

The Oldenburg Town Council met Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building meeting room. After being called to order by President Brian Clagg, new council member Tyler Kerker was given the Oath of Office by Town Attorney John Kellerman.

To start, town member Brad Laker requested a building permit to tear off the existing attached garage on his home which faces Douglas street, and re-build a 3 car garage, facing Water Street. The building plan is 30' x 44'. The garage would be 25 feet off of the road. Existing brick would be salvaged, if possible and they will also use vinyl siding. Councilman Kerker made a motion to approve, Councilman Wahman seconded, all in favor.

Next, President Clagg discussed the proposed INDOT parking plan for Main Street/229 which includes ADA parking. INDOT will accept recommendations. Council reviewed the plan which proposes 83 parking spaces. Town member Steve Stahley requested that business owners be contacted as a courtesy. Sister Maureen requested ADA parking in front of the Sister's chapel. Discussion regarding Post Office parking and ADA parking. Town member Carrie Roessner requested parking in front of her home for a future business she plans to open. Clagg will communicate with INDOT and report his findings at the November meeting.

Next, Clagg discussed Pearce Services, design consultants for Frontier Communication, who are wishing to install aerial cables and new fiber ducts within the ROW. The cable will be hung on existing Duke Energy poles. There will be a traffic control plan during the process, maximum stoppage will be 20 minutes per segment. Town member Jeff Paul stated that the last time there was communication work in town, some of the wires were ran along the brackets that our town Christmas decorations were hung from. Attorney Kellerman stated they are planning to make the existing cable fatter. President Clagg stated he will ensure he communicates that concern with Pearce/Frontier prior to the work beginning. A motion was made to accept required permitting by Councilman Kerker, and was seconded by Councilman Wahman.

The Clerk Treasurer, Kate Hunter brought forth a Resolution to Transfer Funds within the General Fund in order to cover the insurance invoice from Voldico. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Kerker, and seconded by Councilman Wahman. All in favor.

The Clerk further mentioned her plans to replenish envelopes for the Town as well purchasing a box of copy paper.

Councilman Clagg made a reminder of the noise ordinance, within the animal control ordinance. As such, excessive barking has been a reported issue in town lately. Officer Dramann has addressed it a couple of times and Clagg stated further complaints will be followed-up on.

Next President Clagg discussed changing the speed limit between Vine and Washington Street. Suggestions to INDOT have been made about reducing the speed limit to 20, in order to enforce/ticket speeders going 10 mph over the speed limit at 30. Clagg stated the INDOT representative wasn't sure

he'd be able to go as low as 20 mph, but he would look into it if that's what the Council decides. Attorney Kellerman stated INDOT will use their traffic flow computer model as well as the reported accidents at that area, to determine speed reduction. Discussion regarding flashing sign there as well. Motion to make recommendation to INDOT to drop speed limit between Vine and Washington to 20 mph was made by Councilman Kerker, Councilman Wahman seconded.

Budget meeting dates were confirmed: Thursday, October 9th @ 5:00 PM and Monday, October 20th @ 5:00 PM.

Next, Council discussed payment for the next phase of the Walking Trail. \$216,029.81 is due to Leising Excavating. Mark Kennedy, Treasurer for the Freudenfest Committee agreed that they will pay \$43,205.96 (20%). An additional invoice for the blacktop is due in the amount of \$60,638.00. Current quoting is showing an additional \$81,000.00 (approx.) will due to complete the project. Oldenburg Academy has raised approximately \$62,000.00 with additional funds still being raised. The Town has budgeted \$75,000.00 to contribute to the project. Current estimates exceed the funds raised and budgeted. Discussion was had if we want to split costs with OA and each pay half now, or let OA pay for the blacktopping in full. Motion to split costs was made by Councilman Wahman and Councilman Kerker seconded. All in favor.

