BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of Monday, June 8, 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
- Brian Dinkfelt
- Janice Kortz
- George Pambacas

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): None

General Discussion occurred on the following items:

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Amber Yon, Robert Roach
- Heritage Hill Park Pickleball Court Project update
  - Pay Request #1 – Motion on the agenda
- 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
- Discussion on the Blighted properties
- Sheriff Sale on 612 Osbourne Street
- 1901 Vermont Property – purchase and rehabilitate
- Blight Committee 1st Meeting
- 0 Fawcett Avenue L&B 551-E-293

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
- Rotary Club Scholarship Golf Outing

- PLGIT Investment Adjustments
- SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Rock Salt for the 2026-2027 season - Update
- AC VPRP – Two Properties - Resolutions
- 2025-GEDTF-188 – Veteran's Memorial Project – New Resolution
- 2025 Audit
    - Preparation
    - Letter of Engagement
- WOCSC
    - Proceeding with Promotional Testing
- HHP Pool
    - Concession Stand – Lease agreement and grease trap authorization
- Zipline Repair Parts

Review of the **draft agenda for our next Council Meeting: (June 15th)**

MAYOR'S REPORT – Ina Marton
- Monthly Statistical Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Loree Scharritter
- Meeting with the McKeesport Area School District officials on June 15th at 11:00 AM

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE – Charles Davis, Chair
- Treasurer's Report
- PLGIT Investment adjustments
- Amanda DePaulis discussed the potential of moving various funds to PLGIT

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CABLE AND TECHNOLOGY: Janice Kortz, Chair
- Demolition Project Status
- Website and Email Redesign Project Update
- Brief discussion regarding the current trash/recycling collection contract

PARKS AND RECREATION – Amy Sotereanos, Chair
- Monthly Recreation Committee Meeting
- 2026 Pool Season Update
- Heritage Hill Park Rules and regulations for pickleball Court and Play Equipment
- 2026 Events
- 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

PLANNING, ZONING AND CODES: Amanda DePaulis, Chair
- Monthly Report
- MAP Grant Project Update – Project was awarded a $ 50,000 grant
    - Pay Request #1 – Motion to pay
- LGA Internship Program Update
- Savvy Citizen implementation

PUBLIC SAFETY – Brian Dinkfelt, Chair
- Organization of a meeting with all Department Chiefs
- Policy Revisions

- MASD DARE Graduation
- Thanks to officers and EMS for their support during the Memorial Day Parade

PUBLIC WORKS AND GROUNDS: George Pambacas, Chair
- Monthly Report
- Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Negotiations
- Paving: 2026 Program and Borough-Wide Evaluation Results – Motion to award pending bid results

PERSONNEL – Loree Scharritter, Chair – No Report

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORT – Loree Scharritter
- Monthly Report

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES:
- **Tax Exoneration Resolution**
- **VPRP Resolution – two separate properties**
- **Veteran's Memorial Contract Resolution – Revised version**
- **MRM provisional Membership Resolution**

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:
- **Steel Rivers COG:** Brian Dinkfelt
  - SRCOG is attempting to sell the electric street sweeper
- **Library Board:** Mayor Ina Marton – next meeting on Monday
- **ALOM / Borough's Association:** Loree Scharritter – no report
- **Tri-COG Land Bank:** Brian Dinkfelt – no report

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- **June 15, 2026**, **6:45 PM** – Council Workshop Meeting (Open to the Public)
  7:30 PM – Council Meeting (Open to the Public)

MINUTES: Available for Approval:
- May 11, 2026, Council Workshop Meeting
- May 18, 2026, Council Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered Executive Session at 8:48 PM to discuss personnel matters, collective bargaining, and pending litigation. Council exited Executive Session at 10:27 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Loree Scharritter, President adjourned the meeting at 10:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo

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Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council