

OHIOPLYE BOROUGH

March 30, 2026

A special meeting of the Ohiopyle Borough Council was held on Thursday, March 30, 2026, at the Borough Building. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Present: President Jessica Kruse
Vice President Conrad Hamather
Council Members: Pamela Kruse

Absent: Linda McCarty
Sara Cunningham
Mayor Mark McCarty

GUEST: Mr. Mike Mumau

Discussion about ongoing coordination with DCNR and Ohiopyle Borough regarding potential funding assistance for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and expansion work. Mr. Mumau advised that discussions with the DCNR Director's Office are still preliminary but that the project remains a priority for the department. The proposed agreement would be similar to the Borough's prior water plant funding agreement, allowing funds to be drawn down as project expenses and invoices are submitted throughout the project. Discussion included the current Widmer Engineering estimate of approximately \$1.5 million for the expansion project. It was noted that approximately \$937,000 in funding has previously been secured toward plant enhancement upgrades, with DCNR potentially assisting with the remaining project balance. Council discussed that the proposed expansion is expected to remain within the existing right-of-way footprint already covered by current agreements. DCNR is expected to prepare a draft agreement for Borough review. Additional updates are anticipated following completion of DCNR's current statewide project obligations, potentially by mid-May.

MINUTES

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to approve March 12, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS, WARRANTS & TRANSFERS

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

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to authorize the purchase of weight limit signs:

4 (10 Ton): \$43.00/each = \$172.00 2 (20 Ton): \$43.00/each = \$86.00 Total: \$258.00. Motion passed.

AMEND ORDINANCE 3 of 2025: STREET OPENING ORDINANCE WITH BONDING REQUIREMENT

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to approve Ordinance 3 of 2026, an ordinance amending Ordinance 3 of 2025 of the Borough of Ohiopyle, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, to provide for Street Openings, Excavations and Pavement Restoration Regulations of the Streets within the Borough of Ohiopyle. Motion passed.

US FEDERAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION PRICE LOCK: UEI/CAGE

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to authorize US Federal Contractor Registration Price Lock for five years in the amount of \$599.99, per year. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZE BOROUGH EXECUTION OF PENNDOT HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT AGENT AUTHORIZATION (PENNONI ASSOCIATES – OHIO PYLE STATE PARK PROJECT)

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to send a letter to DEP stating DCNR has approval from the Borough to apply for the highway occupancy permit. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISSOLVE THE STEERING COMMITTEE AS AN OFFICIAL BOROUGH COMMITTEE, WITH ANY FUTURE EFFORTS TO BE CONDUCTED INDEPENDENTLY AND NOT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to approve dissolving the Steering Committee as an Official Borough Committee. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FALL LINE SCHOOL TO UTILIZE THE PAVILLION AT THE BOROUGH PARK FOR A MEETING POINT/CLASSROOM COURSE

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to approve Fall Line School to utilize the Pavillion on the following dates: April 25-26, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. June 1-5, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. June 6-7, 8 a.m. – 5 pm. July 11-12, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PARK BENCHES FROM THE AWARDED FAYETTE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT FUNDS

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to authorize the purchase park benches from the awarded Fayette County Tourism Grant funds. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF LITTER COLLECTION EQUIPEMENT

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to authorize the purchase of Two (2) 33" Grapplers: \$44.99/each Two (2) Trash Grabber: \$12.99/each. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER STREET MANAGER (UNDER MAYOR)

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to approve the appointment of Kevin Ravnescroft as the Volunteer Street Manager for a one-year term, ending in 2027. Motion passed.

AUTHORIZE BOROUGH TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR MURAL PROJECT

Motion: P. Kruse, 2nd: Hamather to authorize the Borough to act as fiscal agent and receive approximately \$24,000 in grant funds for the mural project under the low bridge across from the market and disburse payments to approved contractors and vendors for project-related work. All funds will be tracked separately and used solely for the mural project in accordance with the grant requirements for the mural project. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION

Old Business

Amusement/Mercantile Tax

Council discussed updates regarding the Amusement and Mercantile Tax. Updated forms are still being finalized. The solicitor advised he has been in communication with the school district regarding enforcement and collection provisions within the Borough ordinance. It was noted that the ordinance contains sufficient enforcement language to pursue collection efforts. The solicitor anticipates providing an additional update and possible final response within the coming weeks so the Borough can begin collecting its share of the tax revenue.

New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 14, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hamather, 2nd: P. Kruse to adjourn the public meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Strack-Chisnell