

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of December 20, 2021 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:

Mayor Ina Marton
 Louis Bender
 Charles Davis
 George Dillinger
 Julie Opferman
 George Pambacas
 Joseph Nagy

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 November 15, 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 December 20, 2021, Council had an Executive Session to discuss legal matters pertaining to a contract.

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

Council President Charles Davis and Mayor Ina Marton recognized Councilman George Dillinger and Councilman Joseph Nagy by presenting a plaque to each of them for their years of service to the Borough of White Oak and thanked them for all the hard work they had put into their years of service. Councilman Kenneth Robb was unable to attend and receive his plaque.

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

Arrests: (12 adults / 3 juveniles)	15
Accidents Involving Damage to Attended Vehicles (Hit & Run)	1
Criminal Mischief	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
DUI	3
Forgery	1
Theft	4
Unauthorized Use of Automobile	1
Unlawful Dissemination of Intimate Image	1
Summary of Traffic Violations	52
Total Incidents	528

Mayor Marton discussed that our Police Department is working with the McKeesport Area School District to improve the school zone in an attempt to curb the speeding that is occurring around Francis McClure School. The Mayor received praise from MASD for Officer Liptak's efforts to curb speeding in that area.

Departmentwide our officers are participating in training opportunities from the Lexipol's Police One Academy. Also, our officers conducted our annual low light firearms training.

A new Police SUV Unit #126 was put into service.

The Toys for Tots collection site that the White Oak Police Department sponsors had a very successful season with collecting six large boxes of toys and two bicycles. This program has been managed by Vicki McNamee, Police Secretary for many years. A big Thank you to Vicki for a job well done.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: George Dillinger

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

George Dillinger made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of November, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (207803 to 207918) totaling \$700,796.52. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Dillinger made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of November. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	36,895.69
Solid Waste	General Fund	41,573.90
Capital Projects	General Fund	184,303.79
Post Retirement	General Fund	2,156.04
Fire Fund RVFC	General Fund	3,271.00
Fire Fund WOVFC#1	General Fund	2,467.00
Total Transfers		\$270,667.42

Councilman Dillinger informed council that the 2022 Draft General Fund Budget has been prepared, advertised and available for review to be adopted at a Special Meeting of Council on Wednesday, December 29th, 6:30 PM at the Borough Building. This draft budget reflects no tax increase.

Councilman Dillinger stated as this is his last public meeting, he would like to thank all the residents that supported him and wished the new council members the best of luck recognizing the 2 new council members that were in attendance.

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 November 2021. George Dillinger 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 November. (This is an hourly rate not a contractual rate for service.) Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Julie Opferman
Councilwoman Opferman announced the winners of the following:

Second Annual White Oak Brough Holiday Home Decorating Contest

- Best Traditional – Ella & Lyle Holsinger – 2221 Hemlock Drive
- Clark Griswold – Josh Shega – 604 McKee Road
- Buddy the Elf – Annie & Bill Bacon – 1630 California Avenue
- Kids’ Choice – Russell Morgan – 1612 Fawcett Avenue

White Oak Borough Gingerbread House Contest Winners

- Pre-K to 2nd grade – Willow Bouchard
- 3rd – to 6th grade – Nick Opferman
- 7th to 12th grade – Lilly Opferman
- Adult – Mary Gottschalk
- Family or Group – Jodi Kavka

PLANNING AND ZONING: Joseph Nagy: The monthly permit/violation report for November is available for review during normal business hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Louis Bender

Louis Bender made a motion to extend our current contract with South Versailles Township under the existing terms and condition of the agreement for Police Services for the year 2022 with the monthly rate remaining at \$ 1,100.00. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Charles Davis
The monthly reports for November are available for review during normal business hours.

PERSONNEL: Charles Davis: No Report

TAX COLLECTORS’ REPORTS:

George Dillinger made motion to accept the Tax Collectors’ Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for November 2021 (Refer to the separate attachment). George Pambacas 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 60319 through 60328, dated November 30, 2021 and totaling \$41,318.21. Julie Opferman Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 in an amount of \$71,741.02 submitted by Clearwater Construction, under the GEDTF Grant Center Street Extension Roadway Stabilization 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.

George Dillinger made a motion to approve Pay Request #6 in an amount of \$17,581.19 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 #5 in an amount of \$45,771.30 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. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Julie Opferman made a motion to award the Bid for the 2022 Borough Storm Sewer & Inlet Replacement Project to Pugliano Construction in the amount of \$849,000.00 and authorize the President and Borough Manager to execute all documents pertaining to the project as recommended by our Engineer. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was approved, however, Council Member George Dillinger obtained as this would be a 2022 expense and won't be on Council.

Julie Opferman made a Motion to authorize the Engineer to proceed with the preparation and filing of an application under the US Army Corps of Engineers for funding assistance to address streambank erosion issues along Long Run in White Oak and authorize the Borough Manager to sign on behalf of the Borough. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ken Hillman gave a progress report to council on the various projects that are still in process in the borough and estimated completion dates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

George Dillinger made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report and pay the fees due to McGrail & Associates, LLC for Invoices 36888, 37597, 598, 599, 601, 602, 605, 609 and 621, dated December 9, 2021 totaling \$4,670.00. Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor McGrail informed council that as of today her firm had collected \$171,000.00 in Delinquent. We currently they have 6 complaints at the District Justice's office for judgements on unpaid Solid Waste fees.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Patricia L. McGrail

RESOLUTION #2021-21

George Dillinger made a motion to authorize 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:

Councilman Pambacas stated that the MASD and Serra Catholic athletes got their start playing at the WOAA and that program has a lot of value to the community.

George Pambacas also wanted to thank George Dillinger, Joseph Nagy and Kenneth Robb for their years of service and dedication to the borough's residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(Meetings will be held at the Borough Building)

- Wednesday, December 29, 2021, 6:30 PM – Special Meeting of Council
- Monday, January 3, 2022, 7:00 PM – Swearing-In Ceremony / Council Reorganization Meeting

The Borough Office will be closed on December 24th and December 27th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and on December 31st in observance of the New Year's Holiday. Trash Collections in the borough will not be delayed in pick up, due to how the holidays fall this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council