

**Orwigsburg Work Session
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022**

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 for their Work Session meeting. President Rick Bubeck called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: President Rick Bubeck, Vice President Brock Stein. Councilors: Kerry Mariano, Ed Keyworth, Ed Winkelbauer, Maddie Bartush, Angie Hoptak-Solga. Mayor Barry Berger, Solicitor Paul Datte; Borough Manager Randy Miller; Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Utility Supervisor Dave Teter; Bryon Killian of Entech Engineering; Kevin Richards of Alfred Benesch; Dave Walasavage of ARRO Consulting; Tim Wilhelm of 3029 Ridgeview Dr; Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Jan McGowan of SSN

Minutes

Council received a draft copy of the minutes from the February 2, 2022 Work Session and February 9, 2022 Council meetings for review.

Budget Review – Target Objective January – 16.2%

General Fund Revenues	10.8%	Expenditures	14.3%
Fire Fund Revenues	6.2%	Expenditures	4.2%
Water Fund Revenues	20.5%	Expenditures	12.3%
Sewer Fund Revenues	20.5%	Expenditures	7.5%
Sanitation Fund Revenues	25.3%	Expenditures	15.1%

Maintenance Reports

Water/Sewer - Dave Teter

Dave presented his February report:

Sewer

Get sludge out of clarifier 2 with Dean Miller's authority

Sewer authority meeting

Entech tour for their Marketing Dept

Sewer flow meter talk/demonstration at Cressona with members of Orwigsburg Authority

Met Allen Meyers at sewer plant

Water

Met new managers of Applewood and showed where meter pits were located

Bobs pools end of year water data sent to Kathi

28 meter appointments – also looking at the lead/copper service lines; 13 so far are questionable

Look at fan issue in bathroom

Chemical delivery

Locate curb stop for plumber

SCMA interconnect inspection

Chlorine leak and delivery
Water plant issues with turbidity
Calibrate turbidity meter
7 final reads
Lift and shift loggers

Other

OBPA Reg meeting
Called in to salt / plow roads
Entech meeting about projects

Fire

529 Terry Reilly Way – Smoke in 2nd floor commercial building (1x.5hr)

Streets, etc. - Shawn, Slade, Devin

Council received the Hours worked, Vehicle Maintenance/Hours and Maintenance Budget reports for review and comment.

Fire Department - Jesse Zimmerman

12 Total Calls for February
40 Total Calls year to date
69:45 Man hours for February
276:41 Man hours year to day
111:00 Training hours year to date
141.5 Administrative hours year to date

	<u>Incident Count</u>
East Brunswick Twp	1
North Manheim Twp	2
West Brunswick Twp	3
Orwigsburg Borough	5
Pottsville City	<u>1</u>
	12

Fires – 1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services – 5
Hazardous Condition (No Fire) – 2
Service Call – 1
Good Intent Call – 1
False Alarm – 2

Public Comment - None

Business

Solicitor's Report – Paul Datte

Blue Mountain Village – No update

Conservation easement – we do have a draft of the easement which has been reviewed by the Solicitor. The Solicitor suggests getting a copy of the draft along with all supporting documentation on the property site to Council and schedule an Executive Session at the next meeting for Councils review and opinion.

Borough Manager – Randy Miller

Randy's report has been distributed to Council for review:

Tree Harvesting – Awaiting signed contract; was a meeting with the property owner (Borough reservoirs are located on this property); Randy had discussions with President Bubeck and the Solicitor regarding issues with those properties.

Orwigsburg Grants – the Borough continues to look for grant opportunities; two more grant opportunities we are pursuing, revenues generated by casinos. Alfred Benesch and Entech have Resolutions 2022-27 and 2022-28 for approval at next week's meeting.

South Liberty Street Repairs to the neighbor home – When 119 S Liberty St was falling down straw bales were place between homes for support and tried to mitigate damage to 123 S Liberty St. Once 119 S Liberty St was demolished the straw bales were removed; there was damage to 123 S Liberty St's siding and flashing. Council was asked to think about possible solution for next weeks meeting. The Borough crew did pressure wash the siding but did not come clean. Total cost to fix damage could be part of the lien placed on 119 S Liberty property. Solicitor suggests submitting to Boroughs insurance carrier. And also get a sense of the actual cost to repair damage.

Sale of items – vote on agenda for next week for approval of sale on items from February. Randy has readvertised for an assortment of items in the Borough Hall basement and Maintenance Garage; a list of items is available on-line to view and bid.

PSAB Conference – Attendee motion

Engineer – Dave Walasavage

Review Reports – Shannon Darker,
Shannon's reports were distributed to Council for review and comment.