In addition to Walking Trail payment, Gary Munchel spoke regarding 21 trees were planted thanks to Jeff and Ryan Paul. 5 Eastern Redbuds, 3 Red Oaks, 6 American Hornbeams, 4 Honey Locusts and 3 October Glory Maples. Munchel requested FCCF funds for the trees, Clerk will issue a check. Munchel stated they plan to offer memorial engraved stone markers, working with Batesville Monument's Colt Weberding. The Trees will be offered at \$1,000.00 each, on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a random draw to assign memorial trees. Unanimous support was given by Council.

Further, a Motion to appoint Tyler Kerker as Vice President was made by Councilman Clagg. Councilman Wahman seconded. All in favor.

OB: Matt Stahley has installed the crests along the Municipal building fence. Council expressed their approval.

Stop signs at Pearl and Water have new Pedestrian Crossing and new Fire Truck signs. Clagg stated new Stop Signs are forthcoming.

Clagg has been working with Eron Kellerman, Utility Clerk to reconcile trash pickup #'s.

Hornberger was selected to put the new roof on the shelter and shed behind the fire station. That project is slated to begin at the end of October.

Quarterly report from HWC is forthcoming.

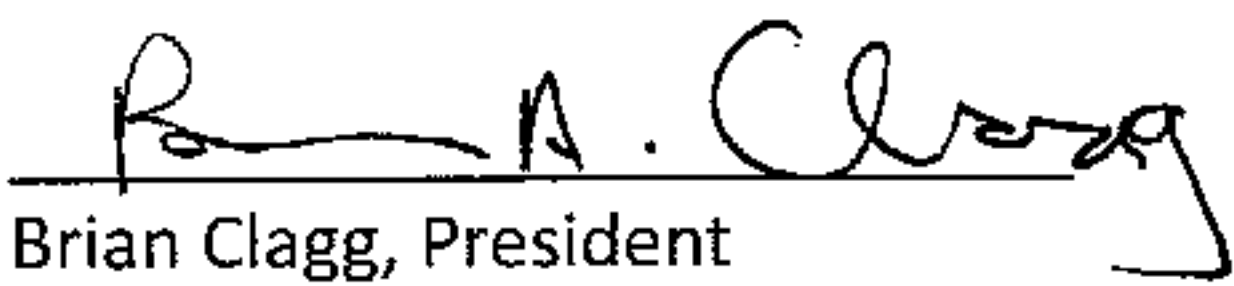
Wednesday, October 8th is National Night Out in conjunction with Franklin County Sheriff's Department behind the Fire Station from 6-8:00 PM. Hamburgers and hotdogs with drug takebacks available.

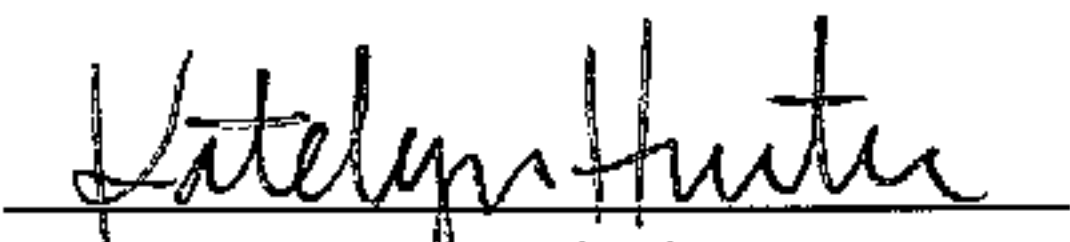
Trees at Washington and Water have been trimmed thanks to town member Enzinger, but Duke Energy is looking into removing those trees per request of the homeowner.

Town member Carrie Roessner requested an update from our Police search. Resumes have been received. Robert Rauch is interested in serving as Reserve Deputy. Attorney John Kellerman swore in Robert Rauch as Oldenburg’s Reserve Deputy.

Roessner further wants to start a committee to come together as a community. “Flower pot contest” “jack-o-lanterns along the walking path.”

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kerker, and seconded by Councilman Wahman.


Brian Clagg, President


Katelyn Hunter, Clerk Treasurer

