

Oakland Borough Council
General Business Meeting

380 State Street

Susquehanna, PA 18847

November 10, 2022

Attendance: President Valerie Senese, Robert Muiteer, Brad Krayeski, Patrick Gall, Administrator Jennifer Bixby, Treasurer/ Assistant Administrator Rhonda Parfitt, Solicitor John Martin, Mayor Randy Glover.

Absent: Vice- President Gary Boughton.

Announcement: Before the General Business on November 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Oakland Borough Council went into an executive session for contractual, personnel, and litigation purposes. Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Valerie Senese.

THE MEETING WAS ANNOUNCED IT WAS BEING RECORDED.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

1. Agenda:

A. Motion to adopt the agenda with a change.

1.Under number 10 Finance Committee Report: Letter C. should read motion to advertise for review 2023 budget not motion to adopt 2023 budget.

Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Brad Krayeski to accept agenda with the change. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Minutes:

Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Brad Krayeski to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Public Comment was opened by President Valerie Senese at 7:04 p.m.

There was no public comment to report.

President Valerie Senese closed public comment at 7:04 p.m.

4. Community Development Committee Report:

A. Meeting minutes will be entered into the official records.

B. Verbal report given by Chairperson Heather Krayeski.

1.Meeting was held on November 2, 2022.

2. Additional 9 Veteran Flags will be ordered for next spring. Ms. Krayeski stated still advertising on Community Development Facebook page. Will be removing Veteran's Flags and replacing with Oakland Borough's Season Greeting flags.
 3. Committee is working on getting customized "in-between" flags. Ms. Krayeski will be working with a design company to get a new branding for Oakland Borough. New signs for outside Borough Building, Logo letterhead, signs for the gateway to Oakland Borough community. Will bring final design to Council for approval.
 4. November 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. will be the 2nd annual tree lighting and after community and kid's party. Will be the Grinch theme again. Was decided that the ceremony will always be Oakland Very Merry Grinchmas. OBCDC will build on the supplies and decorations around the Grinch that they already have.
 5. Ms. Krayeski stated that there is a new format for communication for the members of the Community Development Committee.
 6. Working on new exciting projects that will be coming to the community. More beautification projects.
 7. Will share more on a special evening that is being planned at a later date.
5. Financial Reports:
 - A. Motioned by Robert Muiter, 2nd Patrick Gall to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor, motion carried.
 - B. Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Brad Krayeski to approve and pay Bill List as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
 6. Correspondence:
 - A. President Valerie Senese read a thank you note from the library for the donation to the story book walk at the Ira Reynolds Park.
 7. Codes Report:
 - A. Brad Krayeski reported that he had nothing to report this month.
 - B. Roy Williams Code Enforcer gave a verbal report.
 1. Numerous notices of violations has been sent out on uncut grass, weeds, over the limit of vehicles that are allowed.
 2. Mr. Williams explained that condemnation has been placed on an apartment building on Westfall Avenue. Mr. Williams will be meeting the landlord on November 13, 2022 to review the six (6) properties that he oversees. The landlord will be given the rental applications at the time of the meeting.
 3. Mr. Williams stated it is going to take time, but the community is seeing Code Enforcement is out and about. Oakland Borough has had a few residents come in so that Mr. Williams could explain a few things to them.
 8. Police Report:

Chief Officer Creamer was not present at the meeting to give a verbal report. Mayor Randy Glover gave a verbal report of patrolling, 2 erratic divers, threats from an ex-

boyfriend, and 1 trespasser. Total hours were 31.5. Oakland Borough Council reviewed the Police Log Sheet and Police Service to be paid.

9. DPW Report:

A. Verbal report was given by Randy Glover, Head of DPW

1. Some potholes have been filled in.

2. Dump truck has been returned and is now at Endless Mountain Motors garage getting the hydraulic lines fixed. The dump truck will need inspection and then the dump truck will be set for a while.

B. Mr. Glover informed Council that a bid of \$2,800.00 came in on Municibid for the Salt Dogg. Asked Council if Council wanted to accept the bid offer. Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Robert Muter to accept the bid of \$ 2,800.00. All in favor, motion carried.

C. DPW Hire

President Valerie Senese informed that Ms. Bixby checked with six different companies and five stated they do not do road snow removal. The one company that does charges \$85.00 per hour without salt. President Senese stated that Chris Miller Excavation would do snow removal as back up for \$22.00 per hour and use his own truck for snow removal. Motion by Brad Krayeski, 2nd by Patrick Gall to hire Chris Miller Excavating for back-up for winter maintenance at \$22.00 per hour. All in favor, motion carried.

D. President Valerie Senese informed Council the car was transferred to Susquehanna on October 31, 2022. The car was transferred to Susquehanna Depot Borough as a gift in order to aid Susquehanna in providing emergency services to both Borough's.

10. Finance Committee Report:

A. There are no meeting minutes to be entered into the official record.

B. Verbal report was given by Robert Muter. The Finance Committee met on October 24, 2022 to review and discuss the budget. The Council was emailed a copy of the revised budget.

C. Motion by Robert Muter, 2nd by Patrick Gall to advertise the 2023 budget for review. All in favor, motion carried.

D. Council review CD rates from Honesdale National Bank, Peoples Security and Edwards Jones Financial Institution.

1. Honesdale National Bank CD rate for 3 months at 0.35% and 6 months at 0.40%.

2. Peoples Security Bank CD rate for 3 months at 0.15% and 6 months at 0.20%.

3. Edward Jones Financial Institution CD rate for 3 months at 3.85% and 6 months for 4.30%.

Motion by Robert Muter, 2nd by Patrick Gall to put \$30,000.00 of ARPA reserve in a 3- month CD with Edward Jones Financial Institution. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Robert Muter, 2nd by Patrick Gall to put \$27,000.00 of Dirt and Gravel grant money in a 6-month CD with Edward Jones Financial Institution. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Parks Committee Report:

Chairperson Gary Boughton was not present at the meeting to give a Parks Committee

Report.

- A. No meeting minutes to be put in official record.
- B. Cameras for the park has been ordered by OEM.
- C. Tree thinning at lower end park.

12. Food Pantry:

- A. Ms. Bixby gave a verbal report that food pantry is going well. The last order that was placed with Weinburg went in about 3 days after receiving the order. More people are signing up for the food pantry.

13. Grant Update:

Nothing to report on grant updates.

Old/Tabled Business

14. The Pond.

15. Council reviewed the 3- year contract with Susquehanna Fire Department.

Year 2023 at the rate of 1.83 mills of assessed valuation.

Year 2024 at the rate of 1.885 mills of taxable assessed valuation.

Year 2025 at the rate of 1.94 mills of taxable assessed valuation.

Motion by Patrick Gall, 2nd by Brad Krayeski to accept the 3- year contract with Susquehanna Fire Department. All in favor, motion carried.

- 16. Update on Security Camera for inside Borough Building. Price range \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for wire or wireless. OEM is looking into prices. Mr. Ord stated that most of the camera's he looked at is out of stock.

New Business:

There was no new business for Council to discuss this month.

Adjournment: Motion by Brad Krayeski, 2nd by Patrick Gall to adjourn meeting. Meeting ended at 7:32 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Oakland Borough Council went into executive session after the General Business meeting on November 10, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. for contractual, personnel, and litigation purposes. Meeting ended at 8:36 p.m.