families and that the group that is working the food pantry is working hard to continue feeding as many families as possible.

18. Grant Update:

1. Oakland Borough did not receive the grant for River Road through Dirt and Gravel.
2. Motion by Ronald Beavan and 2nd by Patrick Gall to accept the Comprehensive Plan from the STMP grant with correction to be made. All in favor, motion carried.

19. Old Business: There was no old business.

20. New Business:

- 1. Motion was made by Ronald Beavan and 2nd by Patrick Gall the treasurer position to be filled by Jennifer Boerner. All in favor, motion carried.**

- 2. Power House- Jill Demming an independent adjuster came out on December 22,2025 and took pictures of the power house to submit to the Insurance Company. We will follow up on any information that is available.**

- 3. Daniel Oreino from Trehab, a grant writer presented that he would like to help Oakland Borough with finding grants. Mr. Oreino will check with his employer, Trehab if he would be able to help Oakland and Susquehanna. He will bring a contract to February meeting if he is able to work with Oakland Borough.**

- 4. Update on Sewer line: We received a letter from JHA that construction will start February 16,2026.**

- 5. A motion by Patrick Gall and 2nd by William Deakin, to appoint Michael Payne to fill a 2-year vacant seat. 3 yeas' and 2 nays. Motion carried.**

- 6. Motion by William Deakin 2nd by Doug Arthur to appoint Brett Deakin for Vacant seat for a 2-year term. 4 yeas' 1 nay, in favor, motion carried.**

- 21. Motion by Ronald Beavan, 2nd by Patrick Gall to accept the reading back of the January 5,2026 meeting minutes. Read back by Justine Ord, Secretary. All in favor, motion Carried.**

- 22. Adjournment:
Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by William Deakin to adjourn meeting. Meeting ending at 9:12 pm. All in favor, motion carried.**