BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of February 9, 2026 7:30 PM
Special Meeting of Council

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
Charles Davis
Amanda DePaulis
Brian Dinkfelt
Janice Kortz
George Pambacas
Amy Sotereanos

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

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.
None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Mr. Charles Davis

Presentation of the 2026 Budget for the following funds:

- General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund, Fire Fund, Non-Uniformed Pension Fund, Uniformed Pension Fund, and Post Retirement Fund

Charles Davis presented a brief overview of the 2026 budget. The 2026 budget was reopened, reviewed and no changes were made.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Ashley Puchalski

Charles Davis made a motion to adopt a Resolution #2026-08 of the Borough of White Oak, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, adopting a budget for the fiscal year 2026. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to adopt a Resolution #2026-09 of the Borough of White Oak, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year of 2026 and fixing the tax rate for the year 2026. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Brian Dinkfelt

Brian Dinkfelt made a Motion to accept the retirement of Police Officer Ken Wehrli effective as of February 8, 2026 and approve the payment of his accrued time benefits as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Brian Dinkfelt made a Motion to approve a Conditional Offer of Employment to Ignatius Bondi with a final ranking of #7 on the Civil Service Commission's Certified List as an Entry Level Police Officer for the White Oak Borough Police Department. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor and Council thanked Officer Ken Wehrli for his years of service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Meetings will be held at the Borough Building and are open to the Public)

- February 16, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
    - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
- Following the adjournment of this Special Meeting of Council, we will reconvene our regular scheduled workshop meeting of February 9th located in the conference room.

ADJOURNMENT: Amanda DePaulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council