

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 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: Ed Mady, Darle W. Cresswell, Angie Hoptak-Solga, Paul J. Bedway, David J. Rubright. Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Frank Tamulonis, Borough Manager Robert A. Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors were: Darren Dougherty and Dylan Dougherty of 250 Lehigh Ave, Orwigsburg; Jody Baer of 174 West 2nd Mountain Rd, Orwigsburg; Colleen Hoptak of Southern Schuylkill News; Fire Chief Dave Hardinger; Amy Marchiano of Republican Evening Herald.

The minutes of the January 7th and January 24th meetings were approved on a motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

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

The January 2015 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council as follows:

Real Estate	\$00.00
Per Capita	\$88.00
Occupation	\$30.03

A motion to exonerate the Tax collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #1 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for January 2015 – 0 New Permits issued; 5 Renovation Permits issued at \$4,246,105.00 total value.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Personnel & Police

A motion to acknowledge the satisfactory completion of Officer Robert Bechtel's one year probation period assigning him as a Full Time Police Officer was made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Insurance and COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next scheduled COG meeting is February 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall, Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to allow the construction of the required improvement associated with the Paul J. Jr. and Kimberly Sue Bedway Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan without the requirement to provide financial security prior to the construction of the improvements – conditioned on the Land Development Agreement being required to include a Sequence of Construction (and inspections) of the improvements, as well as the provision that no Certificate of Zoning Compliance for the building(s) shall be issued by the Borough Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer unless (and until) all the required improvement have been constructed, inspected and approved by the Borough was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Ed Mady. Paul Bedway abstained. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Paul J. Jr. and Kimberly Sue Bedway Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – conditioned on the Applicant addressing all the comments in the Hanover Engineering Associates letter dated January 28, 2015 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Paul Bedway abstained. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the HJJT Partnership to withdraw the Conditional Final Approval of the South Liberty Street Project and award this project Preliminary Plan Approval in accordance with John Boyer’s letter of January 02, 2015 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to commence the process of a Zoning Map Amendment for Malcolm Eubert III, 230 South Wayne Street, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 21, 2015 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Fire

A motion to accept the North Manheim Township Solicitor’s letter of December 23, 2014 requesting an extension to the written contract which expired December 31, 2014 to continue providing Fire Protection for North Manheim Township for one additional year to December 31, 2015 was made by Ed Mady, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Fire Chief Dave Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>January</u>
Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	2
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	2

Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0
Search	1
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	0
Service Calls	1
Helicopter Landing Zone	0
<u>Fire Other</u>	<u>0</u>
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Police

Mayor Berger noted due to the tax season he urges citizens to be cautious of fraud – telephone calls soliciting for payments. Also, be careful when utilizing Craig’s List

President Touchinsky also noted when utilizing Craig’s List be careful not to give out your home address, he suggests meeting at a public place.

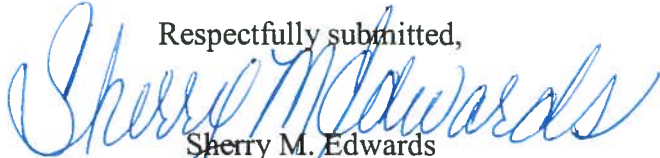
A copy of the January 2015 Police Report is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence: None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation and Capital Improvements accounts was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary