

## Fairways of Oakmont Council Meeting

Minutes, January 8, 2024

The Fairways of Oakmont Council Meeting was held on January 8, 2024 at the pool. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Jeff Sparks, Council President.

Attendance: Council Members: Jeff Sparks, Mark Babuscio, Mary Ann Moore, Sue Ellen Gebert, Mark Mauro, Cindy Herbeck and Nancy Crouthamel, Secretary (non-Voting). Excused: Deborah Byrum.

The meeting was held to review and approve the 2024-25 Budget. Jeff Sparks announced that the Open Budget Meeting for all owners will be held on February 17 at 1:00 PM in the Oak Room at the Oakmont Library.

Council reviewed each line item in the proposed budget. The goal is to propose a balanced budget.

### Highlights:

1. Line Item increases: Insurance, Property Management, Meetings, Landscape, Power Washing/Painting, Pool Supplies, Pool Maintenance, General Maintenance, Deck Maintenance, and Driveways/Paving
2. Line Item decreases: Legal Fees, Utilities, Exterminating, Snow Removal, Gutter Cleaning, and Roof Replacement.
3. Line Items with no change from last budget: Printing/Postage, Tree Maintenance, Power Washing (Only), Pool Maintenance, Street Light Maintenance, and Pool Building

Major discussions focused on work pertaining to wall replacement on Merion Drive between the units. If the wall on Merion Drive is replaced (\$19,000) there is a possibility of tree damage and need for replacement of trees thus increasing cost significantly. Further review and a proposed solution is planned and will be budgeted for the 2025-2026 budget year.

In order to balance the budget, it was suggested to increase dues by \$10 per month for each unit and \$12 per month for each single family home. Jeff Sparks made the motion to accept the proposed changes to the budget and increase dues for the 2024-25 budget. Mark Babuscio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

To limit increases in the 2024-25 budget and because there is available funding with the current fiscal year budget, it was recommended to spend up to \$6,000 before the end of March to repair lines on the garden side of the pool. Mary Ann Moore made a motioned and Mark Babuscio seconded and it passed unanimously.

In other business, Cindy Herbeck will initiate an eblast to remind all residents that outside Christmas decoration must be removed by January 15. Garbage disposal guidelines will be included in the next newsletter with the emphasis on all garbage must be placed in cans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Nancy Crouthamel, Secretary