

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2016

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, January 13, 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 Baldwin, Angie Hoptak-Solga, Ed 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 and Chief Stan Brozana.

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 and December 9, 2015 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

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

The December 2015 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council.

Real Estate	\$7,079.53
Per Capita	\$1,671.00
Occupation	\$ 553.41

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #12 was made by Ed Mady, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Building Permits for December 2015 -	0 New Permit issued at \$0.00 total value
	1 Renovation Permits issued at \$1,333.75 total value

Public Comment – None

Old Business:

Establishment of Council Committees

A motion to establish Council Committees as follows was made by Paul Bedway, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

- Communication & Technology
- Economic Development

- Finance
- Personnel & Negotiations
- Water, Sewer & Sanitation
- Buildings, Streets & Lights
- Recreation & Health
- Planning & Zoning
- COG

Committee assignments will be forwarded when determined.

Committee Reports:

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-02 authorizing participation in the Municipal Rick Management Workers Compensation Pooled Trust was made by Ed Mady, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to reappoint Jeromy Guistwite and Nick Bagdonis to the Planning & Zoning Commission for 5 year terms, to reappoint Stan Peyakovich to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term, and Nick Bagdonis to the Municipal Authority for a 5 year term was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to appoint Rod Schaeffer to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term, and Matt Baron to the Municipal Authority for a 5 year term was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Recreation & Health

A motion to establish the following as the Borough's 2016 Schedule of Events was made by Angie Solga, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

March 19, 2016	12 noon	Easter Egg Hunt
May TBD, 2016	9:00 am	Fishing Rodeo
May 30, 2016	8:00 am	Memorial Day Parade
September 10, 2016	9:00 am – 4 pm	Heritage Day
October 26, 2016	7:00 pm	Halloween Parade
October 31, 2016	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Trick or Treat
December 3, 2016	4:30 pm	Festival of Lights

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-03 sanctioning the Friendship Hose Fire Company 2016 events and activities was made by Angie Solga, second b Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-04 appointing Thomas Yashinsky of the ARRO Group as the Zoning Enforcement Officer and establishing the 2016 UCC Permit Fee Schedule was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Brian Baldwin abstained. (See attached memorandum). Motion passed.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-05 appointing Greg A. Stewart, PE of Alfred Benesch Engineers as the Borough Planning Engineer Consultant was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Brian Baldwin abstained. (See attached memorandum). Motion passed

Water, Sewer & Sanitation

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-06 appointing Bryon Killian, PE of Entech Engineering as the Borough Water & Sewer Engineer was made by Ed Mady, second Sue Murphy. Brian Baldwin abstained. (See attached memorandum). Motion passed.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-07 appointing Thomas Yashinsky of the ARRO Group as the Sewage Enforcement Officer and establishing the 2016 Sewage Enforcement Fee Schedule was made by Ed Mady, second by Paul Bedway. Brian Baldwin abstained. (See attached memorandum). Motion passed.

Finance

A motion to adopt Resolution #2016-08, authorizing an agreement with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board to provide a Police Pension Plan to our Officers and waive member contributions and fees was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion for the authorization to submit names of Delinquent Taxpayers as received from the Tax Collector to Berkheimer for collection in 2016 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

A motion for the authorization of the Finance Chairman or Borough Manager to Transfer Funds as required was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

New Business – None

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Fire

Chief Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Structure Fire	0	9
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	2	15
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	0	10
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0	2
Search	0	2
False Alarm	8	64
Technical Rescue	0	0
Vehicle Fire	0	0
Brush / Rubbish Fire	0	4
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	0	1
EMS Assist	0	9
Standby in Station	0	2
Electrical Fire	0	1
Service Calls	1	19
Helicopter Landing Zone	1	6
Fire Other	0	0
	12	144

Police

Chief Brozana reviewed a list of 42 police training courses broken down by Mandatory, Strongly Suggested & Optional – that the department needs and or should attend.

The December and Year to Date Police Reports are 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 Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

At 8:00 pm President Touchinsky called an Executive Session to discuss a personnel/legal matter.

At 8:30 pm the Executive Session ended and the regular meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary