

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of October 18, 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
Louis Bender
Charles Davis
Julie Opferman
George Pambacas
Kenneth Robb

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

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

MINUTES: Louis Bender made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Council Meeting. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Patricia McGrail announced that prior to the Council meeting on October 18, 2021, Council had an Executive Session 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:

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Chuck Davis

No Report

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

Arrests: (7adults / 0juvenile)	7
Disorderly Conduct	2
Drug Offenses	2
DUI	1
Theft	1
Unauthorized Use of an Automobile	1
Summary of Traffic Violations	59
Total Incidents	638

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: George Pambacas

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

George Pambacas made a motion approving Check Register for the month of September which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (207568 to 207694) totaling \$646,553.92. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	8,428.19
Solid Waste	General Fund	43,816.76
Capital Projects	General Fund	155,942.21
Post Retirement	General Fund	1,716.77
Fire Fund RVFC	General Fund	14,995.00
Fire Fund WOVFC#1	General Fund	14,995.00
Total Transfers		\$239,893.93

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: George Pambacas

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 September 2021. Kenneth Robb 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 \$800.00 for services in the month of September. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Louis Bender asked why we are paying \$200.00 per call for animal control services, he stated that \$200.00 per call is very expensive. Council discussed options and decided to have the Animal Control RFP put out to bid again. Borough Manager John Palyo said he would put the Ad in the Mon Valley paper again.

George Pambacas made a motion to satisfy the following liens as paid in full. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Lot & Block	Lien Number
650-S-244	GD 11-21833
	GD 19-2164
553-B-83	GD 10-23962
	GD 16-002421
650-H-92	GD 16-2702
552-P-183	GD 10-23955
461-P-96	GD 16-004501
461-S-144	GD 19-002153

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman
Announcements:

White Oak Borough Halloween Parade and Truck-and-Treat event will be held on Saturday, October 30th from Noon till 3:00 PM at Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church. Parade Line Up will begin at 11:30 AM.

White Oak Borough Trick or Treat will be on Sunday, October 31st form 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

White Oak Borough will also be hosting a House Decorating Contest, take pictures of you decorated house and email the pictures to Michelle Gessner at the Borough's Office.

Julie Opferman made a motion to allocate funds not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the WOAA Ballfields renovations and upgrades. Louis Bender seconded the motion.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to table the motion until council can look over all the Bids and Information provided at tonight's meeting. Councilman Robb said he is not against fixing the fields for the WOAA, but stated he would not vote on a motion without more time to review and know what he was voting on. Councilman Robb also stated he would also like the Finance Committee to look over the proposal. This motion died due to a lack of a second.

Council President Charles Davis asked for a Roll Call Vote:

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

No Votes: Kenneth Robb

Motion was approved with four (4) yes votes and one (1) no vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

Louis Bender made a motion to offer a conditional offer of employment for the next eligible candidate on the White Oak Civil Service Board's list. Kenneth Robb seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

PUBLIC WORKS: Kenneth Robb

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

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis

No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS:

Julie Opferman made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for September 2021. Louis Bender 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 as presented. Julie Oferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

June – Invoices 60006, 07, 08 & 09, dated September 28, 2021, totaling 6,389.70

July – Invoices 60005, 10, 11 & 12, dated September 28, 2021, totaling 36,015.70

August – Invoices 60013, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19, dated September 28, 2021, totaling 25,383.00. For a Grand Total of \$ 67,788.40

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 in an amount of \$33,437.79 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. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

Julie Opferman made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 in an amount of \$46,801.80 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. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #3 in an amount of \$132,620.40 submitted by Reno Brothers, Inc. under Contract #3 – HVAC and Plumbing 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.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 in an amount of \$98,379.70 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. 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 #37364, 37437, 38, 39, 40 & 41, dated October 15, 2021 totaling \$3,990.09. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor McGrail discussed the King's Headquarters site being developed into a Sonic Restaurant. Ms. McGrail gave an update on Delinquent Trash Billing which as of October 18, 2021 was over \$143,000.00 and her office has filed with the magistrate's office several delinquent bills that have not responded to her office.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

*Due to 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, Lou Bender, Julie Opferman, George Dillinger, Kenneth Robb, and George Pambacas. Kenneth Robb made a motion to adopt Resolutions #2021-19 as presented. The motion was seconded by George Pambacas. It was unanimously approved.

Kenneth Robb made a motion to Ratify the following action for approve Resolution #2021-19: To Authorizing the filing of a \$250,000 grant request under the GEDTF Program through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and approving the Steel Rivers COG Executive Director as appropriate signatory for all grant documents for the Long Run Streambank Stabilization – Phase 2 Project. (Ratification of this resolution will occur at the October 18th Council Meeting.) Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Meetings will remain at the Community Center while the Borough Building is under construction, please check our website for any updates.)

- November 8, 2021, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
- November 15, 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 7:57 PM. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council