

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of June 20, 2022 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Charles Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Charles Davis

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

Elected Officials:

Charles Davis, President
Mayor Ina Marton
Joelle Harbert
Julie Opferman
George Pambacas
Jason Russell
Lorree Scharritter
Louis Bender

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 for the May 16, 2022 Council Meeting. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

Prior to the meeting on June 20, 2022 an Executive Session was held to discuss a Collective Bargaining matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGULAR MEETING: 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:

Lori Bezeck – 1157 Prescott Street, a 35-year resident of the borough
The alley behind her residence (a paper alley) that she has mowed for the past 35 years, the alley now has a tree growing that is approximately 18-20 inches in diameter and is top heavy.
The issue is that if the tree comes down it will do damage to Ms. Bezeck property and she feels the Borough should be responsible for having the tree removed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Charles Davis

None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Ina Marton provided the Police Activity Report for May 2022.

Arrests: (14 adults / 0 juvenile)	14
Criminal Mischief	1
Disorderly Conduct	2
Drug Offenses	1
DUI	5
Harassment	2
Theft	3
Summary Traffic Violations	86
Total Incidents	657

McKeesport Area School District would like to meet with council to discuss an Enhanced Traffic School Zone at the Francis McClure School.

Estimates are being prepared for Car #122 in preparation to repurpose it into our new unmarked / court car.

Mayor Marton and Chief Mark Sargent would like to commend Sargent Daniel Opferman and Officer Justin Liptak for the professionalism they showed for an incident that happen in the borough recently, dealing with an unstable person while still maintaining order in the neighborhood.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Jason Russell

Jason Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2022. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jason Russell made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of May which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (20844 to 208590) totaling \$792,371.57. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jason Russell made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of May. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	8,851.59
Solid Waste	General Fund	41,113.78
Capital Projects	General Fund	424,144.07
Post Retirement	General Fund	1,784.98
Total Transfers		\$475,894.42

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Lorree Scharritter
No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION: Ms. Julie Opferman

Announcements:

White Oak Borough 75th Anniversary Committee planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th, 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Anyone who is interested in helping with the celebration are welcome and encouraged to attend.

White Oak Borough Community Softball Tournament, Saturday, July 30th at the WOAA Complex. Contact Michelle at the Borough office to register your team, volunteer or request any information.

White Oak Borough Community Day is Saturday, August 6th at the Heritage Hill Park Complex.

Councilwoman Opferman wanted to recognize and thank Mary Gottschalk for creating the 75th Anniversary logo for the Borough's upcoming 75th Anniversary.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Ms. Joelle Harbert

Presented the monthly permit/violation report for May 2022, the report is available for review during normal business hours at the borough building.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. George Pambacas

George Pambacas presented the monthly report for May 2022, the report is available for review during normal business hours at the borough building.

George Pambacas made a motion to rescind the following 2 votes from the May 16th Council meeting as listed in the June 20th Agenda. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- George Pambacas made a motion to reject a bid from Tim Indyk to purchase “AS IS’ and in “AS IS” condition certain excess out of service equipment as advertised publicly as listed below:
 - 1997 International Dump Truck; VIN: 1HTSDAAR8VH475617; Model 4900 DT 466; GVW: 40,000; Odometer Reading: 43,544 (Approx.); Hours: 5904; With an 11-foot Gledhill fixed integral plow and an Elkin Hi-Tech, Inc. tailgate salt spreader last inspected 08/2021
 - 2000 International Dump Truck; VIN:1HTGMAAR5YH256754; Model 2654; GVW: 40,600; Odometer Reading: 31,999 (Approx.); Hours: 4,983; With an 11-foot Gledhill fixed integral plow and an Elkin Hi-Tech, Inc. tailgate salt spreader last inspected 06/2020
 - 1990 Econoline Trailer; VIN: 42EDPE4A2L1000466; GVW 24,000; Last inspected in 2010

Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- George Pambacas made a motion to scrap the 1997 and 2000 International Truck and the 1990 Trailer. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

George Pambacas made a motion(s) to accept the bid from Tim Indyk in the amount of \$3,600.00 for the following “AS IS’ and in “AS IS” condition excess out of service equipment as advertised publicly as listed below:

- 1997 International Dump Truck; VIN: 1HTSDAAR8VH475617; Model 4900 DT 466; GVW: 40,000; Odometer Reading: 43,544 (Approx.); Hours: 5904; With an 11-foot Gledhill fixed integral plow and an Elkin Hi-Tech, Inc. tailgate salt spreader last inspected 08/2021
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Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis

No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS: Charles Davis

Joelle Harbert made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for May 2022. Jason Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Hillman

George Pambacas made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report and pay the fees due to Senate Engineering Company for Invoices 61244 through 661256, dated May 31, 2022 totaling \$41,255.25. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Joelle Harbert made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 in an amount of \$83,706.16 submitted by Pugliano Construction Co, Inc. for the 2022 Storm Sewer & Inlet Project as reviewed and approved by the Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to sign the above listed request on behalf of the Borough. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Joelle Harbert made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$815,442.82 submitted by Tresco Paving Corporation for the 2022 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Joelle Harbert made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 Final in an amount of \$94,941.00 submitted by Traffic Control & Engineering Co. Inc. for the Cool Springs & SR48 Emergency Traffic Signal Pole & Cabinet 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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

Jason Russell made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoices 37987 through 37992 and 38015, dated June 17, 2022 totaling \$2,996.40. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

RESOLUTION #2022-16

George Pambacas 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-17

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize a Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving certain amendments to the White Oak Borough's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2022-18

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize a Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving certain amendments to the White Oak Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures as they pertain to Limits of Authority – Search and Seizure. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman George Pambacas announced that the next Senior Activity Meeting will be held Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 1:30. All meetings are being held at the White Oak Community Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Meetings will be held at the Borough Building and are open to the Public)

- July 11, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- July 18, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
 - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

- Zoning Hearing Board Meeting is June 30, 2022, 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Julie Opferman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council