

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of August 16, 2021 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our meeting was held at the White Oak Community Center located at 1796 Lower Heckman Road, White Oak, PA. Public access to this meeting was granted following mask and social distancing requirements.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Pro Tem Julie Opferman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Julie Opferman

ROLL CALL: Julie Opferman requested the roll call. In attendance was:

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ina Marton
Julie Opferman
Joseph Nagy
George Pambacas
Kenneth Robb

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

Patricia McGrail, Borough Solicitor
Kenneth Hillman, Borough Engineer
John Palyo, Borough Manager
MaryAnn Winemiller, Admin. Asst.

MINUTES: George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Council Meeting. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patricia McGrail announced that prior to the Council meeting on August 16, 2021, Council had an Executive Session to discuss contract and personnel matters.

Prior to the Public Comments, Council President Pro Tem Julie Opferman announced that under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. § 710.1. Public participation: The Borough of White Oak will provide an opportunity for residents and taxpayers of the Borough to make public comments. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Glen Beech – 421 Oliver Drive

Mr. Beech stated that he was dissatisfied with how White Borough Council communicated the termination of the White Oak Borough Code Officer to the Planning Commission. Mr. Beech feels the communication between Council and the Planning Commission is very poor at best.

Mr. Beech also questioned why it took 11 days for the members of the Planning Commission to be notified and why they weren't notified by Council. Solicitor Pat McGrail explained that there were a lot of issues that both her office and the White Oak Borough Administration had to sort out during this time frame.

Councilman George Pambacas informed Mr. Beech that Council Meetings are being streamed live on our website and recorded for future viewing, and that after most meetings there is an article in the Mon Valley Paper.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Chuck Davis

No Report

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Ina Marton provided the Police Activity Report for July 2021.

Arrests: (11adults / 0juvenile)	11
Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicle or Property	1
Assault	5
Drug Offenses	1
Public Drunkenness	2
Theft	2
Summary of Traffic Violations	53
Total Incidents	730

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: George Pambacas

George Pambacas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2021. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion approving Check Register for the month of July, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (207335 to 207431) totaling \$626,549.32. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of July. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	8,397.58
Solid Waste	General Fund	39,325.28
Capital Projects	General Fund	279,241.75
Post Retirement	General Fund	1,716.77
RVFC Fire Fund	General Fund	279.54
WO#1VFC Fire Fund	General Fund	241.18
General Fund	Capital Projects	44,658.94
Total Transfers		\$373,861.04

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: George Pambacas presented the health, environment and cable report.

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize payment to Dave Collura, for Wildlife Control Services, in the amount of \$750.00 for the month of July 2021. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize payment to Sable Kennel, for animal control services, in an amount of \$200.00 for services in the month of July. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to satisfy the following liens as paid in full. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Lot & Block	Lien Number
460-R-128	GD 19-003996
551-G-265	GD 11-458
	GD 19-003811
461-M-28	GD 19-003711
460-R-165	GD 08-14983
	GD 16-002315
	GD 19-00535
551-K-344	GD 19-002256
551-J-264	GD 16-2730
461-H-62	GD 19-002122
553-E-314	GD 10-24803
	GD 16-002415
	GD 19-002159
461-P-42	GD 16-002713

Announcement:

Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Collection drop off program is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Borough Building. You must register on line or by calling 1-866-815-0016. This is a pay as you go program and information is available on our website and at the Borough office. We will follow established COVID-19 Restrictions.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman

Announcements:

White Oak Borough Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Rain date is Sunday, August 29th.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy

Joseph Nagy made a motion to ratify action taken by Council to execute an Addendum for Services with CEA Code Enforcement Associates, LLC for the purposes of performing Code Compliance Inspections and Code Enforcement of Civil Codes, Residential & Commercial (Non) UCC Occupancy Inspections. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: Kenneth Robb

The monthly reports for July are available for review during normal business hours.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to post the position of Operator A within the Public Works Department. (This is in response to the recent retirement of an employee who served in that capacity.) George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to give the Borough Manager authorization to present Conditional offers of hire under the terms and conditions of the Public Works Contract to the two candidates as recommended by the Personnel Committee under the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Public Works. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis
No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS:

Kenneth Robb made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for July 2021. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Hillman

Kenneth Robb made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report and pay the fees due to Senate Engineering Company for Invoice 59836, dated July 30, 2021, totaling \$330.00.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Agenda Items 2 through 7 under the Engineers Report. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$43,160.28 submitted by BZ Construction, under Contract #1 - General as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical Replacement Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

3. Motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$40,950.00 submitted by Tennis Roofing, under Contract #2 - Roofing as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical Replacement Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

4. Motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$48,539.70 submitted by Reno Brothers, Inc. under Contract #3 – HVAC and Plumbing as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical Replacement Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

5. Motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$46,980.45 submitted by Merit Electrical, under Contract #4 - Electrical as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical Replacement Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

6. Motion to approve Pay Request #3 in an amount of \$659,856.62 submitted by Tresco Paving Corporation for the 2021 Paving Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

7. Motion to approve Pay Request #1 Final submitted by Morgan Excavating, LP in an amount of \$31,377.40 and Change Order #1 for previously unknown roof downspout connections and base repair in an amount of \$2,051.69, totaling \$33,429.09 for the emergency repair of forty feet of 48" storm pipe at the entrance to Main Street as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

Kenneth Robb made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoices #37065, 37069, 37202, 37203, 37206, 37207, 37208, 37210, 37211, dated July 16, 2021 totaling \$5,671.60; and Invoices 37205, 37259 through 37267, dated August 16, 2021 totaling \$9,465.34. For a grand total of \$15,136.94. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

RESOLUTION #2021-17

George Pambacas authorized to make refund of certain real property taxes to certain property owners as hereinafter listed by reason of official change order, gentrification, issued by the Allegheny County Board of Assessments, appeals and review as well as abatements or overpayments. Kenneth Robb seconded the resolution. The resolution was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman George Pambacas stated that we need to get the word out, that White Borough Council Meetings are streamed Live on our Web Site, past meeting can be viewed on our Web Site and The Mon Valley Independent is the White Oak Borough's official newspaper and regularly runs articles on our Council Meeting. Tube City has articles on their Web site regarding White Oak Borough Council Meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Meetings will remain at the Community Center while the Borough Building is under construction, please check our website for any updates.)

September 13, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
September 20, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

ADJOURNMENT: George Pambacas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council