

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2015

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, October 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 A. Touchinsky, Vice President Susan L. Murphy; Councilors: Darle W. Cresswell, Paul J. Bedway, David J. Rubright, Angie Hoptak-Solga, Ed Mady; Mayor Barry J. Berger; Planning Consultant Greg Stewart; Borough Manager Robert A. Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors: Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Deb Kokitus of 130 Long Ave; Veronica Barnes of 7 Oak Lane; Hana Dowd of 122 N Washington St.

The minutes of the September 2, 2015 and September 09, 2015 meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

The August 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council.

The September 2015 Tax Collector's report was presented to Council.

Real Estate	\$726.26
Per Capita	\$165.00
Occupation	\$ 55.77

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #8 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Building Permits for September 2015 -	1 New Permit issued at \$650,000.00 total value
	2 Renovation Permits issued at \$12,800.00 total value

Public Comment

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Deb Kokitus addressed Council with questions regarding the procedure in which a cell phone tower was approved to be constructed on Industrial Dr.

Council and Greg Stewart reviewed the steps taken:

A Zoning Hearing application was submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board
Hearing was advertised twice in the South Schuylkill News
Adjoiners were notified

Property where the tower is to be constructed was posted with a hearing notices
Hearing Board approved the application

Deb Kokitus feels the application process should have been advertised in the Borough
Happenings. Council responded, if one application was advertised in the newsletter then they all
need to be and the newsletter is a quarterly publication. Depending on when an application is
submitted it could very well miss the quarterly publication. Applications are time sensitive.

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Streets

Safe Route to School Sidewalk Project

A motion to approve Heim Construction Invoice #1 at a cost of \$58,230.62 and Invoice #2 at a
cost of \$110,285.35 for a total of \$168,515.97 was made by Ed Mady, second by Paul Bedway.
Unanimous.

A motion to approve the Supplemental Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement B with PennDot
was made by Ed Mady, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Police

New Police Car

A motion to adopt Resolution #2015-17 authorizing the Borough Manager Robert Williams to
initiate, complete, and sign the required Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle and dealership documents
necessary for the financing and purchase of the new police cruiser with Kovatch Ford Inc and
PennDot was made by Dave Rubright, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Cops Grant

A motion to adopt Resolution #2015-14 authorizing and directing the Council President to enter
into a grant agreement for funding from the FY 2015 COPS Hiring Program. (COPS -
Community Oriented Policing Services). A federal grant program with the United State
Department of Justice was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

New Business

Committee Reports

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Street Repairs

A motion to authorize the expenditure of \$15,178.00 Liquid Fuels Funding for the repair of Perry & Columbia Streets as necessitated by damage from 2 sinkholes, materials to be purchased utilizing the CoStars program at a cost of \$8,778.00. Paving to be completed by Tropp Paving at a cost of \$6,400.00. Repairs and construction completed in-house by the Borough Street Crew. Motion made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Finance

Pension Plan

A motion to accept the contribution of \$54,891.68 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forward same in addition to the Borough's contribution of \$39,327.33 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for a total amount of \$94,219.01 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Firefighters Relief Association

A motion to accept the contribution of \$17,390.28 from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and forward same to the Fireman's Relief Association of the Friendship Hose Company #1, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Annual Community Contributions

A motion to authorize the expenditure of payments for our Annual Community Contributions; specifically, \$7,000.00 to Friendship Hose Company #1, \$3,000.00 to the Orwigsburg Library, \$750.00 to the Orwigsburg Senior Citizens, and \$500.00 to the Orwigsburg Historical Society was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Recreation

Ragnar Relay Long Distance Race

A motion to authorize the Ragnar Relay Long Distance Race to run through the Borough on May 14, 2016, from the hours of 1:40 am to 8:00 am was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Recreation Equipment

A motion to authorize the purchase through the United States Communities Government Purchasing Alliance and Bitting Recreation Inc., of a Secret Agent Play Structure for \$23,248.27 and a 3-Bay Swing Set for \$4,068.92 for a total of \$27,317.19, pending DCNR official review and approval was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

The Orwigsburg Lions Annual Halloween Parade

Councilor Solga noted the parade is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2015, lineup will take place on Margaret Avenue at 6:30pm. The parade will start at 7:00 pm.

Trick or Treat

Councilor Solga also noted Trick or Treat night is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Administration

2016 Meeting Dates

A motion to advertise the 2016 Monthly Meeting Dates as follows; 1st Wednesday-Work Session, 2nd Wednesday-Council Meeting, 3rd Wednesday-Planning & Zoning Meeting, with no meetings in July was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at Orwigsburg Borough Hall, Schuylkill County District Attorney Christine Holman will be the Guest Speaker.

Fire

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

The Police Report for September 2015 is attached to these minutes

Correspondence - None

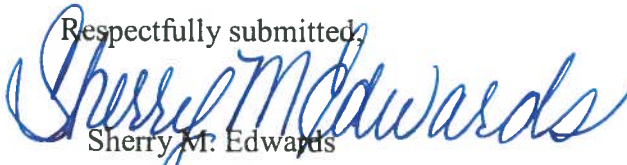
Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, 2015 Bond, and Capitol Improvement accounts was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

President Touchinsky recognized the attendance of Veronica Barnes of the Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association. A member of the association will be attending meetings in order to be kept informed of projects/events and matters happening in the Borough

The Chili and Chills event will be held on October 17th @ 5:30 pm at the Community Memorial Bldg.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary