

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, May 11, 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: Edward Mady; Darle W. Cresswell, Paul J. Bedway, Brian W. Baldwin, Angie Hoptak-Solga. Mayor Barry 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; Chief Brozana; Sergeant Koury

The minutes of the April 6, 2016 and April 13, 2016 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

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

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

Real Estate	\$	186,654.92
Per Capita	\$	5,603.20
Occupation	\$	1,419.05

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #4 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for April 2016: -0- New Permits
6 Renovation Permits issued at \$34,100.00 total value

Old Business:

Blue Mountain Retirement Community

Bob noted Zoning Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 @ 7:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Villas of Orwigsburg

Bob noted at the Work Session last week council approved a 90 day extension through September 30, 2016.

Committee Reports:

Streets, Lights, & Buildings

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-19 appointing Bill Knecht, Nick Bagdonis, and Roy Heim to the Orwigsburg UCC Board of Appeals was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 424 requiring the annual registration of all rental properties, establishing responsibilities of owners and occupants establishing minimum standards, establishing procedures for inspections, and an effort to identify the possible location of trash and recycling containers was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Paul Bedway. On a roll call vote taken by Secretary Edwards; the vote was unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-21 authorizing the allocation of Liquid Fuels Funds for the in-house construction and repairs of the storm water systems on 1) Marshall Drive & Ridge Rd, 2) Lehigh Avenue, and 3) Church & Columbia Streets, with a total cost not to exceed \$110,000.00, and a potential savings of \$117,000.00 when compared to outside contracted work was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Personnel

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-20 to hire Joshua Mairose, Lane Koury, and Slade Bugajinsky as Part Time Summer Borough Workers at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Police

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to review and update the Orwigsburg Civil Services Rules and Regulations for the Civil Service commission in support of their efforts to commence the process of hiring and additional Orwigsburg Police Officer was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to revise or revoke Ordinance No 257, dated February 13, 1985, requiring Orwigsburg Police Officers to reside within a 7-mile radius of the Borough limits, and to revise or revoke Resolution #95-01, dated July 12, 1995, which approved the Civil Service Rules & Regulations to require all Orwigsburg Police Officers to reside within a 15-mile

radius of the Borough limits, and to establish no specific residency requirements for Orwigsburg Police Officers in an effort to attract a larger pool of potential Officer Candidates was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

New Business

Bob noted DCED Secretary Dennis M. Davin Breakfast is Thursday June 2, 2016 at 7:45 am at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. Organized by the Government Affairs Committee of the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Senator David Argall, Representative Neal Goodman, Representative Jerry Knowles, and Representative Mike Tobash. DCED has funded the majority of the buildings improvements.

Greg Stewart gave an update on the \$225,000 grant slated for outside improvements.

New Business

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016, 6:30 PM at the 3 C's Restaurant on Rt. 61 in Port Clinton.

Community Events

President Touchinsky noted the following:

Friday, May 13, 2016, 9:00AM, Captain Jason B. Jones Memorial Day, Sponsored by the Schuylkill United Way. Volunteers needed for Albrights Woods and Walborn Avenue Playground.

Saturday, May 21, 2016, 8:00am-4:00pm – Community Yard Sale

Tuesday & Wednesday May 24/25 2016 7:00am to 4:00 Street Sweeper

Monday, May 30, 2016 8:00 am Memorial Day Parade and the Lions Club Chicken BarBQue

Fire - None

Police

Chief Brozana noted the department started addressing grass complaints today.

A copy of the 2016 April Police report is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, Grant Account, and State Fund accounts was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary