

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2018

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 in Council Chambers. President Rudloff called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance: President Michele Rudloff; Vice President Susan L. Murphy. Councilors: Rod Schaeffer, Katie Bedway, Angie Hoptak-Solga & Paul Bedway. Mayor Barry Berger, Solicitor Paul Datte, Borough Manager Robert Williams, Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors: Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Jan McGowen of South Schuylkill News; Jamie Seigenfuse of 1018 Chestnut Rd, Apt 1, Orwigsburg; Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman; Police Chief John Koury, David Barr of the Republican Herald; Dave Walasavage of ARRO Engineering.

President Rudloff thanked the men and women who serve on the Fire Department and the First Responders and to all who responded to the fire on Long Avenue this afternoon. Lives were saved do to the quick response of the Fire Department and Police Department. Four families have been displaced and one woman was taken to the hospital and since released. The Red Cross has mobilized and the Salvation Army is also working with the families. Information will be available to residents via social media, calling borough hall. Our Borough Crew are volunteers with the Fire Department and they were the first ones on the scene today.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 and January 10, 2018 meetings as presented was made by Sue Murphy, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

The December 2017 Treasurer's report was presented to Council.

Tax Collectors Report

The January 2018 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council as follows:

	<u>2017 Final</u>	<u>Jan/Feb</u>
Real Estate	\$175.00	\$6948.17
Per Capita	\$165.00	\$ 19.60
Occupation	\$ 38.61	\$ 3.82

Tax Exoneration List

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

Building Permits

-0- New Permit issued at \$00.00 total value
1 Renovation Permit issued at \$120,000.00 for 326 MacArthur Crest

Public Comment: none

Solicitors – report

Paul noted: nothing new to report on items 1, 2, 3

1. Pine Creek Retirement Community
2. Blue Mountain Retirement Community
3. Villas of Orwigsburg
4. Sopko/SCMA will be discussed in Executive Session

Committee Reports

Recreation & Health

A motion to authorize Benesch Engineers to reapply for a \$1,000,000.00 RCAP (Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Grant) for Veterans Memorial Hall. Application cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Finance

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to complete and sign documents related to the financing of the new Police Vehicle with the Hidden River Credit Union. The finance rate is 2.69% the term is 36 months, and the amount financed is \$41,260.76 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to hire Jarrett Davenport as a Part-Time Equipment Operator and Snow-Plow Driver at the Borough's minimum 2018 Part-Time Non-Uniform Salary Wage of \$15.50 per hour with no benefits was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to accept an extension request of 90 days from Clearly Clean Products as they continue to work with the Schuylkill Conservation District for approval of their new building was made by Paul Bedway, second by Katie Bedway. Michele Rudloff abstained due to her husband is an employee of Clearly Clean Products. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission, the recommendation of Planning Engineer Christopher Bentz and as requested in Engineer David Walasavage's letter of January 2, 2018, the following waivers for the construction of the Borough's Maintenance Building was made by Paul Bedway, second by Rod Schaeffer. Unanimous.

Section 709: Sidewalks

Section 710: Curbing

Article XII: Improvements and Construction Assurances

Article V: Preliminary Plan Requirements

Section H: Minimum Pipe Size

A motion to approve the Borough Maintenance Garage Final Land Development Plan was made by Paul Bedway, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

Streets, Lights, & Buildings

A motion to authorize Bill McMullen of ARRO Engineers to solicit bids for the Proposed Borough Maintenance Building/Pole Barn was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Water, Sewer, & Sanitation

A motion to fully support the Municipal Authority's Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 with a 15% match by the Municipal Authority, for construction of the North Warren Street/Long Avenue Sewer Main Replacement Project was made by Rod Schaeffer, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

New Business

Police Department Report

John Koury presented the January 2018 police report

784 Regular Hours
115 Overtime hours
 46 Hours for 23 District Court hearings
58 Hours of Training
984 Total Hours for January
4086 Miles on both cars combined
374.5 Hours of vehicle patrol
6 Hours foot patrol
88.5 Hours traffic
252 Incidents – up 23 from December
7 Officers handled 252 incidents
144 Incidents handled by day shift
108 Incidents handled by night shift
10 Reportable crimes
18 Traffic citation issued
89 Traffic warnings issued
4 Non-traffic citations
4 Parking Tickets
2 Assaults
3 Thefts
3 Domestic
2 Drug Arrests
6 Crashes
 3 Reportable
 3 Non reportable
17 EMS assists
19 Other Police Departments assists
4 Warrants issued
4 Fire Department assists

Chief Koury encourages Council Members to participate in the Ride-A-Long program. Either day or night shift is available.

Fire Company Report

Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman presented the January report:

January report

20 Calls for January – 33 Calls to date

177 Man hours – Training, Calls run and Fundraising
4 Fires
4 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service
5 Service Calls
3 Good intent call
4 False alarm & False call

Jesse was asked how many volunteers does the Fire Company have – 18, Jesse also noted when he left the fire scene tonight the Fire Marshall was there along with the restoration company who was boarding up the effected properties.

Bob told Jesse everyone did a great job and thank goodness for our quick responders.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the accounts payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, State, Grant, Credit Union, and Capital Improvements accounts was made by Sue Murphy, second by Rod Schaeffer. Unanimous.

At 7:55pm President Rudloff called an Executive Session to discuss current litigation.

At 8:10 pm the Executive Session and the regular meeting continued.

Jamie Seigenfuse, President of the Fire Company introduced himself to Council. He is eager to work with the Borough to develop a strong community relationship.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary