

**BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK**  
**Minutes of August 15, 2022 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:**

Charles Davis, President  
Mayor Ina Marton  
Julie Opferman  
George Pambacas  
Jason Russell  
Lorree Scharritter

**Borough Staff and Professional Services:**

Patricia McGrail, Borough Solicitor  
Kenneth Hillman, Borough Engineer  
John Palyo, Borough Manager

**MINUTES:** George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 18, 2022 Council Meeting. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Ms. Patricia L. McGrail  
No Executive Session this evening

**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:**

Janet Spang – 1426 Ohio Avenue

Ms. Spang brought photos of several properties in her neighborhood that seem to be in violation of the White Oak Borough's Property Maintenance Code. Ms. Spang wanted to make Council aware of these issues and to see what remedies can be done with the properties.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Charles Davis  
None

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

Arrests: (16 adults / 0 juvenile)	16
Burglary	1
Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended	1
Drug Offenses	6
DUI	1
Harassment	2
Public Drunkenness	2
Theft	2
Unauthorized Use of an Automobile	1
Summary Traffic Violations	62
Total Incidents	616

Mayor Marton reported to Council:

- 2022 Annual Fire Arms Training is complete with the exception of 1 officer
- 2 Defensive/ Control Tactics will be taught this year to all officers
- Once Fall Arrives, we would like to start up the Community Watch Program
- CPR / First Aid / AED recertification is complete with the exception of 2 officers

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Jason Russell

Jason Russell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jason Russell made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of July, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (208717 to 208823) totaling \$1,538,810.10. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	9,850.25
Solid Waste	General Fund	123,645.88
Capital Projects	General Fund	1,081,233.30
Post Retirement	General Fund	1,755.84
Fire Fund RVFC	General Fund	1,214.80
Fire Fund WOVFC#1	General Fund	1,584.70
Total Transfers		\$1,219,284.77

Jason Russell made a motion to approve a check in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 payable to Rainbow Volunteer Fire Company from the Fire Fund (RVFC) for the use of truck payments for the new fire truck for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. (This request was submitted in writing by RVFC.) Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Lorree Scharritter**

Lorree Scharritter made a motion to enter into a two-year contract with Kevin J. Cain for Wildlife Control Services, in the amount of \$800.00 per month contingent upon proof of insurance and the Solicitor's approval. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Announcements:**

- Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Collection drop off program is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Borough Building. You must register on line or by calling 412-567-6566. This is a pay as you go program and information is available on our website and at the Borough office.
- Allegheny County Health Department is currently performing a Rabies Drop Program.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Ms. Julie Opferman

Announcements:

- White Oak Borough 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 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's Fall Yard Sale will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8am – 3pm.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** Ms. Lorree Scharritter

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

Next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:** Jason Russell

Councilman Russell wanted to commend Officers Haines and Detective Bell with assisting a resident with a call.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Mr. George Pambacas

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

Councilman Pambacas wanted to inform everyone that White Oak Borough is accepting applications for the Public Works Department,

**PERSONNEL:** Charles Davis

No Report

**TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS:** Charles Davis

Julie Opferman made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for July 2022. Lorree Scharritter 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 61571 through 61582, dated July 20, 2022 totaling \$41,086.50. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion to approve Pay Request #3 in an amount of \$249,887.38 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. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion to approve entering into agreement with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$36,230.00 for the installation of the Public Works Fire Alarm Installation Project contingent upon final approval from the PA DCED under the Keystone Communities Program and our Solicitor. (This project is supported by a \$30,000 grant from Senator Brewster and is contracted under the State Costars Joint Purchasing Program.) George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:** Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

**RESOLUTION #2022-20**

Julie Opferman made a motion to Approve that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 460-P-147 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. (This project is in cooperation with the County of Allegheny and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program) George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**RESOLUTION #2022-21**

Julie Opferman 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. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**RESOLUTION #2022-22**

George Pambacas made a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, approving the listed Subdivision / Consolidation plan requests for time extensions. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilman George Pambacas announced that the White Oak Senior Activity Meeting Schedule for the month of September 2022 is available and list the scheduled activities for the month.

Mayor Marton thanked the Public Works Department and Michelle Gessner for their work on White Oak's Community Day, August 6, 2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

- September 12, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- September 19, 2022, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
  - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT:** Julie Opferman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Palyo*

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John Palyo  
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

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Date Approved by Council