

**Orwigsburg Borough Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2021**

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday April 14, 2021 in Council Chambers. President Bubeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In Attendance: President Rick Bubeck, Vice President Rod Schaeffer; Councilors Kerry Mariano, Brock Stein, Maddie Bartush, Angie Hoptak – Solga; Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte; Borough Manager Randy Miller; Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards via zoom.

Visitors: Dave Walasavage of ARRO Engineering, Jan McGowan of SSN, Officer in Charge Bobby Bechtel; Brian Killian and Eric Moore of Entech Engineering,

Zoom attendance: DJ Chris Bentz of Alfred Benesch; Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman, Shannon Darker of ARRO Engineering. Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Jim Leymeister; Ben Hunter; Emily Graham of Republican Herald; Dino Giovanni; Ron Geiger;

**Public Comment:**

Joe McGlinchey of 235 N Walborn Ave was present and expressed several concerns:

- Severe potholes on N Walborn Ave
- Condition of rental properties on his street all owned by same owner. And performing inspections more than every three years.

Randy responded street repairs on N Walborn Ave are due to be repaired next week. Shannon Darker of ARRO will be contacted regarding the condition of the rental properties and one individually owned property. Randy also left Mr McGlinchey know the rental inspection has been amended to include rental units need an inspected when a change in occupancy occurs.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the Council Minutes from March 10, 2021 meeting was made by Maddie Bartush, second by Brock Stein.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report**

The February 2021 Treasurers Report has been presented to Council for their review.

## **Tax Collector's Report**

The Tax Collector's Report for March 2021 has been presented to Council as follows:

Real Estate	\$ 232,367.33
Fire Tax	\$ 22,130.22
Per Capita	\$ 5,298.20
Occupation	\$ 1,402.26

## **Tax Exoneration List**

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #2 was made by Brock Stein, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

## **Building Permits**

The March Permit report was as follows:

- 0 New Permit issued at \$0 total value
- 9 Renovation Permits issued at \$164,684.56 total value

## **Budget Review – Target Objective (end of March) – 24.7%**

General Fund Revenues	21.0%,	Expenditures	28.7%
Fire Fund Revenues	18.5%,	Expenditures	4.2%
Water Fund Revenues	22.4%,	Expenditures	22.3%
Sewer Fund Revenues	21.1%,	Expenditures	18.8%
Sanitation Fund Revenues	25.0%,	Expenditures	22.0%

## **Police Report**

Officer Bobby Bechtel OIC's presented the March Police Report: (March report is attached)

824 Regular Hours

27.5 Overtime Hours – Down 3 hours from last month Feb 2021 / Up 7.5 hours from last March 2020

6 Hours from 5 Court Appearances

4 Search Warrant

5.5 Late Incident

12 Cover shifts  
12 Personal time  
36 Bereavement  
36 Sick Hours

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2,953 Total Miles for police vehicles  
385.5 Total vehicle patrol hours  
2 Total foot patrol hours  
182 Traffic enforcement hours  
0 Bicycle patrols hours

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182 Incidents  
Of the 182 Incidents 6 were reportable crimes  
1 – Dog Law Violation  
2 – Identity Theft  
1 – Unsworn Falsification  
1 – Resisting Arrest  
1 – Public Drunkenness  
1 – Receiving Stolen Property  
Charges filed:  
None-Traffic Citations – 7  
Criminal Complaints – 2

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11 Traffic Citations issued  
28 Traffic Warnings issued  
6 Parking Tickets issued

The Orwigsburg Police Department thanked and recognized Dennis Jessup and American Machine for their assistance in fabricating two new brackets for the in-car tablets. Two brackets on a tablet mount had snapped. While they are covered under a lifetime warranty through the manufacturer, it would have taken several weeks to obtain brand new brackets. Dennis at American Machine fabricated up two new brackets in a matter of a couple hours, free of charge.

Body cam update: Vendor for the body cams did not give our department what they wanted / ordered over a year ago. Supposed to have them in town Monday after Easter to install hardware and software for the body cams along with training – this was cancelled and the cancellation was never forwarded to the technician who came here anyway and was able to do minor upgrades. Body cams are now on back order (the ones originally wanted) no time table has been given for delivery.

The Blue Mountain School District forward The Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Department and Elementary/Middle School for approval on updates.

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Orwigsburg Police Department and the Blue Mountain Elementary East and Middle School was made by Brock Stein, second by Kerry Mariano.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes      Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes      Councilor Schaeffer - yes  
Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes  
President Bubeck - yes  
Unanimous.

