BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of May 18, 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:	Borough Staff and Professional Services:
Loree Scharritter, Council President	Joe Carna, Borough Solicitor
Charles Davis	Amber Yon, Borough Engineer
Amanda DePaulis	John Palyo, Borough Manager
Brian Dinkfelt	MaryAnn Winemiller, Administrative Assistant
Janice Kortz	
George Pambacas	
Amy Sotereanos	

MINUTES: Chuck Davis made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 13, 2026 Workshop Meeting and April 20, 2026 Council Meeting. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Joe Carna
Prior to tonight's meeting in Executive Session Council discussed Personal and Current Legal Issues.

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.

Tracy Antonelli – 1612 Hill Street (Spoke with Council at pre-meeting workshop)
Ms. Antonelli expressed interest in developing a program that would provide opportunities to meet and have different programs for students with Special Needs outside of the school year. She asked is she could utilize the Community Center for the programming at no cost.

Don Hultberg – 115 Longvue Drive
Mr. Hultberg discussed the ongoing traffic issues in regard to Francis McClure School (Drop off & Pick up) from blocking lanes of traffic to speeding, he hopes that this could be resolved over the summer. Mr. Hultberg suggested to Council that perhaps a Committee should be formed to help resolve these issues and he would be happy to sit on the committee. Councilman Pambacas added that the same situation occurs on the other side of Francis McClure on Eisenhower Drive.

GUEST SPEAKER:
None
MAYOR'S REPORT: Ms. Loree Scharritter
Council President Loree Scharritter provided the Police Activity Report for April 2026

Alarm Calls both Business and Residential	17
Warrant Arrests	2
Total Traffic Stops	136
Traffic Citations Issued	57
Vehicle Accidents	21
Domestic Related Incidents	11
Welfare Checks	11
Animal Complaints	8
Total Criminal Arrests: (including warrants)	15
Retail Theft - 1	
Drug Related - 8	
Disorderly Conduct - 1	
Harassment - 1	
~~Total Reportable Incidents~~	~~359~~

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Loree Scharritter

Council President Scharritter Introduced Nick Stahlman, Community Conservation Coordinator from the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Stahlman gave an overview of the program. Mr. Stahlman presented an Official Bird Town Certificate to members of the newly formed Bird Town Committee and to present the borough with official Bird Town signs to be placed in the Borough to increase visibility throughout the community.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Mr. Charles Davis

Charles Davis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2026. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chuck Davis made a motion approving the Check Register for the month of April, which includes Electronic Fund Transfers and General Fund Checks in the following ranges (52781 to 52907and 100018) totaling $951,817.38. George Pambacas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

From	To	Amount
Liquid Fuels	General Fund	38,749.67
Solid Waste	General Fund	145,540.00
Post Retirement	General Fund	2,971.46
General Fund	Capital Fund	184,100.00
General Fund	Liquid Fuels Fund	243,292.14
Fire Fund - RVFC	General Fund	511.92
Fire Fund – WOVFC#1	General Fund	533.79
Total Transfers		$ 615698.98

Motion to accept the proposal from Maher Duessel Certified Public Accountants in the amount of $19,000.00 for the fiscal year ending 2025 audit report. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT AND CABLE: Ms. Janice Kortz

Announcements:

- White Oak Clean Up Day was very successful and we wanted to offer a Big Thank you to the Volunteers and the Businesses and Employees who donated to the event and a special Thank you Michelle Gessner for making our event successful.

- The Annual Rabies Clinic in partnership with the White Oak Animal Safe Haven is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Municipal Building Parking Lot. Resident rate is $5.00; proof of residency is required. Non-Resident rate is $10.00. Additional information is available on our website.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Ms. Amy Sotereanos

White Oak Pool Opens for the 2026 season on Monday, May 25th 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

- We will be hosting two more pool pass presale dates on May 20th and 21st from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.
- From May 25th through June 7th there will be no daily admission to the pool. This time period will be designated for Season Pass Holders Only.

White Oak American Legion Post 701 Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th beginning at 12:00 PM

White Oak Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please contact Michelle at the Borough office to be placed on the list.

The White Oak VFC #1 Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th with a 9:00 AM Shotgun start at Butlers Golf Course. Cost is $125.00 per golfer with other sponsorship opportunities available. Contact 412-999-6943 for more information.

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

Amy Sotereanos made a motion to table the following motion to approve the issuance of a letter of support requested by Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church for their application to PennDOT for a Special Events Permit that would close a portion of Lincoln Way for the "Lincoln Way Long Table Event." Chuck Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

White Oak Senior Citizens Update: Mr. George Pambacas
Mr. Pambacas reviewed some of the scheduled Events:
Chair Yoga – Mondays, Wednesdays –11:00am
Monthly Meeting: Picnic, Wednesday June 10, 2026 – 1:00pm
Singer Jane West
The crimes, arrest & execution of Ted Bundy
Coffee Hour: Thursdays – 4th & 8th – 9:30am
Fit & Balance Class – Tuesday -1:45pm (Free) Last Session till September
Gentle Exercise – Tuesdays - 2:45pm (Free) Last Session till September
A complete listing of all activities can be found on the White Oak Seniors Facebook Page.

White Oak Athletic Association Update: Ms. Loree Scharritter
Baseball and Softball programs are in full effect. T-Ball program for the little ones has been very successful. Basketball 3 on 3 starts on June1, 2026, Registration is until May 20, 2026, you register by the grade you are going to next year the 2026 – 2027 School Year. Tickets for Kids Program has given 45 tickets for a Pirate Game at the end of June. The Association is waiting on a Grant from the Commonwealth to start up some new programs. Please visit the WOAA Web Site for a complete list of all activities

PLANNING AND ZONING: Ms. Amanda DePaulis

Councilwoman DePaulis presented the monthly permit/violation report for April 2026. The Report is available for review at the Borough Offices during normal business hours.

White Oak & South Versailles Joint Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Update Project
A discussion on the MAP Grant Surveys and the importance of Surveys for future planning. The next Map Steering Committee Meeting will be on May 13, 2026 at 6pm, here at the Borough Building.
Our Code Department Intern Leo Rosner started on Monday May 18,2026. If you have a chance please stop by and say Hi.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: Mr. Brian Dinkfelt
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 91 on behalf of the Police Department with regards to the Healthcare Benefits conditional upon ratification of the union. Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. George Pambacas
Councilman Pambacas presented the April 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.

George Pambacas made a motion to authorize the Engineer to advertise for bid the 2026 Borough Paving Program, which includes the paving of the following roadways: Oliver Drive, Center Street Extension (defined segments) and Henderson Road as an add alternate. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

George Pambacas made a motion to approve Change Order #1 as submitted by Murin Incorporated in an amount of $ 21,920.00 for the Heritage Hill Park Pickle Ball Court Development Project. Amanda DePAulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Loree Scharritter
None

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 April 2026 (Refer to the separate attachment). Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Amber Yon
Penn E&R continues to provide engineering support to White Oak Borough
Penn E&R has reviewed and approved the Change Order for Murin. For the Pickleball / Heritage Hill Pickle Board project
We will be Advertising for Public Bid the Borough's 2026 Paving Program
Reviewed and approved the 10% retainage to Guffy Construction on the demolition of the structure at 1139 California Avenue
There will be a motion for your consideration tonight, to apply for the Greenways / Trails Recreation Program Grant Program for the Heritage Hill Pool Locker Room improvement project
George Pambacas made a motion accept the Engineer's Report**.** Charles Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charles Davis made a motion to approve pay request #2 Final submitted by Guffey Construction in the amount of $1,320.00 for the demolition of the structure located at 1139 California Avenue as recommended by the Borough Engineer and authorize the Borough Manager to execute the pay request on behalf of the Borough. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Joe Carna
No report

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: Mr. Joe Carna
RESOLUTION #2026- 17
Brian Dinkfelt made a motion 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. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2026- 18
George Pambacas made a motion to adopt the authorized official Resolution that the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania hereby requests a PA Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant in the amount of $250,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the White Oak Borough Heritage Hill Park Pool ADA Improvements Project. (There is a 15% local match for the project, approximately $ 37,500.00.) Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2026- 19
Charles Davis made a motion to approve Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Appointing Persons to Serve as Blight Committee Community Liaisons and Providing for Term Limits for Community Liaisons. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2026- 20
George Pambacas made a motion to approve Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania authorizing implementation of revised and updated "Use of Force", "Conducted Energy Device", "Officer-Involved Shootings and Deaths", "Firearms", "Vehicle Pursuits", "Foot Pursuits", and "Officer Response to Calls" police policies prepared by the Chief of Police and the White Oak Borough Police Department. Chuck Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION #2026- 21
Charles Davis made a motion to approve Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania authorizing the sale of a 2016 Ford Taurus Sedan Interceptor to Lincoln Borough for $5,000.00. Amanda DePaulis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (Correction, the vehicle was a 2016 model year not a 2014)

RESOLUTION #2026- 22
Amanda DePaulis made a motion to approve Resolution of the Borough of White Oak, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania approving amendments to the Borough of White Oak's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. 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)
- June 8, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
- June 15, 2026, 6:45 PM – Council Workshop Meeting
    - 7:30 PM – Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Amanda DePaulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Brian Dinkfelt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

John Palyo

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council