

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of July 19, 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 7:34 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
George Dillinger

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

Patricia McGrail, Borough Solicitor
John Palyo, Borough Manager
MaryAnn Winemiller, Admin. Asst.

MINUTES: George Dillinger made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Council Meeting. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patricia McGrail announced that prior to the Council meeting on July 19, 2021 had an Executive Sessions to discuss 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:

Janet Spang – 1426 Ohio Avenue

Wanted to inform council of an abandon truck that has been sitting in the alley behind 1414 Ohio Avenue for a long time. Janet stated her efforts to work with the Code Enforcement Officer, and now after waiting a year or more she came to inform council of her frustrations and to see how to get the truck removed.

Deborah Kidd – 1423 Ohio Avenue

Deborah stated from having the road repaved, someone has tracked tar on to her 4-year-old concrete driveway, she has tried numerous cleaning options but non has worked. Deborah just would like to know how to remove the tar.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Charles Davis

No Report

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

Arrests: (3 adults / 0 juvenile)	3
Assault	1
Terroristic Threats	1
Trespass (Defiant)	1
Summary of Traffic Violations	58
Total Incidents	610

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: George Dillinger

George Dillinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2021. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion approving Check Register for the month of June, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (207174 to 207334) totaling \$605,358.25. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of June. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	8,145.95
Solid Waste	General Fund	42,973.10
Capital Projects	General Fund	67,163.70
Post Retirement	General Fund	6,650.27
Total Transfers		\$124,933.02

George Dillinger made a motion to reimburse Kristen Mazzuki for a cost not to exceed \$150.00, due to her car being towed during street paving work. George also stated he was only suggesting the reimbursement because there were no dates on the No Parking Signs the contractor posted. George Dillinger also stated that anyone else who had their vehicle's towed should be reimbursed also. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 June 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 \$200.00 for services in the month of June. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb asked the status of the contract with Sable Kennel, John Palyo, Borough Manager said he will contact Sable Kennel concerning the contract.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman

Announcements:

White Oak Borough Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 7th beginning at 11:00 AM and ending with fireworks at dark.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy

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

Joseph Nagy made a motion to grant a 30-day extension to the 90-day time frame listed in the PA Municipal Planning Code for subdivision approval for Lee Carmen Industries and the properties associated with 2040 Lincoln Way. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS: Kenneth Robb

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

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve the proposal submitted by Morgan Excavating, LP in the amount of \$31,377.40 for emergency repair of forty feet of 48" storm pipe in the entrance to Main Street and authorize the Borough Manager to sign any and all documents pertaining to this repair. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis

No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS: Charles Davis

George Dillinger made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for June 2021. Kenneth Robb 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 59678 through 59683, dated July 8, 2021, totaling \$32,296.35. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$16,164.85 submitted by BZ Construction, under Contract #1 - General as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical 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. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$35,749.80 including Change Order #1 in an amount of \$304.00 for adding Dormer Rakes at the Library submitted by Tennis Roofing, under Contract #2 - Roofing as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical 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.

George Dillinger made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$15,664.50 submitted by Merit Electrical, under Contract #4 - Electrical as part of the Borough Facilities, General, Roof, HVAC & Electrical 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. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 in an amount of \$182,943.00 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 authorize the Engineer to proceed with the necessary preparation for the proposed work as it pertains to the 2022 Borough Street Paving Program and Storm Water Projects with the site survey work for the Storm Sewer, Borough Complex and Heritage Hills Park Complex projects. Louis Bender seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

Solicitor McGrail reported that since April of 2021 her office has collected \$81,373.64 in delinquent Trash and Recycling Bills, Solicitor McGrail is requesting to take the 15 largest delinquent bills to the magistrate.

Kenneth Robb made a motion for Solicitor Pat McGrail's office to start proceedings at the Magistrate's office on the 15 largest accounts. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

RESOLUTION #2021-15

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 460-S-56 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). Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2021-16

George Dillinger made a motion to approve that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 460-S-57 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). Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kenneth Robb made a motion to terminate Employee 001 effective immediately. George Pambacas seconded the motion. Council President Charles Davis asked for a Roll Call on the vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: Julie Opferman, Chuck Davis, George Dillinger, Kenneth Robb, George Pambacas

No Votes: Joseph Nagy, Louis Bender

Motion was with Five (5) yes votes and Two (2) no votes.

Prior to his vote Councilman Louis Bender stated that he believed a corrective action plan should have been in place with ample time to complete.

Councilman George Pambacas stated that he believed that issue had been addressed.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to advertise for the Code Enforcement Position. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- August 9, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
- August 16, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
 - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

ADJOURNMENT: George Dillinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Kenneth Robb requested an Executive Session after the meeting

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council