

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2014

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 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; Angie Hoptak-Solga; Paul J. Bedway; David J. Rubright; Mayor Barry J. Berger; Jr. Councilor Mitchell Rice; Solicitor Frank Tamulonis; Borough Manager Michael P. Lonergan, Incoming Borough Manager Robert A Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors were: Colleen Hoptak of South Schuylkill News, Amy Marchiano of Republican Evening Herald; Kevin Kraft of 123 W Market St; Greg Stewart of 224 E Tammany St; Fire Chief Dave Hardinger; Allen & Deborah Shepler of 360 Halsey Drive; Al Mickalonis of 845 Jacks Lane; Bobby Shappel of 680 S Liberty St.

The minutes of the November 5th and November 12th meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

The October 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council.

The November 2014 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council.

Real Estate	\$	4,493.66
Per Capita	\$	495.00
Occupation	\$	132.99

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #11 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for November 2014 - 0 New Permits issued; 2 Renovation Permits issued at \$4,479.00 total value.

Visitors – Kevin Kraft property owner of 123 W Market St parking on the South/west end of the square. Parking is very limited due to tenants utilizing the square parking instead of accessing the parking in the rear of the buildings. Kevin suggested installing signs with limited time period and try to enforce tenants to park in the rear of the buildings.

Council will discuss in January and the issue could possibly be considered to be on the agenda for the February's work session.

Bobby Shappell of 680 S Liberty St addressed Council regarding mandatory water and sewer hookups. Bobby doesn't want to hook up to the borough water & sewer because of the water quality and I & I issues. President Touchinsky explained the interceptor project and invited him to the January work session.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Mayor Berger presented the 2014 Recognition Award to Deborah and Allan Shepler.

Mayor Berger presented a plaque to Allen Mickalonis for his years of service on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Committee Reports:

Finance

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to pay year end bills after review by the Finance Chairman was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Insurance and COG

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-30 designating the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative as the health insurance carrier for

Borough employees was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway.
Unanimous.

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting will be January 15, 2015 at 7:00 in Borough Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning - None

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-31 adopting non-uniform employee wage rates for 2015 was made by Dave Rubright, second by Darle Cresswell.
Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-32 hiring Dutch Brensinger as a casual employee was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-34 hiring Kelly Schaeffer and Steven Daynorovicz as part-time employees was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt proposed Ordinance 417 establishing the position of Borough Manager was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. On a roll call vote taken by Secretary Edwards the vote was as follows: Councilor Bedway – yes; Councilor Rubright – yes; Councilor Murphy – yes; Councilor Cresswell – yes; Councilor Solga – yes; President Touchinsky – yes. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to appoint Roy Eiler to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term, Kay Jones to Planning and Zoning for a five year term, Jim Miller to the Orwigsburg Municipal Authority for a five year term and Josh Meade to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term was made by Dave Rubright, second by Angie Solga. Unanimous.

A motion to appoint Nick Bagdonis to fill unexpired terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission, terms will expire December 31, 2015 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Fire

Fire Chief Dave Hardinger submitted the following report:

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

Police

The Police Report for November 2014 is attached to these minutes.

Water - None

Sewer and Solid Waste - None

Streets & Lights - None

Building and Recreation

A motion to approve Payment Application #4 of L & K Construction for \$17,795.70 was made by Angie Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to approve Payment Application #5 of L & K Construction for \$23,672.30, subject to final approval by the Borough Engineer was made by Angie Solga, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to approve Payment Application #2 of Spotts Brothers, Inc for \$42,302.50 was made by Angie Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to approve Payment Application #3 of Spotts Brothers, Inc. for \$10,532.50 subject to final approval by the Borough Engineer was made by Angie Solga, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Councilor Solga thanked the area churches, The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association and the Orwigsburg Lions Club for sponsoring the Festival of Lights being held this Saturday at 4:30. Also, thank you to Darin Brensinger for helping to set up and decorate the tree, and providing the tractor and trolley, and our borough employees for decorating the tree.

Councilor Solga thanked J.C. Hill Tree Farm for donating the big tree for this year.

Councilor Solga noted Borough Council has received and reviewed a copy of the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission 2015 budget.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-33 authorizing the destruction of records was made by Angie Solga, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify accounts payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, COG and Capital Improvement fund accounts was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Council and Fire Chief Dave Hardinger thanked Mike for his years of leadership in the borough as he served as Borough Manager.

Bob Williams thanked Mike for sharing his time and knowledge as he educates Bob for the position of Borough Manager.

At President Touchinsky called an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary

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