

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2016

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, March 9, 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. 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; Greg Solga of 490 Clark Drive; Dave Hoptak of 413 N Warren St; Nic & Joe Benulis of 361 Rauschs Rd; Brian Kobularcik of 544 Haine Rd, Sinking Spring; Chief Stan Brozana

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 and February 10, 2016 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

The January 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council.

The February 2016 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council.

Real Estate	\$	35,994.37
Per Capita	\$	3,365.20
Occupation	\$	898.26

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #2 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Building Permits for February 2016 - No permits issued

Public Comment

Susan Carlson of 325 W Market thanked council for their timely response to her request for pedestrian crossing signs at her intersection. Signs are working well, traffic has slowed down. She also mentioned the hazard of crossing route 443 from the 200 block of Grove St to the Memorial Bldg.

Bob noted we care and we will do what we can, we have heard from other residents – some appreciate the signs and some don't. The Borough has place two other cones at the Tax Collectors house to aid in residents crossing the street to pay their taxes.

Stan suggests contacting PennDOT to install a flashing pedestrian crossing sign at the Memorial Bldg on Route 443 and Grove St.

Dave Hoptak of 413 N Warren St thanked Council for placing cones on N Warren St, traffic has really slowed down.

Greg Stewart conveyed a message from Halabura Farms about the cone placement and how they hinder large equipment traveling through town.

Darin Brensinger of 101 Station Rd also agrees with Halabura and how hard it is to maneuver around the cones with large vehicles.

Buddy said we will continue to assess cone locations.

Old Business:

Blue Mountain Retirement Community

- Approaching the end of the 90 day extension
- No new information has been received to date
- Planning & Zoning will be making a recommendation at their March meeting
- Council will need to act at their April meeting

Villas of Orwigsburg

A meeting was held between Brian Kobularcik, Solicitor Datte and Greg Stewart regarding the borough's concerns with progress of construction and outstanding invoices. The third 90 day extension expires in May. Brian will provide an update at the May meeting. Brian also agreed to pay \$250.00 per month for the unpaid invoices which the borough received \$250.00 today.

Committee Reports:

Recreation & Health

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-10 authorizing the Council President to sign the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Orwigsburg Memorial Playground Phase 2 grant application, and for Benesch Engineering to complete, process, and forward same to DCNR was made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Brian Baldwin abstained due to being employed by Alfred Benesch Engineering. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-12 authorizing the use of Fisher Dam from Thursday June 9, 2016 through Sunday June 12, 2016 for the Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo, and furthermore confirming that the OCFR Committee will be stocking trout, conducting the event, and responsible for all reasonable matters associated with same was made by Sue Murphy, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

COG

A motion to authorize the disbursement of an additional \$1,500.00 to the Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum as a 2016 contribution. The additional \$1,500.00 funding will be utilized from the COG account. The total 2016 contribution to the Historical Society will be \$2,000.00. The motion was made by Sue Murphy, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

Water, Sewer & Sanitation

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11 approving the extension of the Operations and Consultation Agreement with the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority for a period of one year through March 31, 2017 with all conditions remaining the same with the exception of an increase in the monthly fee from \$1,990.00 per month to \$2,100.00 per month was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Streets, Lights, & Buildings

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-13 authorizing the closure of Independence Street between South Liberty Street and South Warren Street on Sunday, August 28, 2016 from Noon to 9:00 pm for the Salem United Methodist Church Annual Block Party, and furthermore confirming that Salem United Methodist Church will be conducting the event, and responsible for all reasonable matters associated with same was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

New Business - None

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016, 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Fire - None

Police

Stan reviewed a list of priorities:

- License plate readers and associated systems - \$40,000
 - According to Penndot grant money will be available
- AED maintenance program – \$600
 - Batteries are good for 3 to 4 years and cost \$500 to replace
 - Stan suggest saving the \$600 per year and if a unit goes down just replace the unit
- Training is all set up

- Substantial increase for internet service and a firewall set up
- Speed trailer - \$9,000
- In-car Video Camera - \$5,000
- Schooling - \$1,000
- vest for part timers - \$4,000

Bob will take Stan's list and itemize for next meeting

The February 2016 report is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Capital Improvement, 2015 Bond, COG, Police Donation, Grant and State Fund accounts was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Councilor Baldwin asked about the status of the UCC Appeal Board.
Solicitor Datte will have the information for the April Work Session.

A motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was made by Sue Murphy, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary