

Council Meeting Minutes Summary

The meeting was called to order. New Council officials were sworn in. Oakdale police sergeants were sworn in. The minutes from the December meeting and Treasurer’s report were both motioned and carried. The following other motions were made and carried:

- Motion to reappoint zoning official.
- Motion to reappoint code official.
- Motion to reappoint engineer.
- Motion to reappoint solicitor.
- Motion to reappoint zoning solicitor.
- Motion to reappoint auditor.
- Motion to reappoint pension solicitor.
- Motion to reappoint newspaper.
- Motion to reappoint EMC.

A public hearing was held regarding commercial recreation as conditional use in the I-1 zoning district.

- Motion to adopt Resolution 1-2024 to increase the sewer rate by \$2.50 due to the increase from Alcosan.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 2-2024 to increase the water rate \$1.25 due to the increase from PA American Water.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 3-2024 to increase the refuse rate \$1.50 due to the increase from Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill.
- Motion to adopt Ordinance2024-1 amending the zoning ordinance to add commercial recreation as a conditional use in the I-1 zoning district.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 4-2024 to update borough fees.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 5-2024 to

- Increase the dumpster rates due to the increase from Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill.
- Motion to reappoint William Hartman Jr as Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Motion to amend the agenda.
- Motion to advertise for a hearing on conditional use.

Next Agenda meeting: Thursday, February 1st 6pm; Regular Public meeting 7pm.



Council President Retires

Mark "Max" Maximovich has ended his tenure with great accomplishments, integrity and has left behind some big shoes to fill. Max has been a council member, including holding office as the Council President, for 16 years. In his time in office, he has done so much for the Borough. Max spent countless hours fighting to get grants for community projections and water mitigation. He was always on top of flooding issues and trying to find help for Oakdale. Max was able to get the confluence cleaned with the help of State Representative Ortity. He lined the creek with riprap to alleviate some flooding. He developed relationship with other governmental officials that would understand the needs of Oakdale. You could always see his smiling face walking around town. He has a charismatic personality and is loved by all who encounter him. Max set an example for other council members to follow in leadership, hard work, and comradery. Max will be truly missed in the governmental dealings in Oakdale. We wish him the best of happiness and good luck on his future endeavors.



Office Closure

The office will be closed Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.

Code Violations

This is a reminder that the code official does drive throughs weekly in the Borough. Please make sure your sidewalks are clean of snow, ice, and other debris. No cars are to be parked in your yard. You must apply for a dumpster permit before obtaining one. Once the weather breaks, please be sure to maintain your lawn and grass/weed cutting. Clean up after your pet. Place trash in a trash receptacle and help keep our community clean. Keep the community safe by obeying all traffic signs and speed limit.

If you see anything of concern or possible violations, please contact the Borough Office. The office will notify the correct organization or official to address the issue.



Road Salt and Drinking Water

Roads and sidewalks are commonly treated with salt to keep them free of snow and ice. While salt is an effective method for de-icing these areas, it can negatively impact the environment. Excess salt can be carried to streams and storm drains or soak directly into the ground, and it can be harmful to aquatic life and drinking water supplies. Studies have shown increasing concentrations of chlorides in streams across the US. These higher concentrations are more difficult and expensive to treat. Here are a few tips residents and businesses can use when applying salt to help reduce the environmental and drinking water impacts:

Only use as much salt as needed to treat a given area. A 12oz mug is about a pound of salt and enough to treat a 20ft area.

Spread salt over the area leaving approximately 3 inches of space between...

...granules.

Sweep up any extra salt left over on dry pavement, so it does not wash away.

Shovel snow from driveways and sidewalks before it turns into ice. This reduces the need for de-icing.

Consider using a different kind of salt. Calcium magnesium acetate and magnesium chloride are generally better alternatives to sodium chloride.

For businesses that contract snow clearing services, discuss agreements to pay by the area cleared instead of amount of salt used.



Lead Pipes in Your Home

If you are aware you have lead pipes in your home connected to your water system, please call the Borough Office. We are working on implementing a plan to rid all lead lines running to homes in the borough at no cost to you. The Borough will replace lines from the curb box to your home. As a resident, you will be responsible for replacing lines inside your home. 724-693-9740.

@starathletes_

Cold Water	Hot Water
Prevents colds	Reduces tiredness
Tightens the skin	Reduces headache
Reduces tension in mind	Relaxes the muscles
Stimulates the immune system	Relieves of nasal congestion
Accelerates metabolism	Opens pores and cleanses the skin

Friends of Killbuck Lodge Annual

Valentine's Sweetheart
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 11th | 8am-1pm

Oakdale Community Center

Pricing: \$10/Adults

\$8/Senior Citizens & Veterans \$6/Children under 6

**Includes Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Cup, and Drink.
Takeout Available! Text your order to (412) 292-0400
There will also be a variety of raffle baskets available!**



All proceeds will benefit the preservation of the Boy Scout Cabin on Clinton Avenue Killbuck Lodge, home of Boy Scout Troop 248 since 1932.

Donations for the cabin can be made to:
Friends of Killbuck Lodge
P.O. Box 33
Oakdale, PA 15071

Friends of Killbuck Lodge is an IRS 501-c3 organization



Landlords and Tenants

We ask that landlords remit updated tenant information forms to the office as soon as possible. We ask that any new tenants contact the office with their information to be updated in the system when they move in.

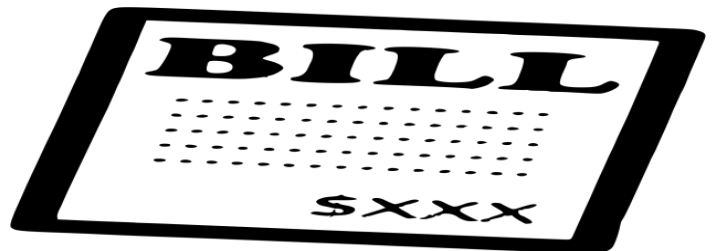
New Water Billing System

The new billing system is up and running. There have been some glitches and work-throughs. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please understand we are working efficiently to make updates and correct any issues with the system.

The system was pulling the wrong date for delinquencies and shutoffs. This has been fixed. We ask that residents *please* change their account number on checks and with their bank to their new account number. Please register for the online portal. You do NOT have to pay online, but this gives you the ability to see your bill, check your usage, opt in for emails, text, etc. All you need to register is your *new* account number and CID number, both which can be found on your bill.

If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the office so we may address these concerns as needed and with the billing company.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we work on the new system.



The credit card site is functioning correctly now. There was a limit on how much you could pay. This has been fixed. There is a 2.75% fee regardless of payment with a credit card, debit card. An e-check is a flat rate of \$2.50 per transaction. The Borough does not make any money from this site. This is a cost incurred from convenience. You are still able to pay by cash or check. Your receipts can be found online once you register for the portal, which is on the borough website under the blue "PAY NOW" box.