

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, June 10, 2017 in Council Chambers. President Buddy Touchinsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance: President Buddy Touchinsky, Vice President Susan Murphy. Councilors: Angie Hoptak-Solga, Brian Baldwin, Paul Bedway, Darle Cresswell and Michele Rudloff. Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte, Borough Manager Robert Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Olivia Rudloff (Michele's daughter) of 108 Station Rd; Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Chief Stan Brozana; Sgt. John Koury; Janis McGowen of South Schuylkill News; Amy Marchiano of the Republican Herald; Tanner Noecker and Megan Schafer of 940 Albert Dr.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 and May 10, 2017 meetings as presented was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Michele Rudloff. Unanimous.

The April 2017 Treasurer's report was presented to Council.

The May 2017 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council as follows:

Real Estate	\$ 12,799.69
Per Capita	\$ 949.80
Occupation	\$ 292.50

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration list #5 was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for April 2017:

2 – New Permits issued at \$548,000.00 total value
6 – Renovation permits issued at \$17,500.00 total value

Public Comment: None

Old Business

Pine Creek Retirement Community & Blue Mountain Retirement Community

Solicitor Datte informed Council at this time it is up to the developer to file briefs in the Court of Common Pleas on each of these developments. The borough is not obligated to do anything at this time.

The Villas

Nothing to report, still in the pleading stage

Sopko/SCMA

This case continues, there are depositions scheduled for the end of the month

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to initiate the process of advertising the proposed revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance (Article II – Definition of Terms and Article X – Supplementary Regulations), as reviewed and discussed at the June 7, 2017 Council Work Session, and unanimously recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 19, 2017 and recommended by Planning Engineer Greg Stewart on June 6, 2017 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Michele Rudloff. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to initiate the process of advertising the proposed revisions to the current Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO), as reviewed and discussed at the June 7, 2017 Council Work Session, and unanimously recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission on April 19, 2017 and recommended by Planning Engineer Greg Stewart on June 6, 2017 was made by Paul Bedway, Michele Rudloff. Unanimous.

Solicitor Datte explained the Ordinance adoption process:

- He will draft the two ordinances that will create the amendments
- Under the MPC (Municipalities Planning Code) the drafts will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and provide copies to the County Planning Commission at least 30 days in advance of the Public Hearing that would be to receive public comment
- Draft Ordinances will be advertised
- Public Hearing will be held on August 2, 2017 at 7:15 pm

Streets, Lights & Buildings

A motion to award the DCED funded construction contract for Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall to Miller Brothers Construction for the Site Improvements Project as the low bidder. The DCED Grant is in the amount of \$225,000.00. The Miller Brothers Construction contract amount is \$223, 605.20. The contract corresponds to the Summary of Awarded Bid Items dated June 14 2017 (remove two items from the base bid & include three alternate items). The Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed shall be issued pending the engineers and solicitor's final review/recommendations of the submitted bid documents. Motion was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Bob noted the borough crew will be installing Bollards & Bio #2 installations for a savings of \$15,000. With the savings we will grade the rail with a steel barrier along the patio and also install stone veneer on the foundation wall

Water, Sewer & Sanitation

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-14 appointing William Brior, Samantha Brior, and Bruce Dobash as Alternate SEO's (Sewage Enforcement Officers), at the current 2017 Rate Schedule, and in accordance with the request and recommendation of ARRO Engineering was made by Sue Murphy, second by Michele Rudloff. Unanimous.

New Business

Bob thanked the Orwigsburg Lions for the purchase of the four Welcome to Orwigsburg Signs – He attended the Lions meeting on Tuesday to personally thank them for purchasing the signs at a cost of \$20,000. He also thanked Bartush Signs for their generosity, they gave a reduced price on the four signs. The borough crew is installing the signs.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is a dinner scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Council Chamber at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

OBPA (Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association)

President Touchinsky noted the Farmers Market is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm on the Square.

President Touchinsky also noted Family Funfest is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm on the Square.

Community Events

Coffee with a Cop is will be held on Saturday July 15, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at Market St Coffee House. Chief Koury noted that if all goes well this will be a quarterly event.

Police Department

Chief Koury

- Calls are up – 275 incidents reported for May
- Applying for the COPS grant, if not approved Chief Koury asked Council to consider hiring another police officer regardless.

Mayor Berger stated we mourn the passing of Gold Star Mother Joan Heiser Moyer fittingly on this past Memorial Day. Joan lived striving to honor the memory of her son, David Heiser. I thank all involved particularly Sate Representative Jerry Knowles in the naming of Rt. 443 through the borough in honor of the sacrifice made by her son on behalf of our U.S.A. I also thank all those involved particularly the Task Force with restoring the David Heiser Memorial Sports Court at the Orwigsburg Community Veterans Memorial Hall.

The May 2017 Police Report is attached to these minutes.

Fire – None

Correspondence – none

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, 2015 Bond, COG and Capital Improvement accounts was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Council Meetings

The July 5, 2017 Work Session is cancelled. Work Session will be combined with Council Meeting on July 12, 2017

Councilor Hoptak-Solga noted the Veterans are talking about having Home Town Hero banners put up in town. Banners would be at the family's expense.

Bob check with Lions about replacing their banners with the Home Town Hero banners. Councilor Rudloff mentioned the Bicentennial Committee was restricted on number of banner that could be put up – only on pole with brackets. Check with the utility company.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary