

BOROUGH OF WHITAKER
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

David Funk, President of Council, called the regularly scheduled council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Funk, President of Council, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECORDING OF MEETING

Dave Funk, Vice President of Council, read the following statement, "This meeting is being recorded for a matter of record and in assistance in the preparation of the minutes."

ROLL CALL

Council Present: David Funk, President of Council; Christopher Prilla, Vice President of Council; Dan Urban; Matt Pasquantonio; Richard Lassige; Robert Silvasy; Albert Race.

Others Present: Joseph Dalfonso, Solicitor; Michele Lippert, Borough Secretary

Council Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Funk, President of Council, announced that an Executive Session was held on May 6, 2025 regarding litigation and personnel issues.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Council Meeting:

- Motion – Rich Lassige
- Second – Chris Prilla
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: The financial report for April 2025 was presented by Bob Silvasy.

Motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented.

- Motion – Al Race
- Second – Dan Urban

Dan _Y_ Matt _Y_ Rich _Y_ Dave _Y_ Bob _Y_ Al _Y_ Chris _Y_

MOTION CARRIES

Streets, Roads & Property:	Al Race reported that the PW crew will be going to Cranberry for a PA One Safety Day. The borough will rent a car for them to go in. They did a good job after the storm. Matt Pasquantonio read the DPW report.
Recreation:	Bob Silvasy reported the bathroom repairs are completed and the backflow test can be scheduled. Hoping to obtain a grant for the rest of the funds needed for the new restrooms.
Police & Personnel:	Al Race reported we need police. He stated there is an application on the motion.
Health & Sanitation:	Rich Lassige reported nothing at this time.
Fire & EMS:	Dan Urban read the report – April Calls = 27 Baldwin EMS calls & 14 Fire Department calls.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Whitaker Sewage Committee:	Rich Lassige reported he went to 3 hearings, 2 complied 1 was postponed until July 2025.
Planning Committee:	No Report.
Tax Collection Committee:	Secretary Lippert read the minutes from the April 3, 2025 meeting.
Recreation Committee:	No Report.
Mayor's Report:	Mayor Jensen reported for the month of April, Whitaker PD answered 51 calls; PSP answered 25 calls for a total of 76 calls.
Solicitor's Report:	No Report.
Engineer Report:	Dave Funk read the report for April 2025.
Bldg. Insp/Code Enforce Rprt:	Secretary Lippert read the report for April 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2025 to amend Dumpster Ordinance 1 of 2021.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ N _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Ian Clinton as a part-time probationary police officer upon the condition that all necessary qualifications as set forth in the Police Policies & Procedures Manual are met.**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ Y _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to remove the speed humps on Mifflin Street & Frank Street.**
 - Motion – Matt Pasquantonio
 - Second – Dan Urban
 - **All in Favor _ Y _ Any Opposed _ Y _**

ROLL CALL:

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ N _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ N _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to have the SRCOG apply for a \$150,000 grant on behalf of the borough under the Greenways, Trails, Recreation & Parks grant.**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Chris Prilla

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MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to have the SRCOG apply for a \$30,000 grant on behalf of the borough under the People, Park & Community Foundation grant.**
 - Motion – Chris Prilla
 - Second – Matt Pasquantonio

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ Y _ Rich _ Y _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to accept the bid of \$106,300 from Plavchak Construction, Inc., for the DPW Footing/Floor with an additional bid of \$26,400 from Plavchak Construction Inc., for Floor Heating Piping, utilizing \$100,000 of LSA grant funds with a Borough match of \$32,700.**
 - Motion – Al Race
 - Second – Dan Urban

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MOTION CARRIES

- **Motion to accept the bid of \$79,800 from Plavchak Construction, Inc., for the purchase & delivery of a Pole Building utilizing a Borough match of \$17,300 and the remainder of \$62,500 from the General Fund Account.**
 - Motion – Dan Urban
 - Second – Al Race

Dan _ Y _ Matt _ N _ Rich _ N _ Dave _ Y _ Bob _ Y _ Al _ Y _ Chris _ Y _

MOTION CARRIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Whitaker Community Cares meetings and events:**
 - Regular – The next meeting is May 15 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall.
- **Whitaker Volunteer Fire Department event:**
 - Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2025 – Starts at 1:00pm on Whitaker Way.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Lori Urban – 271 Washington Avenue – Wants to know what can be done regarding the lady at 276 Henry Street? She stated she called the police department on March 17, 2025 & April 14, 2025, she never received a call back. Council stated, this is a neighbor-to-neighbor issue and she will need to take it to the magistrate's office.

Lynn & David Shallenberger - 280 Henry Street - Wanted to add onto Lori Urban's comments that 276 Henry Street is also spraying 2 feet into their yard, they have an ill pet and does not want her company spraying into their yard, again council stated, this is a neighbor-to-neighbor issue and she will need to take it to the magistrate's office.

David Madjerich - 146 Hamilton Street - Wanted to thank council for what they do for the borough. He complimented Dan Urban for the Walk of Honor that will be happening at the Memorial Day Parade and that he will be spreading the word regarding this recognition for veterans. He stated he hopes that someone from council will be overseeing the construction of the new DPW Building, he was assured that it will be overseen as we have 2 engineers on council that are involved in the project. He mentioned the Dumpster Ordinance, was not sure what it was about and he was told it is amending the existing Ordinance. He stated he has not seen a police presence in the borough for a while, council replied it has been hard to find officers to which Mr. Madjerich stated he understood. Then he stated with the county's tax increase that he felt the borough should let the county know that as a borough we did not agree their decision to raise the taxes.

Christine Teck – 230 Sherman Street – She wanted council to know that she is not able to get to the side of the house to maintain the weeds that grow up the house and around her air conditioner because the neighbor located at 226 Sherman Street still has not removed a tree that fell last year. She stated that her landlord paid last year to get the tree cut up and it was stacked neatly on her side, but it is still there.

Ken Mack – 171 Grant Avenue - Wanted to know if the borough was aware of wires down at 233 Cedar, Al Race replied that the borough is aware and that the company has been called numerous times.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

- Motion – Chris Prilla
- Second – Matt Pasquantonio
- Voice Vote – All in Favor

MOTION CARRIES