## **Maintenance Reports**

### **Water/Sewer - Dave Teter**

March 2021 Water/Sewer additional work done

#### Sewer

Work on UV unit issues

Pick up cow mats

Pull VLR1 blower for replacement – upon further investigation the motor is fine – blower itself is broken and replaced

#### Water

Scheduled hauling of blacktop to water repairs

Talk to Sales Rep about availability of Storz adapter Eagle Scout project

Post water “Shut Off Notices”

Drew from Neal System here to for yearly maintenance on CL system and Ph probes

Met homeowner 317 E Mifflin St about connection and installed meter and horn at 317 and moved meter at 319. Ran heat trace thru wall for 319.

Met homeowner of 1036 Ridgeview Dr meter issue

Meter reinstalled Little League field

Go over numbers for Chapter 110 report with Sherry and Miller Environmental

Water leak at 250 Lehigh Ave locate and dig up curb stop

Look into well 4 meter issue

#### Other

Total of 12 1 calls

Water and sewer project update meeting

Load Bell for Fire Company to repair

Help with log unloading at sewer plant

Move trailer for police search warrant to water plant

Flagger training class set up tear down and class

#### Fire

1005 Summer Valley Rd – Car fire

Sands Ford – Financing quote for F350 Transit Van

Total asset cost \$46,819.42

Amount financed \$47,364.42

Term 3 years

Payment timing - Quarterly

Rate 6.15%

Quarterly payment amount \$4,286.61

Item is budgeted for this year.

Dave will research a utility truck that has plowing capabilities. Item has been tabled for now.

### **Streets, etc. - Shawn, Slade, Devin**

Vehicle / equipment report, Man hours, Daily work sheet and a summary of maintenance/water/sewer revenue and expenditures to date was distributed to Council for their review.

The crew is currently working on a list of equipment to be sold.

### **Fire Company Report - Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman**

Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman presented the March report:

14 Total calls for February

39 Total calls year to date

9:18 Man hours on Fire Department Responses for March

58:55 Man hours on Fire Department responses year to date

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#### **Incident Count**

Berks County Hamburg Borough – 1

East Brunswick Township – 2

North Manheim Township – 4

West Brunswick Township – 3

Orwigsburg Borough – 4

- State Grant update: Approved and waiting for released funds
- ISO Report – Still waiting on review findings
- Annual Hazardous Materials Refresher training is set for April
- Currently 3 members attending off station training to become Vehicle Rescue Certified
- The Fire Department was requested twice to escort the Easter Bunny around the Borough
- Bell has been loaded and made it to its destination

Chief Zimmerman commended Greg Rautzahn Jr Troop #624 on his Eagle Scout project, he has completed the physical portion of the project; raised over \$5,000 for the Storz connectors on hydrants. Installed with help from the water department and some volunteers from the Fire Dept.

## **Business**

### **Solicitor's Report – Paul Datte**

#### **Amend truck unloading zone for times and penalties –**

- Potential establishment of no parking area at Fisher Dam which would allow fire trucks to have access to the dam.
- There are apartment units across the street from the proposed no parking area
- Current ordinance references no parking signs, appropriate signage would be needed along with painted curbing.
- Tabled until next month – return next month with a diagram

Establishing time frames for the loading zones – ordinance #439 adopted August 2020 for W Market & S Warren. North Liberty and West Market. North Wayne and East Market.

Establish specific times and dates; Ordinance #439 would need to be amended. Check with Thomas Pharmacy for their delivery times and days.

Come back next month with recommendations for times and days.

-Fines and Penalties – can be revised by Resolution. Establish a fine for each parking and traffic regulation and apply to a resolution.

#### **Blue Mountain Village – no updates**

#### **Updates on:**

119 S. Liberty Street – objections to Frantz's plan were sustained by the bankruptcy court judge. Same day a petition of motion to file to dismiss this bankruptcy and that would be approved no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>. At that point we will be able to return to the process talked about earlier where Mr Frantz would convey the property to the mortgage holder then convey the property to the borough. Once the borough secures title the property can be put on the County's list for demolition funds.

100 E. Market Street – Lender is in the process of foreclosing on the property – lender has contacted the borough for total outstanding liens.

210 E Market St – Notice of Violation has been resolved

200 W Market St – Property has been purchased, settlement yesterday. The new owner is coordinating with ARRO inspection on grease trap.