- Permit Reports
- Notice of Violation
- Rental Properties

Capital Improvements List

The Street Committee met on February 28th to discuss the road projects for 2022.

Road Projects

Industrial Drive ARC project update: PPL will be relocating poles at the Industrial and Long Avenue intersection. Awaiting contractor to get back to us regarding existing water line investigation.

Easements: temporary construction easement documentation for adjoining property owners has been prepared and will be sent for signatures.

ARRO to meet with Devin to discuss projects:

- North Street and Margaret Ave which will require borough workforce to complete storm improvements prior to paving.
- paving and inlet repair locations to be investigated with Devin will be Upper and Lower Creswell as well as Gerald Avenue.

Storm Projects

- Borough workforce to install storm improvements to Margaret and North Street.
- Storm Improvements on North Wayne Street, from East Mifflin Street to East Cherry Street will be incorporated into the handicap ramp project awaiting County grant funding. ADA grant approved by County.

Planner – Kevin Richards

RACP update for Veterans' Memorial Building – Pre-Construction meeting held on January 26, 2022 with Stantec and Miller Brothers. It is anticipated to begin construction in Spring 2022. Completed by end of October 2022. Task force is close to selecting Audio/Visual Contractor should be this week. Coordination ongoing. Sound Test was finalized within gymnasium; no changes to proposed contract scope as bid out to Miller Brothers.

Blue Mountain Village – Owner is coordinating efforts with PennDOT and PADEP. Per the Developer – “The Rhoades Organization hope to resolve these issues within the next 6 months.” Benesch will continue to send monthly e-mails requesting updates.

Decatur St. Stormwater design work – Draft Drainage Easements/Temporary Construction Easements provided to Borough Manager/Solicitor Datte. Benesch is investigating funding for shovel ready projects.

Flood mitigation efforts – Four (4) grant applications have been submitted to PEMA for consideration:

- i. Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) – submitted in November
- ii. BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) – submitted in November
- iii. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Hurricane Ida – submitted January 20th.
- iv. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Covid) – submitted January 20th

No response on grants to date: still in review stage

The Planning Commission met on February 16, 2022 to review its Zoning Ordinance changes. Discussions ongoing. Main topic of discussion at meeting was accessory structures

April meeting Adaptive reuse will be discussed

Clearly Clean, LLC – discussed Land Development Plan last month, Benesch feels if plan is resubmitted and assuming no changes to plan Benesch's efforts would be minimal.

Benesch and the Borough are assisting the Orwigsburg Fire Company on the submission of a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Local Share Account (LSA) Grant for \$50,000 to finalize the planning and design intent of a proposed building along S Liberty St. Grant Application due March 15. There is a \$100 fee for this grant. The Fire Company is paying the grant preparation cost. Resolution 2022- 27 for LSA grant will be on next week's agenda for approval

Water/Sewer – Bryon Killian

Lead and Copper service line replacement initiative – August 2024 deadline; continue to work on determinations; changing out old meters – already went into 13 of 300 homes and determined no lead lines.

CCTV and Subsurface repairs update

- i. CCTV has been halted as per Council until further metering data – 2 subsurface meters will be purchased
- ii. Subsurface repairs – reviewed with Dave Teter; currently contract is \$303,860. Repairs identified would leave \$60,000 remaining in budget.

Entech recommends combining both Marshall Dr. Sewer Replacement and North Warren St & Station Rd projects to reduce engineering costs; only have 1 advertisement and 1 bidding process. Entech's wetlands delineation person was on site today to work on permitting issues.

Sewer Plant

Phase 1

- Change Order request received for replacing Gate actuators for \$104,600; does not include electrical and SCADA. No action until a breakdown of the change order is received.
- General Contractor on-site – Entech does have part time construction observer on site to help with review of construction

Phase 2 - Review of Submittals

- Deduct Change Order Request \$15,056.00 for deletion of UV Shed. No action until a breakdown of the change order is received.

Submission of Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) LSA Grant for water inter-connection with Schuylkill Haven for emergency services, regionalization, and fire protection. Grant Application due March 15. There is a \$100 fee for this grant.

Approve permit application for a water dispensing station on Long Avenue. Updated Co-Star pricing \$59,200.00. Before installation we need to secure a Public Water Supply permit. No personnel needed on site when station in use. In addition, insured safety with a back flow preventer. A motion will be on next weeks agenda.

Community Activities/Events

St. Patrick's Day Dance – April 2, 2022 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial building

Next Council meeting is March 9, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 7:23 pm was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, seconded by Ed Keyworth.
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary