

Oklahoma Borough Meeting
September 8th, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Joe Cali.

Roll call taken: Present: President Joe Cali, Vice President Adam Lockhart, Councilman Chuck Blair, Councilman Chris Glavan, Councilman John Knittel, Mayor Amy Blair, Solicitor Tim Miller (via telephone), Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Brenda Troup, Jessica Brett from L.S.S.E and Secretary Alecia Sherbondy.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS: Motion made by Mr. Blair to add the sink hole repair needed on Vista Drive to New Business. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS: Todd Sherbondy provided a brief update on the status of the DEP investigation of the standing water at the park entrance.

Cedric Stopansky voiced concerns with the condition of Vista Drive in front of his driveway. Mr. Lockhart has agreed to investigate the situation.

Doug Bruce asked questions regarding building setbacks.

Renee Lubik on behalf of the Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department – observe.

MINUTES: Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adopt the minutes from the August Council Meeting. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT: The Solicitor recommends an ordinance to have the per capita tax collected by Berkheimer.

Mr. Miller will review the sample ordinance for the recodification process.

Mr. Miller spoke with the solicitor of the M.A.W.C. regarding the street opening process and ordinance. There has been no further communication.

Motion made by Mr. Glavan to approve the solicitor's report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: A monthly report was provided to Council and Mayor.

The 2025 sanitary sewer repairs bid opening is scheduled for October 8th, 2025. The advertisement will go out this week.

The sanitary sewer – park improvements bid opening is scheduled for September 30th, 2025.

LSSE recommends payment to Holbein, Inc. in the amount of \$94,859.07 for Contract B of the 2025 Paving and Park Improvements Project. Payment of Contract A will be tabled until the October meeting.

A letter containing the OPC for a grant to purchase batting cages was sent to Mr. Blair.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to approve the engineer's report. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: There has been continued communication with PennDOT regarding speed binders on Hancock Avenue. The best location is being determined.

There is no update on repairs needed on Red Onion Hill and the storm drain on Orr Avenue that was presented to PennDOT by Representative Cooper's office.

Nora's Anorable Warrior's collected 1,129 pairs of pajamas for their 2024 campaign. Nora has collected over 5,500 pajamas over the years which were donated to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Fall Clean Up Day will be held at the Oklahoma Volunteer Company. This change will be noted on the borough website as well as in the fall newsletter. Mrs. Blair will post on Facebook.

Mrs. Blair was approached by a few borough residents requesting to form an events committee.

The final Movies in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. The movie will be the original Ghostbusters beginning approximately at 7:15 p.m.

The park paving project is complete. Residents have mentioned that the parking lot at the park looks wonderful. Thank you to Council for allowing this project to come to fruition, LSSE and Mr. Blair for their hard work and Councilman Blair for writing the grant.

Upcoming events in Oklahoma Borough; Movies in the Park – Saturday, October 4th @ 7:15 p.m.. Fall Clean-Up Day – Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Trick or Treat – Friday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Information on several upcoming events being held by State Representative, Jill Cooper, was provided.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the mayor's report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Copies of the report were provided to Council and Mayor.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to approve the zoning/code enforcement officer's report. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A 2023/2024 Liquid Fuels Audit was held Tuesday, August 19th. There were no findings.

In addition, a workers compensation insurance audit was held Tuesday, August 26th.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to approve the Secretary's report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The bank reconciliation for the period ending 8/31/2025 is as follows:

General Fund - \$178,760.10
Sewer Fund - \$366,805.48
Liquid Fuels - \$39,621.10
Special Road Fund - \$244,064.85

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the Treasurer’s report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT: The amount of taxes deposited in the month of August:

Wage - \$14,897.40

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve the Tax Collector’s report. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

READING OF THE BILLS: A copy of the bills was provided to Council and the Mayor.

Two additional bills were received: 1. LSSE in the amount of \$1,401.98 for engineering services relative to the Multimodal grant application. 2. DeBernardo, Antoniono, McCabe & Davis, P.C. in the amount of \$2,900.00 for legal services.

Motion made by Mr. Glavan to approve the bills. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS/SEWERS/SOLID WASTE: The majority of the 2025 Paving Project has been completed.

The issue with the sink hole repair on Vista Drive will be addressed under New Business.

FINANCE: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The committee is awaiting reimbursement for the street sign grant project. All paperwork has been submitted. The check is expected to arrive by the end of this week.

The pickle ball group would like to use the park pavilion for their yearend party. Mr. Blair will contact Jack this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCES: There are a few streetlights out in the borough. Two are on Orr Avenue. Mr. Blair will provide the Secretary with the locations.

HUMAN RESOURCES: None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: None.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Mr. Blair to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2025. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to table the Code Enforcement Officer discussion until the October meeting. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to rescind ordinance 15-304 truck traffic due to being unenforceable through PennDOT. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Discussion was held regarding the current ordinance.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to have the Solicitor draft documents necessary to rescind ordinance 15-304. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to advertise the ordinance to adopt the new ordinance book. Second by Mr. Lockhart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have the Solicitor draft an amended ordinance for section 24-202 of the borough ordinances. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to table the Union Contract discussion until the October meeting. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Blair to table the Solicitation Permit discussion until the October meeting. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Mr. Glavan and Brenda Troup discussed the form on the website to contact the zoning/code enforcement officer. A new email address for Brenda has been established. The website link for contacting the zoning/code enforcement officer will now function properly. The directory on the website has also been updated with the zoning/code enforcement officer's new email address.

The cameras at the park are still non-operational. Mr. Glavan plans to work on them this week.

Mr. Glavan has not researched the keypad lock for the pavilion at the park but will soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Mr. Blair to pass a resolution for the LSA 4 grant in the amount \$54,050.00 to be used to purchase 2 batting cages. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

Oklahoma Borough was not awarded the Peoples, Parks and Community grant.

Senator Joe Pittman would like a tour of Oklahoma Borough Park. Mr. Blair will let everyone know when the visit is scheduled.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to approve payment in the amount of \$94,859.07 to Holbein, Inc. for the park paving project. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to have LSSE survey and assess the sink hole that has appeared on Vista Drive. Once the assessment is performed LSSE will then seek contractors to repair due to safety concerns. Second by Mr. Knittel. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cedric Stopansky asked questions regarding building permit requirements. Mr. Stopansky also thanked Council for paving the parking area at the park. He feels that the parking lot looks very nice.

Motion made by Mr. Knittel to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Blair. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Joseph Cali, President

Alecia Sherbondy, Secretary