

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of January 16, 2023, 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
Lou Bender
Joelle Harbert
Julie Opferman
George Pambacas
Jason Russell
Lorree Scharritter

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

Ashley Puchalski, Borough Solicitor
Kenneth Hillman, Borough Engineer
John Palyo, Borough Manager
MaryAnn Winemiller Administrative Asst.

MINUTES: George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes for the December 19th & December 28, 2022 Council Meetings. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Ashley Puchalski
None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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: Charles Davis
None

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

Arrests: (13 adults / 0 juvenile)	13
Burglary	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving While Operating Privilege is Suspended	1
Drug Offenses	1
Firearms not to be Carried Without a License	1
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Terroristic Threats	1
Theft	5
Summary Traffic Violations	58
Total Incidents	510

Mayor Marton announced that the borough is bringing back the Crime Prevention Program More information to follow.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Jason Russell

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

Jason Russell made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of December, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (209319 to 209426) totaling \$595,277.63. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jason Russell made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of December. Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	9,042.43
Solid Waste	General Fund	40,831.78
Capital Projects	General Fund	6,863.50
Post Retirement	General Fund	107.80
Fire Fund (RVFC)	General Fund	175.00
Fire Fund (WOVFC#1)	General Fund	175.00
Total Transfers		\$57,195.51

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Lorree Scharritter

Lorree Scharritter made a motion to authorize payment to Kevin Cain, for Wildlife Control Services, in the amount of \$800.00 for the month of December. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Ms. Julie Opferman

Announcements:

White Oak Borough 75th Anniversary Committee planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building. Anyone who is interested in helping with the celebration are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Councilwoman Opferman announced the WOAA Spring Craft Show is April 1, 2023

White Oak Senior Citizens Update: George Pambacas

- Coffee Hour
- Yoga Class
- January 11th – Guest Speaker Paul Falavolito at 1:00pm

PLANNING AND ZONING: Ms. Joelle Harbert

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

Louis Bender made a motion to authorize the purchase of two new 2023 Dodge Charger Pursuit Model LDEE48 AWD vehicles from Jim Shorkey Auto Group under the State COSTARS program Contract #013-247 for the total cost of \$ 95,565.40 and authorize the President and Borough Manager to execute all paperwork on behalf of the Borough. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Louis Bender made a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the McKeesport Area School District for the implementation of a BusPatrol Enforcement Program and authorize the President and Borough Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough. (This program partners with our Police Department for the enforcement of the stop arm signal arm enforcement system on each school bus within the district. This program is designed to catch drivers who do not stop for the signal arm.) Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. George Pambacas

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

George Pambacas made a motion to accept the price quote from Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC under the Costars Program Contract #16 for the installation of 200 LF of Cured-In-Place Pipe liner in a 24" storm sewer for a cost of \$ 39,000.00 and authorize the Borough Manager to execute all paperwork on behalf of the Borough. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to accept a proposal from Aqua Pool, Inc. to remove and replace the pool filter media in an amount of \$ 15,000.00 and authorize the Borough Manager to execute all paperwork on behalf of the Borough. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Pambacas wanted to commend Don Kudas and his wife for walking street by street and picking up trash throughout the borough.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis
None

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS: Charles Davis

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Ken Hillman

Joelle Harbert made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report and pay the fees due to Senate Engineering Company for Invoices 62359 through 62367, dated December 20, 2022 totaling \$10,400.10. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Ashley Puchalski
No Report

Julie Opferman made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoices 38275 through 38282, dated January 13, 2023 totaling 2,850.00. Lorree Scharritter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Ashley Puchalski

RESOLUTION #2023-01

Joelle Harbert 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 #2023-02

Joelle Harbert made a motion to approve a Resolution of Council of the Borough of White Oak authorizing the disposition of certain records. 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 and are open to the Public)

- February 13, 2023, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- February 20, 2023, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
 - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Julie Opferman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm Joelle Harbert seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council