

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council
December 29, 2021, 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Charles Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Charles Davis

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

Elected Officials:

Charles Davis, President
Julie Opferman
Louis Bender (via phone)
George Dillinger
George Pambacas
Kenneth Robb
Joseph Nagy
Mayor Ina Marton

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

John Palyo, Borough Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Standing Committee Reports

Finance: Mr. George Dillinger presented the 2022 Budget

Presentation of the 2022 Budget for the following funds:

- General Fund
- Solid Waste Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- Liquid Fuels Fund
- Fire Fund
- Non-Uniformed Pension Fund
- Uniformed Pension Fund
- Post Retirement Fund

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: George Dillinger

RESOLUTION #2021-22

George Dillinger made a motion to adopt Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year of 2022 and fixing the tax rate for the year 2022. Julie Opferman seconded the vote. President of Council Charles Davis asked for a roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: Julie Opferman, Charles Davis, and Louis Bender

No Votes: George Pambacas, George Dillinger, Kenneth Robb and Joseph Nagy

The motion failed with three (3) yes votes and four (4) no votes.

Comments during the vote included:

George Pambacas - He was pleased that this budget has no tax increase for 2022, however, several line items cut into the surplus which represent trouble for 2023. This was a result of decisions made in October in principle. The budget is balanced but I am looking ahead and I think we could do better.

George Dillinger – This budget has a \$443,000 shortfall which is taken out of a surplus fund of approximately \$ 700,000 which was remaining. One line item in particular is the hiring of a fourteenth police officer. We have never had a fourteen officer in the history of White Oak Borough.

Charles Davis – that is true that we never had a fourteen officer, however, it was needed.

Ken Robb – in my opinion this budget shows a severe underestimating cost expenses and over estimating revenue. Take in to consideration a \$700,000 bond payment next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- January 3, 2022, 7:00 PM – Council Swearing in Ceremony and Reorganization Meeting
- January 10, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
- January 17, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
 - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

- The Borough Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st for the New Year's holiday.

On behalf of the Borough of White Oak Council, Mayor, and Staff, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Council went into Executive Session for legal discussion at 6:41 PM and reconvened at 7:21 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenneth Robb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 PM. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

January 17, 2022

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council