BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of Monday, August 10, 2026 - 6:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Loree Scharritter called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Meeting attendance:

Elected Officials:
- Loree Scharritter, President
- Charles Davis
- Amanda DePaulis
- Brian Dinkfelt
- Janice Kortz
- George Pambacas
- Amy Sotereanos

Borough Staff and Professional Services:
- Ashley Puchalski, Borough Solicitor
- Amber Yon, Borough Engineer
- MaryAnn Winemiller, Administrative Assistant
- John Palyo, Borough Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

GUEST SPEAKER(s): Dave Seropian, Vice-President and Michael Gleason Jr, Assistant Vice President from MGI Risk Management to discuss proposals related to Workers' Compensation insurance

General Discussion occurred on the following items:

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Amber Yon
- Heritage Hill Park Pickleball Court Project update
- MS4 Program update
- GEDTF Walking Trail Project update
- 2026 Paving program update – Update
- Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Open 2/1 – 5/31/26: • Resolution and Letter committing match
- PA Small Water & Sewer Grant - $200,000 grant for cleaning and televising the Boroughs storm sewer system – phase 1
- GEDTF $105,000 grant for the Veteran's Memorial Development Project
- Other Grant Opportunities
- Discussion on amending Parks Rules and regulations and Signage for play equipment

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Ashley J. Puchalski
- 0 Fawcett Avenue L&B 551-E-293
- WOAA revised Lease Agreement
- MASD MOU regarding Heritage Hill Park as a sheltering facility
- Items that would require an Executive Session

MANAGER'S REPORT – John Palyo

Discussion Points:

- MRM Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust
  - WC Claims - ongoing
  - Motion to Approve new carrier
  - Safety Committee Formation
- SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Rock Salt Re-Bid for the 2026-2027 season - Update

- 2025 Audit
    - Preparation / Book Minders
- WOCSC
    - Proceeding with Promotional Testing
- WOPW
    - Collective Bargaining Negotiations –
    - LRB Hearing preparation
- Health Benefits – Follow up training opportunities for employees
- HHP Pool
    - Concession Stand – Grease Trap – Waiver Application
- Educational Drive and Longvue Drive Speed Limit Signs
- Pickle Ball Court and Play Equipment Signs
- Solid Waste Billing – Keystone Collections Group –Delinquents
- MASD MOU regarding Heritage Hill Park as a sheltering facility
- Request to Rename Litman Lane

Review of the draft agenda for our next Council Meeting: (August 17th)

MAYOR'S REPORT – Ina Marton
- Monthly Statistical Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Loree Scharritter

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – Charles Davis, Chair
- Treasurer's Report
- Workers' Compensation Insurance Proposals
- Schedule a 2027 Budget Meeting

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CABLE AND TECHNOLOGY: Janice Kortz, Chair
- Website and Email Redesign Project Update

PARKS AND RECREATION – Amy Sotereanos, Chair
- Monthly Meetings
- 2026 Pool Season Update
- 2026 Community Day Post Event Comments
- Veterans Memorial Project
    - Buy a Brick Campaign
- George Pambacas – White Oak Senior Citizens Update
- Loree Scharritter – White Oak Athletic Association Update – Lease agreement

PLANNING, ZONING AND CODES: Amanda DePaulis, Chair
- Monthly Report
- MAP Grant Project Update – Project was awarded a $ 50,000 grant
    - Pay Request
    - 9/9 Open House, 6 pm at the Community Center
- LGA Internship Program Summary

PUBLIC SAFETY – Brian Dinkfelt, Chair

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS: George Pambacas, Chair
- Monthly Report

- Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Negotiations
- Paving: 2026 Program Update
- Chipping Program ends 8/27

PERSONNEL – Loree Scharritter, Chair

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORT – Loree Scharritter
- Monthly Report

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:
- **Tax Exoneration Resolution**
- **Police Pension Resolution**

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:
- **Steel Rivers COG:** Brian Dinkfelt
- **Library Board:** Mayor Ina Marton
- **ALOM / Borough's Association:** Loree Scharritter
- **Tri-COG Land Bank:** Brian Dinkfelt

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- **August 17, 2026**, **6:45 PM** – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
  7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

MINUTES: Available for Approval:
- July 13, 2026, Council Workshop Meeting
- July 20, 2026, Council Meeting
- July 29, 2026, Special Meeting of Council

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 8:26 PM to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining, and pending litigation. Council exited Executive Session at 9:10 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Loree Scharritter, President adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

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Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council