

BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG
Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE No. 377

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO JOIN WITH ORTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSQUEHANNA MUNICIPAL TRUST, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE TRUST AND TO PARTICIPATE AS A MEMBER OF THE TRUST.

PREAMBLE

- A. A number of political subdivisions within Central Pennsylvania, have investigated whether it would be mutually beneficial to cooperate with each other in obtaining workers' compensation insurance.
- B. The Susquehanna Municipal Trust (the "Trust") has been established for the purpose of (i) seeking the prevention or lessening of claims due to injuries of employees of the Trust's members and (ii) pooling workers' compensation and occupational disease insurance risks, reserves, claims and losses and providing self-insurance and reinsurance therefore.
- C. The Trust is established pursuant to an intergovernmental cooperation agreement entitled the Susquehanna Municipal Trust – Trust Agreement ("the Agreement").
- D. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23, Subchapter A, Intergovernmental Cooperation, of the General Local Government Code, 53 Pa. C.S. §2301, et seq. ("Intergovernmental Cooperation Law"), a municipality may enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement upon the passage of an Ordinance by its governing body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council (the "Governing Body") of the Borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania (the "Political Subdivision"), as follows:

- 1. The caption and Preamble of this Ordinance set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. This Political Subdivision hereby approves entering into the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein

by reference (and which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was enacted), with the intent and effect that this Political Subdivision shall be bound by the Agreement and shall join and participate in the Trust.

3. The President or Vice-President of the Governing Body, acting alone or together with the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Political Subdivision, (i) to execute and deliver the Agreement, and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry forth the Agreement and the transactions to be effected under the Agreement, including payment to the Trust of such amounts as are due by the Political Subdivision pursuant to the Agreement.
4. The Governing Body of the Political Subdivision is hereby authorized to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance and of the Agreement.
5. As required by the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the following matters are specifically found and determined:
 - (a) The conditions of the Agreement are set forth in the Agreement.
 - (b) This Political Subdivision shall participate in the Trust for a minimum initial term of two (2) years as set forth in the Agreement;
 - (c) The purpose and objectives of the Agreement are as set forth in the Preamble of this Ordinance and in the Agreement;
 - (d) The manner and extent of financing the Agreement are that (i) no borrowing will be required by the Political Subdivision, (ii) funds to implement the Political Subdivision's obligations under the Agreement shall come from normal and usual budgeted amounts for such matters, and (iii) other provisions governing the manner and extent of the financing of the Trust shall be as set forth in the Agreement;
 - (e) The Trust shall be managed by its own Plan Committee and Board of Trustees pursuant to the terms of the Agreement;
 - (f) All property, real or personal, of the Trust, shall be acquired, managed, licensed or disposed of by the Trust in accordance with the terms of the Agreement; and
 - (g) The Trust created by the Agreement shall be empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including social security, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

6. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, sentence, clause or part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect the remaining sections, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Political Subdivision that such Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.
7. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any court, or any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause of action existing prior to the enactment of this Ordinance.
8. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment hereof.

DULY ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 11 day of JANUARY, 2006,
by the Borough Council of the Borough of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill
County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF ORWIGSBURG

By: Chapman
President/Vice President

Attested by: Sherry M. Edwards

(SEAL)

EXAMINED AN APPROVED, this 12 day of January, 2006

Austin Scandiber
Mayor, Borough of Orwigsburg