BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of July 20,2026 7:30 PM
Council Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Loree Scharritter called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

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

MINUTES: George Pambacas made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 8,2026 Workshop Meeting and June 15,2026 Council Meeting. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Ashley Puchalski
Prior to tonight's meeting in Executive Session Council received Legal Advice and after tonight's Meeting there will be an Executive Session to discuss Personal Matters.

PROCLAMATIONS:
Mayor Marton gave a Proclamation to The Daughters of Revolution supporting the semi-twin centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Mayor Marton also wanted to recognize the Staff of the Heritage Hill Pool with Proclamations for a medical incident that occurred June 3,2026 at the pool and for their professional actions that day. Mr. Ken Medved wanted to say a Thank you to Mayor Marton, Council, John Palyo and the Staff, EMTs, Police Department & Private Citizens for their quick and professional response to this incident. Mr. Medved than read an Irish Blessing and gave a small token of his appreciation to his responders.

Police Chief Jason Binder recognized Officer Martell Fontaine as the acting supervisor the day of the incident and his calmness under pressure during the incident.

Members of Council and Mr. Brian McClain also recognized the entire staff of the pool for their professional response and said how proud they are of the pool staff.

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.

Barbara Harvey – 1114 Monongahela Avenue
Ms. Harvey wanted to convey to council the road condition of Division Alley Way, the patching that has been done is not holding up very well and it needs to receive more than patches; it needs completely repaved.

Kevin Resnick – 463-H-369 Long Run Road Property – 2410 James Street, McKeesport, PA 15132
Mr. Resnick discussed the growth and needs of the White Oak Athletic Associations and wanted to express the continuing need for the Borough of White Oak to support the organization financially.

GUEST SPEAKER:
None

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

Alarm Calls both Business and Residential	20
Warrant Arrests	2
Total Traffic Stops	71
Traffic Citations Issued	23
Vehicle Accidents	14
Domestic Related Incidents	13
Welfare Checks	14
Animal Complaints	15
Total Criminal Arrests: (including warrants)	11
Simple Assault - 2	
Drug Related - 3	
Disorderly Conduct - 2	
Theft - 1	
Criminal Trespass - 2	
Harassment - 3	
~~Total Reportable Incidents~~	~~359~~

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Loree Scharritter
No Report

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:
FINANCE: Mr. Charles Davis
Charles Davis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2026. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charles Davis made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of June, which Includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (53014 to 53130) totaling $734,395.12. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charles Davis made a motion authorizing the following Interfund Transfers for the month of June 2026. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	81,515.21
Solid Waste	General Fund	145,162.15
Post Retirement	General Fund	8,415.35
Total Transfers		$ 235092.71

Charles Davis made a motion to appoint MGI Risk Management, Inc. as the Broker of Record for Workers' Compensation Insurance quotes from Encova Insurance and AmTrust Insurance. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Janice Kortz
Janice Kortz made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 Final submitted by Minniefield Demolition Services in the amount of $38,000.00 for the SRCOG - CD 50-3.11.3 - White Oak Demolition Project as recommended by the Borough Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. This project was funded by a CDBG Grant administered by the Steel Rivers COG in the amount of $35,000 and the Borough share will be $3,000.00. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Ms. Amy Sotereanos
Announcements:

Councilwoman Sotereanos thanked everyone who participated in the 1st Annual Lincoln Way Long Table Event. It was sponsored by 3 Churches and the White Oak Borough Recreation Committee.

Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Heritage Hill Park. Pool opens at 11:00 AM, vendors and activities begin at 2:00 PM, The Hoot Owls Band will perform from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, with Fireworks to follow. Other activities include Pool games, petting zoo, wild world of animals, moonwalk, cornhole tournament, children's activities at the Children's Corner from 2:00 to 6:00 pm and craft and food vendors. Check our website for details and updates.

Amy Sotereanos made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 submitted by Murn Incorporated in the amount of $38,250.00 for the Pickleball Court Development Project as recommended by the Borough Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amy Sotereanos made a motion to approve Pay Request #3 Final submitted by Murn Incorporated in the amount of $14,542.00 for the Pickleball Court Development Project as recommended by the Borough Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amy Sotereanos made a motion to approve invoice #10039 dated; June 2, 2026, submitted by Snider Recreation Inc. in the amount of $14,421.62 for equipment and the installation of items for the Pickleball Court Development Project as recommended by the Borough Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. (This was an approved COSTARS purchase). George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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:
It will be a light July schedule
Chair Yoga – Mondays, Wednesdays –11:00am – will continue in July
Coffee Hours will continue as available

August Schedule:
Art Class – Wednesday 08/05/26 – 12:30pm
Yoga Class – Every Monday & Wednesday – 11:00am
Coffee Hour – Thursday – 08/13 & 08/27 – 9:30am
Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – 08/13 – 1:00pm
Guest Speaker – Elizabeth Kocis – Topic will be Health Initiatives

White Oak Athletic Association Update: Ms. Loree Scharritter
Baseball for Tots sold out in 2 days
Baseball & Softball Sign Ups until 08/11/26
3 on 3 Basketball is till the end of the month
Softball Clinics – Monday & Wednesday evenings – You can sign up in person
Please visit the WOAA Web Site for a complete list of all activities

PLANNING AND ZONING: Ms. Amanda DePaulis
No Report
Councilwoman DePaulis provided an update on the White Oak & South Versailles Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Project. The Steering committee has been meeting for the last few months; we are making good progress on the Comprehensive Plan. We would like everyone to save the date for September 9, 2026 – Steering Committee Meeting at Community Center, 6pm.We will announce what is in the Comprehensive Plan and get Public Feedback.

Last month was the first time the Blight Committee met, it was largely an informational meeting. Ashley Puchalski was the Guest Speaker. The Blight Committee's next meeting is July 27,2026 at 6pm at the Borough Building.

Amanda DePaulis made a motion to approve Pay Request #1, dated 05/08/2026, submitted by Environmental Planning and Design in the amount of $7,227.75 for 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. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amanda DePaulis made a motion to approve Pay Request #2, dated 06/10/2026, submitted by Environmental Planning and Design in the amount of $6,876.08 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. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Amanda DePaulis made a motion to approve Pay Request #3, dated 07/10/2026, submitted by Environmental Planning and Design in the amount of $9,892.75 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. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Brian Dinkfelt
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to approve an agreement with Retirees from the Police Department regarding post-retirement health benefit insurance. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. George Pambacas
Councilman Pambacas presented the June 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
Charles Davis made a motion to accept the Tax Collectors' Reports and pay the commissions and fees due for June 2026 (Refer to the separate attachment). Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Report
Charles Davis made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Amanda DePaulis 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 Community participates.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Ms. Ashely Puchalski

RESOLUTION #2026-27
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to table Resolution #2026-27, Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania approving the requirements of a Provisional Membership as part of the Municipal Risk Management Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust**.** Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2026-28
Amanda DePaulis made a motion to approve that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 460-L-398 located at 302 Dome Street would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality. (This project is in cooperation with the County of Allegheny and the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program). Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Meetings will be held at the Borough Building and are open to the Public)
- August 10, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- August 17, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
    - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Amanda Depaulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council went into Executive Session after the Council Meeting to discuss personnel issues.

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council