

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2015

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, January 14, 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 J. Berger; Solicitor Frank Tamulonis; Borough Manager Robert A. Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors were: Tony Laskus of 700 S. Liberty St; Colleen Hoptak of South Schuylkill News; Bobbie Shappell of 680 S Liberty St

The minutes of the December 3rd and December 10th meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

The November 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council

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

Real Estate	\$	5,438.06
Per Capita	\$	1,639.00
Occupation	\$	501.93

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #12 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Building Permits for December 2014 – 0 New Permits issued; 3 Renovation Permits issued at \$1,750.00 total value.

Public Comment

Tony Laskus addressed Council regarding the mandatory hook-up letter he received. Tony requests an exception due to where his septic system is located - he feels a pump will need to be installed in order for the sewage to enter the system. Hooking up to the system will be a costly expense for him. Tony noted he was told in the past that he was grandfathered in from hooking-up to borough utilities. Tony also questioned the special exception for the Bedway Storage Units. President Touchinsky noted that was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board about a year ago.

Council suggests scheduling a meeting with the Borough Engine and Solicitor to see if the requirement for a sewer pump would be a legitimate reason for an exception.

Bob Shappell addressed Council regarding the infiltration issues that exist on S Liberty St and at the Sewer Plant. President Touchinsky explained how the Interceptor Project would elevate the infiltration issues in that area.

Council suggests relaying his concerns to Bob and the Borough Engineer.

Old Business

New Business

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-01 sanctioning Friendship Hose Fire Company 2015 activities was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-02 appointing Robert Williams as delegate, Buddy Touchinsky as alternate delegate and Larry Padora as second alternate delegate to the Schuylkill County Tax Collection Committee for 2015 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-03 establishing a Uniform Construction Code Permit Fee Schedule for 2015 was made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the Orwigsburg Borough 2015 Schedule of Events. These events are excluded from the permitted hours of operation for vending permit participation was made by Dave Rubright, second by Angie Solga. Unanimous.

Sewer

A motion to adopt Resolution 2015-04 for the appointment of the Sewage Enforcement Officer and a Fee Schedule for 2015 from the Larson Design Group was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Finance

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager or Finance Chairman to transfer funds as needed during 2015 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to submit names of delinquent taxpayers as received from the Tax Collector to Berkheimer for collection in 2015 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Insurance and COG

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

Planning & Zoning

On December 17, 2014 the Planning and Zoning Commission, and on January 14, 2015 Hanover Engineering Associates recommended approval of the following waivers and modifications for the Bedway Self-Storage II Development Plan.

A motion to approve the following waivers and modification was made by Angie Solga, second by Darle Cresswell. Paul Bedway abstained. Motion carried.

Section 304 (SALDO) requiring submission of a Preliminary plan prior to submission of a Final Plan.

Section 402 M. (SWMO) requiring modification of the 50% reduction in post-development flows, subject to applicant providing calculations to support the reductions shown in the revised plan.

Section 407 D.2 (SWMO) requiring all impervious area installed onsite shall drain towards a BMP facility, subject to evaluation and acceptance of the details provided in an updated plan received on December 17, 2014.

Section 409 B. (SWMO) requiring a 35' riparian buffer easement from the centerline of the watercourse, modified to 15' for a section approximately 100' in length

Section 409 B.4 (SWMO) prohibiting the outlet of a storm sewer piping system within a riparian buffer easement, contingent on approval of GP-4 from DEP.

The acceptance of a 90 day extension for final approval of the plan until March 17, 2015.

Personnel

A motion to appoint Jeromy Guistwite to the Planning and Zoning Commission for 1 year completing the term of Craig Darosh to December 31, 2015 was made by Ed Mady, second by Angie Solga. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the authorization of the appointment of Angela Solga to serve as Deputy Tax Collector was made by Sue Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Angie Solga abstained. Motion carried.

Fire

Fire Chief Dave Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Structure Fire	0	5
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	0	15
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	1	20
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	1	6
Search	0	0
False Alarm	11	72
Technical Rescue	0	2
Vehicle Fire	1	1
Brush / Rubbish Fire	3	7
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	0	4
EMS Assist	2	6
Standby in Station	0	3
Electrical Fire	0	1
Service Calls	4	22
Helicopter Landing Zone	0	11
Fire Other	0	0
	23	175

Police

Mayor Berger noted flags were lowered to half-staff in recognition and mourning for the passing of the former Mayor, Harry Moore.

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

Water – None

Solid Waste – None

Streets

A motion to authorize the Chief of Police to apply to PennDot for permission to close Market Street for the Memorial Day Parade, Community Heritage Day, and the Halloween Parade was made by Ed Mady, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

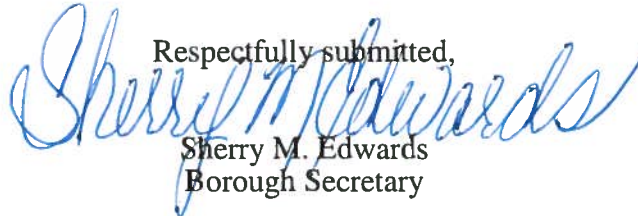
Recreation – None

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 Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary