

**ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2016**

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, June 8, 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, 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

The minutes of the May 4, 2016 and May 11, 2016 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

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

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

Real Estate	\$	6,779.90
Per Capita	\$	468.80
Occupation	\$	116.84

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #5 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Building Permits for May 2016: -0- New Permits
3 Renovation Permits issued at \$15,700.00 total value

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Pine Creek Retirement Community

Solicitor Datte noted the current approval that dates back to 2006 under the permit extension act will expire on September 30, 2016 based on his calculations. Developer feels it should be the beginning of December 2016. The Solicitor will keep an eye on the extension act to see if it will be extended again. A letter was sent by the Planning Consultant to the Developer explaining

how the expiration date of September 30, 2016 was determined. The plan has the approval which is subject to terminations if conditions are not met by September 30, 2016. Two of numerous conditions are Improvements agreement and Financial Security.

Blue Mountain Retirement Community

The plan is currently in the review process, an extension was granted until the end of the year. An application for an appeal was submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board. Due to the timeliness of the appeal submission the Zoning Hearing Board the applicant withdrew the application.

Villas of Orwigsburg

Based on the Permit Extension Act the plan will expire on September 30, 2016 if conditions are not met.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #425 repealing in its entirety Ordinance #257 which created residency requirements for member of the Police Department was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Paul Bedway. On a roll call vote taken by Secretary Edwards the vote was as follows: Councilor Bedway – yes; Councilor Murphy – yes; Councilor Hoptak-Solga – yes; Councilor Mady – yes; Councilor Cresswell – yes; President Touchinsky – yes. Vote was Unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Streets, Lights, & Buildings

Bids were opened today for the S Warren / S Wayne Streets project. Low bid was Schuylkill Paving at \$332,000 includes paving, curb ramps and some drainage. Currently our Liquid Fuels balance is \$293,000. Bob recommends the borough apply for a bridge loan at a local bank to cover the difference and payoff with the March 2017 Liquid Fuel payment. This would have zero impact on the budget. An application has been submitted to PIB for this project – application can be amended for a different PennDOT approved road project. Solicitor Datte suggested obtaining a letter of no prejudice from PIB.

Ridge & Marshall

Bill McMullen updated Council on the current status of the project:

Need to draft up easements – phone calls were made to property owners and received positive responses – nothing in writing to date. Identify property and forward legal description to the Solicitor.

Ordered a 4' x 4' square ft trench box to provide an outlet on Marshall Dr through a 24" pipe
General Permit has been issued

A brief discussion was held on flip flopping the PIB money from Wayne & Warren to Ridge & Marshall. Both projects have PennDot approval. Issue notice to award but wait for PIB approval before issuing notice to proceed.

After a discussion on curbs and Alternates 2 Option A and Option B, Alternate 3 the following motion was made.

A motion to accept low bidder Schuylkill Paving, Inc. for a Total Base Bid plus Alternate 1 of \$332,625.00, Alternate 2 Option A for \$44,550, and Alternate 3 for \$40,000.00 for a Total Bid of \$417,175.00 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the update of an appraisal of all Borough assets in accordance with the Auditors requirements with the Industrial Appraisal Company, (same company as in 2006), for a cost of \$6,710.00 was made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016 to hire Patrick Farrell as a Part Time Summer Borough Worker at an hourly rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2016-23 engaging the services of Attorney Michael Miller of the Law Firm of Eckert Seamans, Cherin & Mellott to assist the Borough with the review & negotiating of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement which expire December 31, 2016 at a rate of \$250.00 per hour was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to accept a 90 Day Extension to September 12, 2016 for the Hamilton Lot Annexation Subdivision as reviewed by Planning Engineer Greg Stewart was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

New Business

Police

A motion to approve our application for the FY 2016 COPS Hiring Program Grant was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

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

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 2016, 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Community Events

President Touchinsky noted the following:

Fishing Rodeo, Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12, 2016 at Fishers Dam
June Jamboree, Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Community Parking Lot
Family Funfest, Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the Community Parking Lot

Fire

Chief Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Structure Fire	1	1	1	3
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	0	1	1	0
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	2	1	2	3
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0	1	0	0
Search	0	0	0	0
False Alarm	5	2	3	4
Technical Rescue	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Fire	0	1	0	0
Brush / Rubbish Fire	0	1	1	1
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	1	1	1	0
EMS Assist	1	0	0	0
Standby in Station	0	0	0	0
Electrical Fire	0	1	0	0
Service Calls	1	2	4	3
Helicopter Landing Zone	1	0	0	0
Fire Other	0	0	0	0
	12	12	13	15

Correspondence – None

Bills

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary