

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of November 15, 2021 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Charles Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Charles Davis

ROLL CALL: Charles Davis requested the roll call. In attendance was:

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ina Marton
Louis Bender
Charles Davis
George Dillinger via Telephone
Julie Opferman
George Pambacas
Joseph Nagy
Kenneth Robb

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

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

MINUTES: George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Council Meeting. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patricia McGrail announced that prior to the Council meeting on November 15, 2021, Council had an Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Prior to the Public Comments, Council President Charles Davis 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: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Chuck Davis

Council President Charles Davis read a letter from Councilman George Dillinger resigning his position as Finance Committee Chairman.

George Pambacas made a motion to accept George Dillinger's resignation as the Finance Committee Chairman. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Arrests: (13 adults / 0 juvenile)	13
Criminal Mischief	1
Drug Offenses	2
DUI	2
False Identification to Law Enforcement	2
Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Police	1
Public Drunkenness	1

Theft	2
Summary of Traffic Violations	48
Total Incidents	707

White Oak Borough Manager John Palyo gave an update on the status of Police Vehicles that were involved in accidents during the past month.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: George Dillinger

George Dillinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2021. Louis Bender seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion approving Check Register for the month of October which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (207695 to 207802) totaling \$1,581,012.04. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of October. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	8,428.19
Solid Waste	General Fund	43,816.76
Capital Projects	General Fund	155,942.21
Post Retirement	General Fund	1,716.77
Fire Fund RVFC	General Fund	14,995.00
Fire Fund WOVFC#1	General Fund	14,995.00
Total Transfers		\$239,893.93

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: George Pambacas

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize payment to Dave Collura, for Wildlife Control Services, in the amount of \$600.00 for the month of October 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 \$400.00 for services in the month of October. George Dillinger 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
650-S-244	GD 11-21833
	GD 19-2164
553-B-83	GD 10-23962
	GD 16-002421
650-H-92	GD 16-2702
552-P-183	GD 10-23955
461-P-96	GD 16-004501

A discussion ensued concerning the need to obtain an Animal Control Officer for the borough. Borough Manager John Palyo informed Council that the Borough did not receive any proposals when we advertised last month to fill the position.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman

Announcing the annual White Oak Borough "Season of Lights" on Saturday, November 20th with a Pancake and sausage brunch with Santa from 2:00 to 5:00 PM located at Rainbow Volunteer Fire Company. 6:00 PM will light the tree. This event is co-sponsored by Rainbow Volunteer Fire Company and the Borough of White Oak.

White Oak Recreation Board Annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM located at the White Oak Athletic Association Complex.

Announcing the 2nd Annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest, information will be on the White Oak Borough Web Site.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy: The monthly permit/violation report for September and October is available for review during normal business hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender: No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: Kenneth Robb: The monthly reports for October are available for review during normal business hours.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis: No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS:

George Dillinger made motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for October 2021 (Refer to the separate attachment). Julie Opferman 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 Invoices 60153, 54, 55, 57, & 58, dated October 26, 2021 and Invoices 60161, 62 & 63, dated October 28, 2021 totaling \$33,212.50. Louis Bender seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #5 in an amount of \$72,677.74 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #5 in an amount of \$3,850.20 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 in an amount of \$69,345.00 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 Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #5 in an amount of \$83,239.85 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve a proposal from Traffic Control & Engineering Co. Inc. in the amount of \$94,941.00 for the emergency repair of the traffic signal located at SR0048 and Cool Springs Road as a result of a traffic accident. An insurance claim has been filed for this project. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

George Dillinger made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoice #37478 dated October 15, 2021, and Invoices 37363, #37367, 37500 through 509, dated November 9, 2021 totaling \$9,110.77. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to condemn and demolish the structure located at 2717 Laurel Lane, which was the subject of a public hearing earlier this evening. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to postpone action on, 2736 Laurel Lane and 3203 Muse Lane with regards to their condemnation. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

Solicitor Pat McGrail informed Council that as of November 12th her office had collected \$150,840.20 In delinquent Garbage fees.

RESOLUTION #2021-20

Kenneth Robb made a motion 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Meetings will be held at the Borough Building)

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

ADJOURNMENT: Julie Opferman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council