

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2016

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in Council Chambers. President Buddy Touchinsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Attending were: President Buddy Touchinsky; Vice President Susan L. Murphy; Councilors: Darle W. Cresswell, Paul J. Bedway, Brian W. Baldwin, Angie Hoptak-Solga, Edward Mady; Mayor Barry J. Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte; Planning Consultant Greg Stewart; Borough Manager Robert A. Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors: Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Janis McGowan of South Schuylkill News; Amy Marchiano of the Republican Herald; Chris Bartush of 302 N Washington St; Ray Schlaseman of 119 Columbia St; Zoning Officer Tom Yashinsky; Borough Water/Sewer/Streets: Dave Teter, Jake Brensinger & Brandon Baver, Chief Stan Brozana and Sgt John Koury.

The minutes of the January 4, 2016 and January 13, 2016 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

The December 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council.

The 2015 Final and #1 of 2016 Tax Collector's reports were presented to Council.

	<u>2015 Final</u>	<u>#1 2016</u>
Real Estate	\$ 221.98	\$377.95
Per Capita	\$ 33.00	\$ 19.60
Occupation	\$ 12.87	\$ 3.82

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #1 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Building Permits for January 2016 -	1 New Permit issued at \$300,000.00 total value
	3 Renovation Permits issued at \$44,000.00 total value

Public Comment

Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St asked what the New Permit issued was for. *New home construction on Clark Dr.*

Old Business:

Snow Storm Jonas

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to the Borough Crew, Borough Police Department and outside contractors. The Mayor presented the certificates to the following:

Brandon Baver – present
Patrolman Bechtel
Jake Brensinger – present
Sgt Koury – present
Chief Brozana – present
Dave Teter – present
Joel Gipe
Devin Deibert – present
Brandon Wagner
Strouse Brothers
Excavation Tech
A & K Towing
Bartush Signs – present

President Touchinsky thanked the recipients for their hard work and efforts during and after the snow storm.

Safe Route to Schools Projects

Bob provided a brief background on the project;

- June 2009 borough awarded project \$303,000 from the Federal Government through Penndot
- Six years later the project was awarded to Heim Construction – being lowest bid but \$100,000 over the \$303,000 which Penndot covered
- Additional adjustments made that were not part of the plans:
- Manhole cover not listed on any borough map therefore not on ARRO plans, also issue with drainage in the same area
- Driveway angle issue after sidewalk was installed
- Additional pipe installation for drainage
- An additional \$15,000 change order was submitted to Penndot
- Penndot is requesting for the Borough to contribute \$3600 towards the additional \$15,000 – Penndot will contribute \$11,000

Franklin Street Apartments

- Planning & Zoning has recommended approval at their January 20th meeting
- Resolution, Stormwater Management, Improvements agreement and signed copies of the plan are all completed.
- Two agreements approved by Council when resolution is adopted:

- Land Development agreement – attached to the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance
- Stormwater Management Agreement and Declaration of Easement – recorded after the deed is conveyed to Fanelli Properties.
- Land Development Plans will now be governed by resolution – which will include an expiration date on the approval. The conditions set forth in the resolution will need to be satisfied in 90 days.

Committee Reports:

Streets, Lights, & Buildings

A motion to approve PennDOT Supplemental Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement C adding \$11,000.00 of funding for project construction cost, and ECMS PennDOT Work Order (Change Order) in the amount of \$14,389.73 and a local contribution not to exceed \$3,600.00 from the Borough to the Safe Route to Schools Project was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize ARRO Engineering to solicit bids for the South Warren Street & South Wayne Street Repaving & Drainage Project was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-9 approving the Final Land Development Plan as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Solicitor for Fanelli Group Properties at the Franklin Street Apartments was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Water, Sewer, & Sanitation

A motion to approve Change Order #2, a decrease of \$70.00 of the Original Contract Price from \$769,875.00 to \$769,805.00 for the Interceptor Realignment Project. This Decrease Change Order includes \$26,385.00 of additional paving which was needed in other areas of the Borough was made by Ed Mady, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

Recreation & Health

A motion to authorize Benesch Engineering to request letters of support and to develop and submit to PA DCNR the reapplication of the Veterans Memorial Building Playground-Phase II Basketball Courts Grant was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Brian Baldwin abstained due to his employment at Alfred Benesch. Motion carried.

A motion to authorize the 2016 Veterans Memorial Building Fee Schedule, effective July 1, 2016 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to commence the hiring process for a Full Time Police Officer was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Darle Cresswell. Ed Mady opposed.

New Business

Market Street ADA Ramps

Bob noted: At breakfast this morning sponsored by the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce guest speaker was Michael W. Rebert, P.E. of Penndot – Mike publically announced the contract will go out for bid on June 9th for ADA ramps along Market Street

Two years ago Penndot paved Market Street but did not do improvements for ADA ramps at that time and noted they would install them some time in the future.

Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum

President Touchinsky noted the Historical Society is saving major issues with heating, roof leaks and basements leaks. Consensus of council was to forward their annual donation of \$500.00 now and not wait until October. Members of the community if you are able please reach out and offer contributions and to keep an eye out for fundraisers

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2016, 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Fire

Chief Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>January</u>
Structure Fire	0
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	4
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	2
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0
Search	0
False Alarm	4
Technical Rescue	0
Vehicle Fire	0
Brush / Rubbish Fire	0
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	0
EMS Assist	2

Standby in Station	0
Electrical Fire	1
Service Calls	7
Helicopter Landing Zone	1
Fire Other	0
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Police

Sgt Koury handed out quotes on speed trailers at a cost of \$700.00 and board signs at a cost of \$5,700.00. Speed trailer would be more mobile than permanent the sign boards; four boards would be needed at the entrances to the Borough. Sgt Koury will check on pricing through Costars.

Sgt Koury contacted Penndot and received four pedestrian signs for the middle of Market St to help control speeding.

Greg Stewart noted there are programs available for updating and adding lighting throughout the Borough. Brian and Greg will continue to research.

Bullet proof vest:

- Patrolman Bayer's was just replaced
- Two Part timer officers will need to be replace in the near future
- Vest for new officer will fall under the police contract to be supplied with uniform.
- New vests costs between \$500 and \$800.

The January 2016 report is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, 2015 Bond, and State Fund accounts was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary