

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of May 17, 2021 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our meeting was held at the White Oak Community Center located at 1796 Lower Heckman Road, White Oak, PA. Public access to this meeting was granted following mask and social distancing requirements.

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
Charles Davis
Julie Opferman
Joseph Nagy
George Pambacas
Kenneth Robb
Lou 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 of the April 19, 2021 Council Meeting. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patricia McGrail announced that prior to the Council meeting on May 17, 2021 and at Council Workshop meeting on May 10, 2021 Council had an Executive Sessions to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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: Charles Davis

No Report

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

Arrests: (11 adults / 0 juvenile)	11
Assault	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Drug Offenses	1
DUI	1
Harassment	2
Public Drunkenness	3
Theft	1
Summary of Traffic Violations	58
Total Incidents	644

The Mayor announced that in accordance with the Governor's order issued on May 13, 2021, the Borough of White Oak Office of Emergency Management has made the recommendation to lift the local disaster declaration on June 1, 2021 at 12:01 AM. Under my authority, we will lift the local disaster declaration as recommended.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Julie Opferman

Julie Opferman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2021. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion approving Check Register for the month of April, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (206973 to 207084) totaling \$802,177.33. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of April. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	96,075.46
Solid Waste	General Fund	40,205.24
Post Retirement	General Fund	109.10
Capital Projects	General Fund	3,267.00
Fire Fund – RVFC	General Fund	258.52
Fire Fund – WOVFC#1	General Fund	160.22
Total Transfers		\$140,075.54

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: George Pambacas presented the health, environment and cable report.

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 April 2021. Julie Opferman 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 \$1,200.00 for services in the month of April. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. President Charles Davis requested a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: George Pambacas, Julie Opferman, Chuck Davis, Joseph Nagy, Louis Bender

No Votes: Kenneth Robb

Motion was approved with five (5) yes votes and one (1) no vote.

George Pambacas made a motion to satisfy the following liens as paid in full. Julie Opferman Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lot & Block	Lien Number
460-K-103	GD-19-003586
461-F-352	GD-19-002304
461-L-41	GD-16-004540 GD-19-004036
549-R-74	GD-16-004548 GD-19-003740
550-P-121	GD-19-003805
650-G-329	GD-19-002175

George Pambacas asked Mayor Ina Marton to make the following announcement: The Rabies Clinic in partnership with the White Oak Animal Safe Haven is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Municipal Public Works Garage. Resident rate is \$5.00, proof of residency is required. Non-Resident rate is \$10.00. We will follow established COVID-19 Restrictions.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman

Announcements:

Heritage Hill Swimming Pool is scheduled to open on Monday, May 31st. Due to COVID restrictions, we will only be accepting Season Pass Holders only. There will be no daily admissions. Pre-sale of passes are scheduled on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19th & 20th from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Borough Building. Watch our website and Facebook page for any updates.

The American Legion is hosting the Annual Memorial Day Parade with the lineup beginning at 11:45 AM and the parade beginning at 12:30 PM with a memorial service following at the Legion.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy

The monthly permit/violation reports for April are available for review during normal business hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

Louis Bender made a Motion to approve a Conditional Offer of Employment to Candidate #1 on the current eligibility list, Brian Michael Shumaker, for the position of Police Officer. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Louis Bender made a Motion to approve a Conditional Offer of Employment to Candidate #2 on the current eligibility list, Patrick Allen Schmidt II, for the position of Police Officer in the event that Candidate #1 does not accept the employment offer. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Louis Bender made a Motion to accept a Bid from This N' That Maintenance for Lawn/Vegetation Services for Abandoned Properties and authorize the President and Borough Manager to execute a contract with said vendor, pending the Solicitor's approval of the agreement. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Kenneth Robb

The monthly reports for April are available for review during normal business hours.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to accept the retirement of Public Works Employee Larry Robertson as of June 1, 2021 and approve the payment of his post-retirement and accrued time benefits as per the collective Bargaining Agreement. Lou Bender seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis
No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS: Charles Davis

George Pambacas made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due. 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 59354, and 59384 through 59391, dated April 28 & 29, 2021, totaling \$25,425.00. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$65,885.40 submitted by Tresco Paving Corporation for the 2021 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.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$22,437.90 and Change Order #1 in an amount of \$431.00 submitted by Eveready Contracting, LLC for the 2021 Demolition 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

Kenneth Robb made a Motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoices #36991 through #36998 and #36884 dated May 12, 2021 totaling \$4,847.02. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

*Due to a Grant Application Deadline: Council voted to approve the following Resolution and ratify the action at tonight's Council meeting. Council Members in attendance at the Workshop meeting was Charles Davis, Julie Opferman, Joseph Nagy, Kenneth Robb, and George Pambacas. George Pambacas made a motion to adopt Resolutions #2021-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Opferman. It was unanimously approved.

Council to Ratify the following action for:

Kenneth Robb made a motion to ratify the following Resolutions #2021-13. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2021-13 - Authorized the filing of a Grant Application to the PA Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Authorization in an amount of \$ 249,262.50 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for their Heritage Hills Park Court Rehabilitations Project. (This is an 85%/15% matching grant with a \$43,987.50 local share.)

Kenneth Robb made a Motion to approve RESOLUTION #2021-14, which is 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. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meetings are subject to change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, please check or website for any updates.)

- June 14, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
- June 21, 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 7:48 PM. Joseph Nagy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council