

Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting Minutes
380 State Street
Susquehanna, PA 18847
March 13, 2025

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

Call to Order

Present were Council members Brad Kraveski, Robert Muiteer, Mike Payne, Valerie Senese, Treasurer Rhonda Parfitt and administrator Trish Hendrickson. Absent was William Deakin, Patrick Gall and Debra White

Members of the public present were Doug Arthur, and Sue Arthur.

Pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

1. Agenda:

A. A motion made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muiteer to adopt the amended agenda as follows:

11 F. Bluestone

13 C. Borough Building Deck

All in favor, Motion carried

2. Approval of minutes:

A. A motion made by Mr. Muiteer, seconded by Mr. Payne to accept February 13th amended meeting Minutes with the following changes:

A. General Business Meeting: add Minutes

B. Executive session was held before the February 13th meeting for contractual, and litigation purposes

All in favor, motion carried

3. Public Comment:

Public comment opened at 7:04 pm and closed at 7:04 pm, There were no comments.

4. Community Development:

- A. Short discussion was had about the flags maintenance and the involvement of the fire company to assist with hanging, Suggestion was made to talk to Adams Cable about assistance with hanging.
- B. A discussion about volunteer day, Will aim for the Saturday of April 26th.

5. Financial Reports:

- A. A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter to approve the Treasurers report as presented, all in favor, motion carried.
- B. A motion made by Mr. Muter, seconded by Ms. Senese to approve the bill list as presented, all in favor, motion carried

6. Correspondence:

- A. A motion made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Payne to donate \$50.00 to the Susquehanna community Development Association to be used for Rocking by the River. All in favor, motion carried

7. Codes Report:

- A. Mr. Krayeski announced there was a couple complaints about trash and new construction without permits.
- B. Mr Muter asked if there was any progress with hiring our own code enforcer. Ms. Senese said the training and testing would cost a lot.

8. Mayor's Report:

- A. Mr. Glover was absent from the meeting
- B. A motion made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muter to purchase the utility trailer from Oakland Township in the amount of \$2500.00 (previously a motion was made in the wrong amount for \$2,400.00) and for Mr. Krayeski to transfer the title. All in favor, motion carried

9. Finance Committee Report:

- A. The finance committee did not meet, Ms. Parfitt shared she is expecting to hear from the auditor soon.

10. Food Pantry:

- A. Ms. Parfitt spoke with Ms. Curtis about gift card and keeping receipts for tracking purposes.

11. Grant Updates:

- A. LSA grant: Contracts have been signed by Brad and Randy. The bank account paperwork to open the new accounts has been prepared and will be signed.
- B. DCNR grant: Minichi continues to work on ordering materials. Rhonda is requesting more money from the DCNR to accomplish the project.
- C. ARPA: After Rhonda files the usage report in the month of April. This grant will then close out.
- D. StMP: We still need to accomplish the installation of outdoor surveillance cameras and the video conferencing equipment.
- E. CFA: We requested an extension to ensure that we are able to fulfill all change orders. The railing is being replaced under the grant but there is a lengthy lead time on receiving it.
- F. Bluestone: A motion was made by Ms. Senese, seconded by Mr. Muieter to advertise on website, with the public's ability to obtain bluestone for properties located in Oakland Borough. All in favor, motion carried.

12. Old/Tabled Business:

- A. River Bounty has been dissolved.
- B. Mr. Krayeski said after a discussion with Mr. Glover that the State will not issue permits to dig up the road. Any sewer repair would need to be done under the surface.

13. New Business:

- A. Ms. Hendrickson will make calls to get on a schedule for street sweeping.
- B. Burn Ban will be posted on the website.
- C. Mr. Krayeski noticed the deck on the side of the building needed some repairs, the support 4x4s were either rotted at the top or the bottom, and the railing needed some balusters to be code compliant. A motion was made by Mr. Muieter, seconded by Mr. Payne for Mr. Glover head of DPW to have a \$1000.00 budget to fix the deck as long as the work is within the capability of DPW Employee. If not Mr. Glover will obtain a quote for the work. All in favor, motion carried.

14. Adjournment:

- a. A motion made by Mr. Muieter seconded by Ms. Senese to adjourn the meeting at 7:58, All in favor, motion carried

Council went into executive session for litigation purposes from pm 8:05 to 8:17 pm.

