BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of August 17,2026 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Loree Scharritter called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Loree Scharritter

ROLL CALL: Loree Scharritter requested the roll call. In attendance was:

Elected Officials:
- Mayor Ina Marton
- Loree Scharritter, Council President
- Brian Dinkfelt
- Janice Kortz
- George Pambacas
- Amy Sotereanos

Borough Staff and Professional Services:
- Ashley Puchalski, Borough Solicitor
- Jason Binder, Chief of Police
- John Palyo, Borough Manager
- MaryAnn Winemiller, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES: George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 13,2026 Workshop Meeting, July 20,2026 Council Meeting and July 29 2026 Special Meeting of Council. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Ashley Puchalski
Prior to tonight's meeting in Executive Session Council discussed Personal Matters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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.

Kimberly Rusu – 1814 Ohio Avenue
Ms. Rusu came to Council to express her concern about the amount of increase traffic from Electric Bikes and Scooters on her street and in the borough. She has witnessed the operators not stopping at Stop Signs, Speeding and basically not adhering to any traffic laws. This is occurring at all hours of the day and night, her suggestion was removeable Speed Bumps to be placed around the borough to slow down the traffic. Council stated they are aware of the growing problem and are looking at possible solutions.

GUEST SPEAKER:
None

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Ina Marton
Mayor Marton provided the Police Activity Report for July 2026

Alarm Calls both Business and Residential	17
Warrant Arrests	6
Total Traffic Stops	72
Traffic Citations Issued	40
Vehicle Accidents	22
Domestic Related Incidents	14
Welfare Checks	21
Animal Complaints	13
Total Criminal Arrests: (including warrants)	12
Simple Assault - 1	
DUI - 1	
Drug Related - 2	
Public Drunkenness - 1	
Cruelty to Animals - 1	
Hit and Run - 1	
Endangering the Welfare of Children - 1	
Harassment - 1	
~~Total Reportable Incidents~~	~~359~~

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Loree Scharritter
No Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
FINANCE: George Pambacas
George Pambacas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2026. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of July, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (53131 to 53261) totaling $723,141.63. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of July. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	9,199.68
Solid Waste	General Fund	72,676.43
Capital	General Fund	22,558.27
Total Transfers		$ 104434.38

George Pambacas made a motion to accept the proposal from MGI Risk Management Inc. for Workers' Compensation Insurance from Encova Insurance at a cost of $ 114,181.00 for the renewal period of October 1,2026 to September 30, 2027, and authorize the President and Borough Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the Borough. Jan Kortz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Janice Kortz
No Report

PARKS AND RECREATION: Ms. Amy Sotereanos

Announcements:
Councilwoman Sotereanos thanked everyone who participated (All Vendors, Police, and the Volunteers) for making Community Day a success.

Councilwoman Sotereanos also informed everyone of the Pool Hours till the end of the season.

Veteran's Memorial Project – Buy a Brick Campaign is still active. Please go to our website for more details and ordering instructions.

White Oak Senior Citizens Update: Mr. George Pambacas
Mr. Pambacas reviewed some of the scheduled Events:
August & September Schedule:
Art Class – Wednesday 08/05/26 & 09/10/26 – 12:30pm
Yoga Class – August & September Every Monday & Wednesday – 11:00am
Coffee Hour – Thursday – 08/13 & 08/27 – 9:30am
Free Exercise Class – 09/08/26 – 8 Weeks of Class
Cardio Drumming – 09/22/26 – 1:00pm – 10 weeks of classes
Fit & Balance – 09/24/26 – 11:30am – 10 weeks of classes
Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – 08/13 – 1:00pm
Guest Speaker – Elizabeth Kocis – Topic will be Health Initiatives
Trips
Pittsburgh Belairs – 09/16/26 – 1:00pm
Cuyahoga Train Trip – 09/17/26

White Oak Athletic Association Update: Ms. Loree Scharritter
The WOAA is currently under Lease Negations.
Please visit the WOAA Web Site for a complete list of all activities

PLANNING AND ZONING: Mr. Brian Dinkfelt
Councilman Dinkfelt presented the monthly permit/violation report for June and July highlighting Permits and Citations for the 2 months.

White Oak & South Versailles Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Project
A meeting for the General Public will be held September 9, 2026 – Community Center – 6pm

Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to approve Pay Request #4, dated 08/7/2026, submitted by Environmental Planning and Design in the amount of $4,202.35 for the White Oak & South Versailles Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Project, as recommended by the Steering Committee and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. Amy Soteranos seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to a 90-day extension for the previously approved Lee Carmen Industries subdivision plan involving tax parcels 552-C-175 and 552-B-175 with a simple lot line adjustment as recommended by the Planning Commission. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Brian Dinkfelt
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to enter a Memorandum of Understanding for a Sheltering and Reunification Facility located at Heritage Hill Park with the McKeesport Area School District authorize the Council President and Borough Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the Borough. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Dinkfelt wanted to say Thank you to the Police, Volunteer Fire Fighters, EMS and the Vendors for making Community Day successful and safe.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. George Pambacas
Councilman Pambacas presented the July 2026 Public Works report. The report is available for review during normal business hours at the borough building. Councilman Pambacas reviewed highlights from the report.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Loree Scharritter
No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORTS: Ms. Loree Scharritter
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for June 2026 (Refer to the separate attachment). Amy Soteranos seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEERS' REPORT: No Report
George Pambacas made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Ashley Puchalski
No Report
Ms. Puchalski thanked Councilwoman Amanda DePaulis for inviting her to attend the Blight Committee Meeting, Ms. Puchalski said she was excited to see the enthusiasm within the board participants.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Ashely Puchalski

RESOLUTION #2026-29
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to approve a Resolution 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.

RESOLUTION #2026-30
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to approve a Resolution of the Council of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing Compliance with Act 21 Of 2026; authorizing an Actuarial Analysis of the Uniform Pension Plan; authorizing the Payment of a "Special Ad Hoc Postretirement Payment" as necessary; and authorizing the Amendment of the Borough's Uniform Pension Plan as appropriate. Amy Soteranos seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Council President Scharritter; stated that on August 14th Mayor Marton, Michelle Gesner and herself attended the Veteran' Memorial Picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Meetings will be held at the Borough Building and are open to the Public)
- September 14, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- September 21, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
    - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: George Pambacas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55PM. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

John Palyo

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Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council