### **Co-operation agreement with County**

Agreement with County for demolition of 201 and 203 Long Avenue. Solicitor Datte reviewed the agreement and was approved by the County Commissioners and recommends Council approve this evening.

A motion to adopt Co-operation Agreement with the Schuylkill County for the demolition funds for 201 and 203 Long Avenue was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

### **Non Exclusive Lease Agreement with Lions' Club**

The Lions Club wants to do refurbishing work on the property areas where the trail is covered with roots or roots are popping through the asphalt and would like to restore the trail. An estimate was received for the work at \$12,000. The Lions Club is seeking a \$5,000 grant through DCNR and asking the borough for a \$5,000 match should the grant be awarded. They will not proceed with the project if grant is not awarded to them.

A motion to approve a \$5,000 payment to the Orwigsburg Lions Club for improvements to the walking trail was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Rod Schaeffer.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

### **Engineer – Bill McMullen, Dave Walasavage, Shannon Darker**

**Permitting & Property Code Violations** – Council received report for their review.

Projects

**Industrial Drive – ARC grant:** No new information has been received to date. ARRO is currently working on stormwater design and roadway construction plans.

**201 & 203 Long Avenue** – Bids for the County Demolition program were received on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Three bids received; low bid was Brdaric Excavation Inc in the amount of \$14,200.00. ARRO recommends awarding bid to low bidder.

A motion to award 201 – 203 Long Avenue Demolition Bid from Brdaric Excavation Inc in the amount of \$14,200.00 was made by Brock Stein, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

## **2021 Liquid Fuels Paving**

Project includes leveling, pavement overlay and shoulder backup for Marshall Dr, Eisenhower Dr, and a portion of Halsey Dr and Ridge Rd – project is put on hold for Sewer Replacement improvements.

Straub Avenue from W Cherry to Mifflin and portions of W Mifflin St at the intersection with Straub.

## **Capital Improvements Project List**

Lehigh Ave – Stormwater improvements

Church St and Walborn Ave – pothole milling repair

Wayne and Mifflin – stormwater improvements

Columbia and Church – stormwater improvements

Church from Perry to Decatur – stormwater improvements

CBDG grant money is now available – Research will be done, grant applications are due in July.

Borough Hall Renovations bid results – Bids were opened and read on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. John Levkusic's recommendation is to award Jones Masonry Corp the west elevation first, this elevation is in most need of attention and also includes the chimney. West elevation came in at \$77,000.00. East elevation \$45,000.00; South elevation \$60,000.00 and North elevation \$71,000.00. Lump sum bid \$294,000.00 includes add/deduct for extra brick and brick repair. Paid through the Borough reserve fund. Solicitor Datte noted to award the lump sum minus the East, South, and North repairs totaling \$118,000.00.

Item has been tabled until next month, for the Solicitor to review.

## **Planner – Chris Bentz**

RACP update for Veterans' Memorial Building –

The Borough did receive electronic contract, was signed and returned. Will go through the signature process with the State which will take about two to three months. We'll work with the taskforce on finalizing the design.



BLQ has requested another 90-day extension which will take the plan to July 30<sup>th</sup>. BLQ has received an estimate from a local contractor and in the process of adjusting. Then they will go to the bank for financing. We could possibly have a submission for the June meeting.

A motion to grant the 90-day extension requested from BLQ was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

### **Blue Mountain Village**

- Met with Schuylkill County Conservation District on site two weeks ago – still outstanding items that need to be addressed.
- Applicant has a scheduled meeting with DEP on 4/20/2021
- Penn DOT permit – no update

DCNR Grant Application – Application has been submitted for Ridge Rd park. A pedestrian crossing and pedestrian access has been added. Requested \$114,000.00 with a \$40,000 Borough match that will be funded through the BM Recreation funds or value of the donated land.

**Decatur St. Stormwater** – Survey has been completed; currently working on a draft plan.

**Anticipated Sketch Plan** – Colonial Surveying for Wilbert Ave. They will submit the fee and formal application. Plan looks like it might need zoning adjustments and waivers. Should have for review next month.

**Comprehensive Plan** – no update

### **Water/Sewer – Bryon Killian**

#### **Annual Waste load Report – Chapter 94**

- Has been submitted to DEP along with SCMA attachment
- The deadline of March 31, 2021 has been met
- No existing or projected overloads

**North Warren Street Sewer Replacement Bid – update**

Contract amount - \$468,384.15

Payment Application #2 for \$239,634.12 has been submitted and finalized paperwork has been received and approved by the engineer, recommends payment.

