

Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting Minutes
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
January 9, 2025

Call to Order

Attendance: President Brad Krayeski, Valerie Senese, Robert Muiteer, William Deakin, Patrick Gall and Administrator Trish Hendrickson. Absent: Debra White

Also present was Residents, Doug and Sue Arthur and Teena Gall.

Pledge Of Allegiance and moment of silence

Michael Payne was sworn in by Randy Glover.

1. Agenda:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muiteer to adopt the agenda with the following addition:
Under #8 Mayor's Report: C; Westfall and Boyden drainage issue.
All in favor, motion carried.

2. Approval of minutes:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muiteer to accept and add the correction to the December 12TH meeting minutes as follows, November 14, 2024 executive session from 6:04 pm to 6:54 pm and December 12, 2024 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

Mr. Krayeski opened public comment at 7:06 pm.

Doug Arthur 5157 Prospect Street, Susquehanna PA 18847 Stated the food bank is going good, There was about 30 families, and he came in once to get food after the food bank.

Sue Arthur 5157 Prospect Street, Susquehanna PA 18847 gave Trish Hendrickson the December tax forms.

Teena Gall 5899 High Street, Susquehanna PA 18847 asked a question regarding a recent application for the matching funds for the current park project. Ms. Gall was informed that a grant was awarded for project match and that funds have been reserved.

Mr. Krayeski thanked them for their comments. Public comment was closed at 7:08 pm

4. Community Development:

Joint Comprehensive Plan had a phone call to catch up. Woodland design would like to get more surveys results. There is currently 85 survey results, would like to achieve 100%. Woodland would like to meet with Oakland Council if possible in February.

5. Financial Reports:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Gall to approve the treasurers report as presented, all in favor, motion carried.
- B. A motion was made by Mr. Muieter, seconded by Ms. Senese to approve the bills list as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Correspondence:

7. Codes Report:

- A. Mr. Krayeski stated the rental applications went out on the 5th. He said they were a bit later then normal due to changing the cover letter and working with NEIC. He stated the fee for the NEIC is \$75.00, if a second inspection is need it is \$75.00 also. As of now we will incur the remaining cost. Ms. Senese suggested moving forward if no code enforcement officer is secured, we should look at increasing the rental fees to cover the cost.
- B. Mr. Krayeski stated there was a couple complaints about work being done without permits, letters were sent out. Got a report on the garbage complaint on Prospect, a machine is suppose to be brought in to remove the garbage. Mr. Krayeski informed council the cost for NEIC to take care of that complaint was \$210.00. Ms. Senese suggested increasing the fines to cover that expense in the future.
- C. Mr. Krayeski stated the Hiring committee did not meet to discuss the Code Enforcement Officer applicate.

8. Mayor's Report:

- A. Mr. Glover informed the council that the remaining ARPA funds were used to get catch basins, pipes, a leaf vacuum system, back hoe attachment, and modified gravel.
- B. Mr. Glover plans on putting a grinder system in the building and hook up to the town sewer at the road. After discussion about the details, Mr. Glover said he would get a quote and plans can continue from there.
- C. Mr. Glover talked about the drainage issue on Westfall Ave and Boyden Street, after a call made to Penn-Dot, it has been decided that the borough is responsible for the clean out of the catch basin.
- D. Mr. Glover stated He has Mr. Jenkins preparing estimates for lighting in the back and front of the building.

9. Finance Committee Report:

Nothing to add, they did not meet.

10. Food Pantry:

- A. Mr. Arthur stated the pick up moving forward will be the 4th Thursday of the month, pick up is between 1pm and 3pm, He said the dates were different over the holidays. The council suggested Mr. Arthur do a survey to see how the word is being spread about the food pantry.

11. Grant Updates:

- A. LSA grant- Mr. Krayeski and Mr. Glover have not received any emails containing the contracts. A follow-up will be done.
- B. StMP Grant- Ms. Hendrickson stated the peer consultant did come on the 16th and things were ok. Ms. Hendrickson stated they reviewed meeting minutes and agendas.
- C. ARPA Funds: The council was presented with a list of the ARPA funds expenses.
- D. DCNR grant: Minichi will be starting to dig soon, they have not given an exact date, they do have some equipment at the ballfield already.

12. Old/Tabled Business:

River Bounty:

- A. The committee has not met, however Mr. Muijer stated he did hear from the lawyer, He was informed they have made it through the first set of hurdles with the state and everything is on track.

13. New Business:

- A. Annual House keeping

- a. A discussion was had about making sure all volunteer information is active and up to date. The office staff should have a file with registered volunteers.
- b. With the changes in council and volunteers the entrance codes have changed.

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Mr. Muiter, seconded by Mr. Deakin to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, all in favor and meeting was adjourned.