

OHIOPYLE BOROUGH

March 12, 2026

A regular meeting of the Ohiopyle Borough Council was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the Borough Building. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Present: President Jessica Kruse
Vice President Conrad Hamather
Council Members: Pamela Kruse, Sara Cunningham

Mayor Mark McCarty

Absent: Linda McCarty

MINUTES

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve February 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve all checks, warrants, & transfers. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 1 of 2026: WEIGHT LIMIT

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve Ordinance 1 of 2026: Weight Limit Ordinance. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2 of 2026: FESTIVAL PERMITTING

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve Ordinance 2 of 2026: Festival Permitting Ordinance. Motion passed.

ADVERTISEMENT TO AMEND STREET OPENING ORDINANCE

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Cunningham to authorize advertisement to amend Street Opening Ordinance. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 3 of 2026: FEE SCHEDULE

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to approve Resolution 3 of 2026, adopting the fee schedule. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES FOR SPIRIT ON THE RIVER FESTIVAL

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to approve street closures of Lincoln Street from Parkview Street to Grant Street and Sherman Street from the second entrance of the Ohiopyle Suites parking lot to the handicapped parking area across from the Community Center from May 29, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to May 30, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. for Spirit. Motion passed.

COMMUNITY SPONSOR BANNER PROGRAM AND PLACEMENT OF BANNERS

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve the Community Sponsor Banner Program and authorize the placement of banners by the Ohiopyle Community Event Association within the Borough rights-of-way. Motion passed.

BOROUGH STREET SWEEPER

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve Bruce King, Wes Scarlett, Rob Joseph and Will Joseph to be the designated operators to use the Borough Street Sweeper for Borough related purposed. Motion passed.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Cunningham to amend the agenda to add consideration of the Ohiopyle-Stewart Community Center request to use the Borough Park for their free concert series. Motion passed.

FREE CONCERT SERIES

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Cunningham to approve the Ohiopyle-Stewart Community Center request to use the Borough Park for their free concert series. Motion passed.

AMEND THE AGENDA

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham the agenda to add consideration of Cutting Edge Landscaping to perform grass cutting and bioswale maintenance. Motion passed.

GRASS CUTTING AND BIOSWALE MAINTENACE

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to approve Cutting Edge Landscaping to perform grass cutting at \$225.00 per service and bioswale maintenance at \$200.00 per service. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Old Business

Amusement/Mercantile Tax

No update

First Right of Refusal

No update

New Business

Stormwater/Parking Lot

The Mayor discussed stormwater runoff issues related to the new parking lot project, including impacts to the playground and flooding in the Community Center basement. Affected areas included Negley Street, Grant Street, and the area toward the Visitor Center. Historical drainage patterns and ongoing resident complaints were noted, and the need for further evaluation was acknowledged.

New Business continued

Chris Houck from DCNR reported that he has been working with engineers to address stormwater concerns and has incorporated feedback provided by the Borough. Plans have been revised multiple times to capture as much stormwater as feasible; however, full runoff capture is not possible. Updated calculations and revised plans will be provided, including separation of drainage areas (UNT 17 and UNT 20). He noted that most improvements fall within UNT 17, while addressing UNT 20 would extend beyond the project scope and available funding. He further stated that without a water basin to manage runoff, the project may require redesign and may not proceed within current funding limits.

REPORTS

Council Members

No report

Steering Committee

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 26, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: Cunningham to adjourn the public meeting at 9:28 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Strack-Chisnell