Payment Application #3 for \$128,791.50 has been submitted and finalized paperwork has been received and approved by the engineer, recommends payment.

A motion to approve Payment Application #2 to Pact One LLC in the amount of \$239,634.12 was made by Brock Stein, second by Kerry Mariano.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

A motion to approve Payment Application #3 to Pact One LLC in the amount of \$128,791.50 was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

**Sewer Plant Upgrades – Contract Updates**

Phase 1 – Bids received:

Contract 1 – Alan Myers \$735,000

Contract 2 – PSI Pumping Solutions \$180,900

Contract amount total - \$934,400

NOA issued for both contracts

Contract documents being reviewed

**Phase 2 - DEP update –**

Received Part II approval on April 12<sup>th</sup>

Finalize design and prepare for advertisement for May meeting

Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$805,000.00

**Collection System - CCTV and subsurface rehabilitation**

Prepare bidding specifications – PennBid

Bids due May 6, 2021

Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$330,000.00

**Collection System - Sewer Main Replacement Projects**

6 Separate Sections

13,277 linear feet

Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$3,050,000.00  
Engineering costs (9.6%)  
Design - \$120,500  
Permitting - \$15,300  
Bidding assistance - \$6,400  
Construction observation - \$112,700

1. Marshall Drive Sewer Main Replacement  
Recommended by the Municipal Authority  
2,622 linear feet of sewer main  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$550,000  
Engineering Costs (15.2%)  
Design - \$28,200  
Permitting - \$7,500  
Bidding assistance - \$4,900  
Services during construction - \$13,200  
Construction observation - \$29,900  
Total - \$83,700
2. Industrial Dr and Lincoln Ave  
2,689 linear feet  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$625,000
3. West Market Street – ROW  
2,988 linear feet  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$700,000
4. Long Avenue – Possible Change Order  
936 linear feet  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$225,000
5. North Warren and Station Rd  
2,335 linear feet  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$550,000
6. North Perry and Mifflin  
1,707 linear feet  
Engineer's Estimated Construction Cost - \$400,000

Consensus is to take the other 5 projects to the Municipal Authority for their recommendations.  
The Authority has already recommended approval on the Marshall Dr project.

A motion to move forward with the Marshall Dr project sewer main replacement and surveying the additional 5 areas was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Maddie Bartush.

Councilor Mariano - yes                      Councilor Bartush - yes  
Councilor Stein - yes                      Councilor Schaeffer - yes  
Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes  
President Bubeck - yes  
Unanimous.

**Borough Manager – Randy Miller**

Manager's Report – Council received a copy of the report for their review.

The 2020 Draft Audit has been received

Summer help - discussion

A request from the Maintenance Dept for 2 helpers for the summer to mow grass preferably the same two employees from last year; they won't need to be trained.

A discussion was held on not hiring part-timers and have the current employees mow grass which would not leave them availability to do the in-house stormwater projects and other projects scheduled on the borough's schedule. Also, limiting the part-timers to not exceed 30 hours a week each.

A motion to hire two part-time seasonal employees for mowing grass not to exceed 30 hours each a week starting May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> was made by Brock Stein, second Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

Copier replacement –

A quote was received from Xerox to replace/upgrade their machine in the Borough Office at a cost of \$398.00. Current copier is still owed on. This action prompted Randy to seek other quotes. Bids received from: Xerox, CopyCat; Stratix; Edwards Business Machine and Fraiser. Randy recommends accepting Stratix Systems quote for a 2021 Ricoh IM C4500 for \$164.20/month and \$112.00/month for Maintenance Charge.

A motion to accept quote from Stratix System for 2021 Ricoh IM C4500 copy machine was made by Kerry Mariano, second by Rod Schaeffer.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

Ridgeview Fence incursion - No update

Forest Management - No Update

Transit Van – No update

Resignation letter received from Lane Koury – last day will be April 23, 2021. This position will not be replaced.

A motion to accept Lane Koury's letter of resignation effective April 23, 2021 was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance & Budget – Brock Stein**

First Quarter Budget results – Council received a copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget for their review and comments. Should be at 25%, some numbers are a little off due to the way revenue comes in. Did spend more on snow removal than anticipated.

