

**Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting Minutes
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
June 20th, 2024**

Announcement: The meeting is being recorded.

Meeting Call to Order

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

1. Agenda:

Consider a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion by Councilman Teena Gall seconded by Councilman Robert Muter, motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes:

A. Consider a motion to accept the May 9,2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion by councilman Teena Gall, seconded by councilman Robert Muter, motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

Please state your name and address for the record. Comments and Questions will be directed to the presiding councilman, where appropriate responses will be provided, or the subject will be added to the Agenda under New Business or discussed later in the meeting. Please limit comments to 3 minutes or less. "The rules of conduct for public meetings and hearings will be enforced. Thank you for your comment." This meeting is being recorded.

- Comment opened at 7:02 pm

- Doug Arthur:

o discussed a pot hole and requested for it be filled.

o Expressed concern over DPW blowing grass in the road.

- Comment closed at 7:03 pm

4. Community Development:

- A. The committee did not meet and there were no meeting minutes.
- B. President Senese discussed the follow up regarding the request for information on the potential cost to cover the dog park for liabilities. There is no additional cost to cover the dog park.
- C. Larena Nickerson from the committee provided a report regarding the draft version of the Vacancy Ordinance. After review, there was some discussion regarding properties, how they are being identified versus residential and/or commercial as well as being worked on and what that process could look like.
- D. Discussion was had as to developing a stronger pet ordinance or what it could look like to utilize the current one adopted by the Borough. It was agreed that the Borough would put out a public service announcement informing the community of the current ordinance.

5. Financial Reports:

- A. Consider a motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented.
 - a. Motion by Councilman Robert Muter, seconded by Councilman Brad Krayski, motion carried unanimously
- B. Consider a motion to approve and pay Bill List as presented.
 - a. Motion by Councilman Robert Muter, seconded by Councilman Debra White, motion carried unanimously.

6. Correspondence:

- a. PUC letter draft was read aloud and modified to reflect the health and safety of the public. Motion by Councilman Teena Gall, seconded by Councilman Robert Muter, motion carried unanimously with a yay vote from Mayor Randy Glover, as a signatory.
- b. Motion to create and allow the Hiring Committee of Point of Contacts to conduct second round interviews and provide their recommendation(s) to the Council at the July Business Meeting. Motion to appoint Valerie Senese, Randy Glover, Brad Krayski and William Deakin to be on the Hiring Committee, by Councilman Teena Gall, seconded by Councilman Robert Muter, motion carried unanimously.

7. Codes Report:

- A. Councilman Krayski stated he had been ill and is following up on his tasks from being unavailable.

8. Mayor's Report:

- A. Verbal report given by Mayor Randy Glover.

- a. Gave a brief report regarding the truck needing work that is no longer under warranty and needs some work to pass inspection
- b. The red dump truck box is in and will be completed
- c. Gave an update on some of the DPW work completed
- d. Discussion was entertained regarding if the street sweeper was going to come through the Borough. It was noted that the Borough is on a waiting list and that the Borough received permission to have the state roads completed.

9. Finance Committee Report:

- A. Discussion regarding the loan for the Water Authority and the Borough

10. Food Pantry Update:

- a. Discussion regarding the food bank needing a food bank manager. Councilman Robert Muter, the point of contact for the Borough Facebook page, will put out a public service announcement looking for a new volunteer food bank manager.

11. Grant Update:

- A. Motion to approve the Bid from Minichi in the amount of \$309,000.00 by Councilman Robert Muter, seconded by Councilman Brad Krayski. Opposed, Councilman William Deakin and Councilman Teena Gall. Motion Carried.
- B. KSG sidewalk updates for sidewalk projects:
Bids went out and will be received and opened on July 11th, 2024.
- C. Review DCED Employee Handbook was discussed. After continued discussion the handbook was approved: motion by Councilman Teena Gall, seconded by Councilman Robert Muter, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Councilman Valerie Senese provided an update that due to the absence of a Borough Administrator, the item is tabled.

12. Old/Tabled Business:

- a. River Bounty Update: Councilman William Deakin shared an update regarding the continuing prospect of disbanding River Bounty, and that after Esq. Charlie Aliano hears back from the Attorney General, there will be a meeting.
- b. Work session update included having Woodland Design facilitate the meeting
- c. SWN Contract was approved by a motion by Councilman Robert Muter, seconded by Councilman Brad Krayski, motion carried unanimously.

13. New Business:

- a. **Councilman Krayeski provided an update that the COG office is working on creating an appeals board and what that process and cost would look like.**

14. Adjournment: Motion by Councilman Teena Gall, seconded by Councilman Debra White to adjourn at 8:06 pm, motion carried unanimously.