BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of Monday, July 13, 2026 - 6:45 PM

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

Meeting attendance:

Elected Officials:
Mayor Ina Marton
Loree Scharritter, President
Charles Davis
Amanda DePaulis
Janice Kortz
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:

David Seropian, 2514 White Tail Lane – discussed an interest by Council to consider proposals for Workers Compensation Insurance coverage.

GUEST SPEAKER(s): None

General Discussion occurred on the following items:

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Amber Yon

- Heritage Hill Park Pickleball Court Project update
  - Pay Requests – Motions on the agenda
- Demolition Project pay request
- MS4 Program update
- GEDTF Walking Trail Project update
- 2026 Paving program update – Bid Opening and Motion to award
- 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

- No report other than items that would require an Executive Session

MANAGER'S REPORT – John Palyo

Discussion Points:

- MRM Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust
  - WC Claims - ongoing
  - Provisional Membership Resolution
  - Safety Committee Formation
- Request to Rename Litman Lane
- SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Rock Salt for the 2026-2027 season - Update
- AC VPRP – One Property - Resolution

- 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
- Administrative Office Computers (5)
- Zipline Repair Parts

Review of the draft agenda for our next Council Meeting: (July 20th)

MAYOR'S REPORT – Ina Marton
- Monthly Statistical Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Loree Scharritter
- Discussion of Recognitions (Police & Pool Staff)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – Charles Davis, Chair
- Treasurer's Report
- Discussion on the MRM WC Trust – requested more information

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CABLE AND TECHNOLOGY: Janice Kortz, Chair
- Demolition Project Status
- Website and Email Redesign Project Update – Course Vector started the project

PARKS AND RECREATION – Amy Sotereanos, Chair
- Monthly Meetings
- 2026 Pool Season Update
- 2026 Events
    - Lincoln Way Long Table
    - Community Day
- Community Center
- Veterans Memorial Project
    - Buy a Brick Campaign project update
- George Pambacas – White Oak Senior Citizens Update
- Loree Scharritter – White Oak Athletic Association Update
    Discussion on the need for a new Lease Agreement with the Association

PLANNING, ZONING AND CODES: Amanda DePaulis, Chair
- Monthly Report
- MAP Grant Project Update – Project was awarded a $ 50,000 grant
    - Pay Requests
    - Project Update
- LGA Internship Program Update
- Blight Committee Update

PUBLIC SAFETY – Brian Dinkfelt, Chair

- Organization of a meeting with all Department Chiefs – meeting follow up

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS: George Pambacas, Chair

- Monthly Report
- Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Negotiations
- Paving: 2026 Program and Borough-Wide Evaluation Results

PERSONNEL – Loree Scharritter, Chair

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TAX COLLECTORS' REPORT – Loree Scharritter

- Monthly Report

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:

- **Tax Exoneration Resolution**
- **GEDTF 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:

- **July 20, 2026**, **6:45 PM** – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
  7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

MINUTES: Available for Approval:

- June 8, 2026, Council Workshop Meeting
- June 15, 2026, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 7:58 PM to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining, and pending litigation. Council exit
ed Executive Session at 9:09 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Loree Scharritter, President adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

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Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council