### **Personnel – Rick Bubeck – No update**

### **Communication & Technology – Angie Hoptak-Solga – Nothing to report**

Comcast Contract due in 2021 - No update

### **Economic Development/Revitalization – Maddie Bartush**

Acquired a piano and is turning it into a street piano; storing at the Memorial, being tuned today. Asking Council for recommendations on where to place it so the public can use it. Maddie was thinking at Bicentennial Park. Email Maddie with ideas.

### **Water, Sewer & Sanitation – Rod Schaeffer**

Report of Water / Sewer Operations

Miller Environmental Inc. Reports

Water leak at a dead end of the water distribution system, does not affect any customers. Leak has been isolated on Ridge Rd between S Liberty and the bridge. Possible and outside contractor will be needed for this excavation due to the location of the dig.

After obtaining quotes for a new laboratory services for water and sewer systems; Miller Environmental recommends going with Suburban Laboratory out of Reading appears to be the most cost effective.

A motion to accept the lowest quote given by Suburban Laboratories in the amount of \$8,076.50 for testing of the Borough's Water and Sewer Systems was made by Brock Stein, second by Kerry Mariano.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

### **Streets, Lights & Buildings – Rick Bubeck**

Flagpole replacement – a temporary pole is being installed tomorrow; awaiting permanent flagpole delivery.

List of work:

Salt shed – located at Borough Garage; \$47,902 – Tabled for now

Street Sweeping - \$3,600 for the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>

Crack Sealing will continue this summer - \$8,000

Randy with input from ARRO created a calendar and timeline for Borough infrastructure repairs from 2021 to 2027 for Borough workforce and contracted projects was distributed to Council.

### **Recreation & Health – Katie Bedway – not present**

Blue Mountain Rec – Nothing to report

Albright's Woods:

- Trees removed at no cost
- Removed and replaced equipment
- Repairs to benches, tables, pavilions; add grills
- Replace equipment and mulch
- New roof on pavilion – looking for local contractors to volunteer

Lion's Club is refurbishing the walking trail in the Borough - Requests \$5,000 to match a DCNR grant supporting this maintenance; total price for repairs is \$12,000. If grant not awarded they will not need the \$5,000 requested.

A motion to give \$5,000 for the matching grant for the Orwigsburg Lions Club was made by Brock Stein, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

### **Planning & Zoning – Katie Bedway**

Planning & Zoning will not meet on Wednesday April 21, 2021

ZHB met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Steve Ross, 133 S. Wayne St garage variance request - decision not announced to date

### **Safety & Policy – Kerry Mariano – Nothing to report**

### **Bargaining & Negotiations – Mayor Berger**

### **Police Department – Mayor Berger**

Chief Hiring update –

- Advertisement was placed on the PA Chief of Police Association web-site
- Received 23 letters of interest – closed submissions on 4/7/2021
- The interview board met and weeded through the submissions
- 10 interviews are scheduled for 4/26 and 4/27
- Interview Board will choose two or three potential candidates and conduct background checks

A motion to resume Work Session meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm starting May 5, 2021 was made by Maddie Bartush, second by Brock Stein.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.

Mayor Berger shared an email he received from Sgt Steve Guers from PSU – University Police and Public Safety.

*I am writing today to let you know what a tremendous job was done by your officer, Robert Bechtel, during the homicide incident on Route 61 yesterday (4/02/2021). I was on duty at Penn State Schuylkill Campus when Officer Bechtel encountered the suspect vehicle near the borough. Officer Bechtel was calm and professional as he advised responding back-up units of his*

*numerous locations during the vehicle pursuit. His calm demeanor provided responding police units with clear information to better focus our response.*

*Officer Bechtel and Officer McDonald of the Schuylkill Haven Police Department already had the suspect secured when I arrived on scene without injury to themselves, the public, or the suspect. Once on location of the traffic stop, I observed Officer Bechtel verbally control the scene to ensure the safety of all present. He truly did an excellent job from start to finish.*

*As a member of law enforcement for a very long time, I know how infrequently officers receive positive recognition. In this incident, I want you to know the borough officials and the citizens of Orwigsburg can be very proud of Officer Robert Bechtel.*

*Sincerely,*

*Steve Guers*

Council thanked and applauded Officer Bechtel.

**COG** – Sue Murphy – Nothing to report

### **Correspondences**

A letter addressed to Borough Council was received from Diane Fiorillo:

*I have always considered Orwigsburg one of the last jewels in the area, due to its pristine condition and beautiful town square and Victorian homes and general feeling of cleanliness.*

*However, the past few years I want to cry upon entering, seeing those large ugly garbage totes stored in front of the properties. I say to myself here we go now this sweet town is going the way of the others.*

*Please, please put an end to this practice to restore the good feeling when entering your town and restore my former feeling of considering it a precious jewel.*

*Thank you*

*Diane Fiorillo*

Randy will place an article in the next newsletter addressing this issue.

Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association will host Frank Snyder for an Arbor Day tree dedication ceremony for newly planted trees by OBPA. Ceremony will take place on the square at 12:00 noon on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bills** - A motion to approve and ratify the accounts payable for General, Fire, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, State, Grant, Credit Union, and Capitol Improvement accounts was made by Brock Stein, second by Maddie Bartush.

Roll call vote

Councilor Mariano - yes

Councilor Bartush - yes

Councilor Stein - yes

Councilor Schaeffer - yes

Councilor Hoptak – Solga - yes

President Bubeck - yes

Unanimous.



**Community Activities/Events**

Street Sweeper – Week of April 13<sup>th</sup>

Arbor Day – OBPA – Friday April 30, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Next Council meeting is May 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm

At 9:48 pm President Bubeck called an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and litigation.

At 10:50 pm the Executive Session ended and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M Edwards  
Borough Secretary

April 04, 2021

# Calls for Service - by UCR Code

Incidents Reported Between 03/01/2021 and 03/31/2021

All Municipalities



Code	Description	Primary Count	Secondary UCR Count		
			Code 2	Code 3	Code 4
0591	CIVIL COMPLAINT	3			
1100	FRAUD	5			
1130	FLIM FLAM	1			
1312	STOLEN PROP.-BUYING - ALL OTHER PROPERTY	1			
1790	SEX OFFENSES - REPORTS	1			
1844	NARCOTICS-USE-OTHER DANGEROUS	1			
2300	PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	1			
2420	DISORDERLY CONDUCT-PUBLIC PLACES	1			1
2440	DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	2			
2450	HARASSMENT	1			
2625	BURGLAR ALARM	2			
2627	FALSE ALARM	1			
2646	ALL OTHERS-OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	0		1	
2820	BOROUGH ORD. OPEN BURNING	1			
2830	BOROUGH ORD-ALL OTHER	1			
3000	FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	2			
3400	MENTAL HEALTH	1	1		
3500	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	1			
3502	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	9			
3600	DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1			
3620	DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DISPUTES,ETC)	1			
3800	MISCELLANEOUS	7			
3805	ANIMAL	2			
3810	ALARMS-UNFOUNDED-EXCPT FIRE	2			
3820	ASSIST MOTORIST / DISABLE VEHICLE	1			
3840	FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	2			
3860	VEHICLE LOCKOUT	1			
3900	TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	4			
4004	ACCIDENT- NON REPORTABLE	1			
4010	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0		1	
4011	RECKLESS DRIVING	2	1		
4014	INVESTIGATE OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	1			
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2			
4026	WIRES AND POLES DOWN	1			
5002	LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	1			
5008	LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	2			
5504	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	1			
5506	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	2			
5590	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1			
6007	ACCIDENT HIT & RUN	1			
6312	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	1		
7006	VEHICLE LOCK OUT	1			
7504	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	15			
7506	ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - STATE POLICE	5			
7590	ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - REPORTS	2			
8010	WARRANTS - LOCAL - CRIMINAL	1			
8012	WARRANTS - LOCAL - TRAFFIC/CONTEMPT	1			
8110	WARRANTS - OTHER AUTHORITY - CRIMINAL	1			

**Calls for Service - by UCR Code**

Incidents Reported Between 03/01/2021 and 03/31/2021

All Municipalities



Code	Description	Primary Count	Secondary UCR Count		
			Code 2	Code 3	Code 4
8518	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - RECORD CHECKS	2			
8590	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - REPORTS	2			
8610	PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT	1			
9010	ADMINISTRATION - IN-SERVICE TRAINING	2			
9012	ADMINISTRATION - OTHER MAINTENANCE	1			
9022	AMBULANCE ASSIST	23			
9024	911 HANG UP CALL	3			
9026	SERVICE CALL-WELFARE CHECK RESIDENT	1			
9027	ASSIST ORWIGSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	1			
9090	ADMINISTRATION - REPORTS	4			
CITT	TRAFFIC CITATION	( )			
CITW	WARNING	28			
INFO	INFORMATION	12			
REPO	REPOSESSION	1			
SI	SCHOOL INCIDENT	1			
Total Calls		182			