

**Orwigsburg Municipal Authority**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2017**

The Orwigsburg Municipal Authority met on Monday, December 11, 2017 in Council Chambers. Chairman Rod Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance: Chairman Rod Schaeffer; Vice Chairman John Boyer; Members: Matt Baran, Rick Bubeck, Bill Bandholz and Randy Lindenmuth. Borough Manager Robert Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors; Natalie O'Connor of Entech Engineering; Utility Manager Dave Teter, Utility Supervisor Shawn Reichart.

A motion to approve the October 16, 2017 meeting minutes as presented was made by John Boyer, second by Bill Bandholz. Unanimous.

**Public Comment:**

Bob introduced the Borough's newest employee Shawn Reichart and Shawn gave a brief background on himself and family.

Bob discussed the following with the Authority:

- Pay rates in Schuylkill County
- Authority being an advisory board for Borough Council
- Rod Scheaffer cleared by the Solicitor to serve on both Council and the Authority

**2018 Budget**

Authority questioned the Engineers expense and Maintenance & Repairs expense:

Entech costs for the Capital Improvement Plan - \$8,000  
Maintenance & Repairs are for the STP property & building

A motion to approve the 2018 Authority Budget was made by John Boyer, second by Bill Bandholz. Unanimous.

### **Treasurer's Report**

A motion to approve the December 11, 2017 Treasurer's report as presented was made by Matt Baran, second by Rick Bubeck. Unanimous.

### **Engineer's Report**

Natalie O'Connor reviewed the following updates and additions that have been incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan:

- Put more teeth into the problems that exist make the deterioration of the sewer system apparent to council
- Proactive instead of reactive
- Two page cover letter regarding priority improvements and long term improvements to accompany the plan
- Prepare proposal for application for \$500,000 CFA Small Water & Sewer grant
- High priority area – Manhole #65 & #153, approx. cost \$550,000 which falls into price range for the CFA grant
- Include SSO history on manholes #65 & #153
- Sewer increase to fund a capital improvement fund – to include sewer replacement along with street replacement
- Inform community of the need for sewer improvements
- Matt will attend the January Borough Council Work Session to review the Capital Improvement Plan with Council

### **Bills List**

A motion to approve payment of Entech Engineering invoice 57382 in the amount of \$320.00 and invoice 57383 in the Amount of \$3522.50 was made by John Boyer, second by Matt Baran. Unanimous.

### **Old Business**

Bob explained how challenged Orwigsburg is when Harrisburg views our grant applications; Orwigsburg has a high per capita income and low tax rate and low water & sewer rates. Hard to compete with Frackville, Minersville and Pottsville. They have a higher poverty and crime rate along with higher taxes and utility rates.

Natalie noted it looks good that you are spending money for this.

**New Business**

Next Meeting – Monday March 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm

A motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm was made by John Boyer, second by Matt Baran. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards  
Borough Secretary