

# **ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 2014**

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, August 13, 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: Edward C. Mady; Darle W. Cresswell; Paul J. Bedway; David J. Rubright; Mayor Barry J. Berger; Jr. Councilor Mitchell Rice; Solicitor Frank Tamulonis; Borough Manager Michael P. Lonergan and Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors were: Colleen Hoptak of South Schuylkill News, Tim Hill and Annie of Season Art; Fritz Miller and Mary Timpany of 245 E Market St; Amy Marchiano of the Republican Evening Herald;

The minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

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

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

Real Estate	\$	1,767.45
Per Capita	\$	374.80
Occupation	\$	106.08

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #7 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Building Permits for July 2014 - 0 New Permits issued; 5 Renovation Permits issued at \$30,555.00 total value.

**Visitors** –

Tim Hill of Season Art and Boy Scout Fritz Miller gave a presentation on Fritz's Eagle Scout Project, re-landscaping the square:

Proposed bushes/plant & flowers:

- ~Birds Nest Spruce
- ~Bee Hive Holly
- ~Hosta
- ~Liriope
- ~Geraniums (perennial)
- ~Drift Roses (as in Bicentennial Park)

Existing soil will need to be enhanced

Walkways (one on each island) will either be improved or removed depending on the location of the memorials. A suggestion was made to move them to Bicentennial Park.

Fritz will forward a cost estimate to Mike

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance** - None

**Insurance and COG** - None

#### **Planning & Zoning**

A motion to approve the request of Alessandro DiStefano and Thomas and Yvonne Siegfried for a waiver of Section 604B.2.c of SALDO requiring the applicant to show physical features within 200 feet of the property was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the DiStefano/Siegfried Lot Annexation Plan was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to sign the DiStefano/Siegfried Lot Annexation Plan was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

**Personnel & Negotiations - None**

**Fire**

Fire Chief Dave Hardinger gave the following report:

	<u>July</u>
Structure Fire	0
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	1
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	2
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0
Search	0
False Alarm	11
Technical Rescue	1
Vehicle Fire	0
Brush / Rubbish Fire	0
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	1
EMS Assist	1
Standby in Station	0
Electrical Fire	0
Service Calls	2
Helicopter Landing Zone	3
Fire Other	0
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**Police**

Mayor Berger noted: Police logged 4, 257 miles  
Issued 105 traffic warnings  
Issued 14 Citations  
Made 6 arrests

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

**Water - None**

**Sewer and Solid Waste**

A motion to accept the proposal of Keystone Engineering Group to upgrade the Water and Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems at a cost of \$25,515 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

### **Streets & Lights**

A motion to approve the Penndot Winter Maintenance Agreement was made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise an ordinance amending Ordinance 326 to add a one-way street, stop intersections and no parking areas was made by Ed Mady, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

Councilor Mady noted Penndot contractors will be resurfacing Pa 443 from Rt. 61 to Rt 895 including Market Street and N. Washington Streets in the Borough. Much of the work through the Borough will take place from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am. Please allow extra time while the construction is taking place.

### **Building and Recreation**

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-22 authorizing an application to DCED for grant funding of \$314,475 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Councilor Murphy noted to join us for the new Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration on September 6, 2014 from 9 am to 3pm, there will also be a trolley tour.

Councilor Murphy noted the route for this year's Halloween Parade is available on the Calendar of Events Page on the Borough Website.

**Correspondence** – None

### **Bills**

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

Councilor Rubright noted Evan Bowen is researching the stone arch bridge

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards  
Borough Secretary