

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in Council Chambers. President Buddy Touchinsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance: President Buddy Touchinsky, Vice President Susan Murphy. Councilors: Angie Hoptak-Solga, Brian Baldwin, Paul Bedway, Darle Cresswell and Michele Rudloff. Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte, Borough Manager Robert Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Chief Stan Brozana; Sgt. John Koury; Janis McGowen of South Schuylkill News; Amy Marchiano of the Republican Herald; Tanner Noecker and Megan Schafer of 940 Albert Dr.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 and April 12, 2017 meetings as presented was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Michele Rudloff. Unanimous.

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

The April 2017 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council as follows:

Real Estate	\$233,109.62
Per Capita	\$ 5,327.00
Occupation	\$ 1,326.26

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration list #4 was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for April 2017:

- 0 – New Permits issued at \$0.00 total value
- 3 – Renovation permits issued at \$5,300.00 total value

Public Comment: None

Old Business

Solicitor Datte updated Council on the following developments:

Pine Creek Retirement Community & Blue Mountain Retirement Community

Records have been filed with the court. It's now up to the Rhodes Organization to file their Brief for both cases

Villas of Orwigsburg

Nothing to report. Expect to have a standstill agreement but nothing Council needs to act on tonight.

Sopko/SCMA – Solicitor will address in Executive Session

President Touchinsky noted the Dog Park proposal will be tabled until next month's meeting

Committee Reports

Police

A motion to rename the Orwigsburg Training Range, the Chief Stan Brozana Training Range was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize Retired Police Chief Stan Brozana to provide No-Charge Consulting Services to the Orwigsburg Police Department was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

New Business

Orwigsburg Street Sweeping is scheduled for Monday, May 22, Tuesday May 23, & Wednesday May 24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily. Will be posted on Face Book and the Web Site.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is a dinner scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 PM at the 3 C's Restaurant.

OBPA (Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association)

Councilor Murphy noted Yappy Hour will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the Square (M & T Lot)

Community Events

Councilor Murphy noted the following events scheduled for the month of May:

Chief Stan Brozana Retirement Farewell will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 from Noon to 2:00 pm at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. Thank you Stan for your 40 years of service to Orwigsburg.

Captain Jason B. Jones Memorial Day of Caring is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2017 to begin at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. (Flexible start and end times)

The 6th Annual Orwigsburg Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Annual Children's Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Fishers Dam.

Team Orwigsburg will be holding a Jean Sale at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Orwigsburg Lions Annual Chick Barbeque is scheduled for Monday (Memorial Day) May 29, 2017 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm.

The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 29, 2017 to begin at 8:00 am at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall and ending with a ceremony on the square at the M & T Community Lot.

Fire – None

Police

John Koury reviewed the April Police report:

April summary of calls:

Out of 191 calls:

- 3 major thefts totaling \$10,000
- 2 drug overdoses
- 5 drug violations
- 4 DUIs
- 1 Assault

The department received a supply of Narcan to be administered for drug overdoses, and four tint meters to test the tint on vehicle windows.

High grass/weeds letters started to go out this week

The April 2017 police report is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence – Letters received from Joe Mattera and the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association regarding the dog park were read by the Borough Secretary. (Letters are attached to minutes)

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, 2015 Bond, Grant and Capital Improvement accounts was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

At 7:45 pm President Touchinsky called an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.

At 8:15 pm the Executive Session ended and the regular meeting continued.

A motion to approve John Koury as Orwigsburg's Chief of Police under an agreement that would begin June 1, 2017 and run until December 31, 2019 which would provide for all the benefits under the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the exception of those items that the Chief of Police is not eligible for and a salary of \$75,000.00 per year was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Council President and Borough Manager in concurrence with the Solicitor to execute any documents related to the pending Sopko litigation prior to our next Borough Council Meeting was made by Michele Rudloff, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary