

# ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2014

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, November 12, 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; Angie Hoptak-Solga; 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, Amy Marchiano of Republican Evening Herald; Justin Clinton of 213 W Market St; Patrolman Bechtel.

The minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

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

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

Real Estate	\$	449.25
Per Capita	\$	271.80
Occupation	\$	72.46

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #10 was made by Darle Cresswell, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Building Permits for October 2014 - 0 New Permits issued; 3 Renovation Permits issued at \$15,050.00.00 total value.

Visitors – None

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance**

A motion to adopt the 2015 budget was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$827,626.00	\$827,626.00
Water Fund	\$737,500.00	\$737,500.00
Sewer Fund	\$791,200.00	\$791,200.00
Sanitation Fund	\$276,010.00	\$276,010.00

A motion adopt Ordinance #418 fixing the 2015 Real Estate Tax at 3.00 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for property tax and the 2105 Occupation Tax at 13 mills was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. On a roll call vote taken by Secretary Edwards the vote was as follows; Councilor Bedway – yes; Councilor Rubright – yes; Councilor Murphy – yes; Councilor Mady – yes; Councilor Cresswell – yes; Councilor Hoptak-Solga – yes; President Touchinsky – yes. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-27 maintaining the Act 511 taxes for 2105 as follows: Per-Capita Tax \$10.00; Real Estate Transfer Tax ½ of 1 percent; Earned Income Tax ½ of 1 percent Amusement Tax at \$25.00 per device and Local Services Tax \$47.00 was mad by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

**Insurance and COG**

Councilor Murphy mentioned the next COG meeting will be November 20, 2014 at 6:00pm at the 3Cs Restaurant.

**Planning & Zoning - None**

## Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-28 removing Jake Brensinger and Brandon Wagner from probation to regular status was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the updated Trust Agreement with Susquehanna Municipal Trust was made by Ed Mady, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise proposed Ordinance 417 establishing the position of Borough Manager was made by Sue Murphy, second Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

A motion to accept the resignation of Phillip Smith for the purpose of retirement was made by Ed Mady, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Council thanked Phil for all his years of service to the borough.

## Fire

Fire Chief Dave Hardinger submitted the following report:

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>	<u>Oct</u>
Structure Fire	0	0	1
Vehicle Accident-Gen'l Clean up	0	3	0
Vehicle Accident with Injuries	3	0	1
Vehicle Rescue – Extrication	0	0	1
Search	0	0	0
False Alarm	5	4	3
Technical Rescue	0	0	0
Vehicle Fire	0	0	0
Brush / Rubbish Fire	0	0	1
Haz Mat (fuel spill)	0	1	1
EMS Assist	0	0	0
Standby in Station	0	0	0
Electrical Fire	0	0	0
Service Calls	2	2	1
Helicopter Landing Zone	0	1	0
Fire Other	0	0	0

## **Police**

Mayor Berger mentioned the Police Department will increase efforts to enforce the speed limit on Market St.

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

## **Water**

A motion to approve the System Interconnection and Bulk Water Supply Agreement between the Borough of Orwigsburg and Schuylkill County Municipal Authority, subject to final approval by the Borough Engineer was made by Dave Rubright, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to approve an extension of the Contract Operations Agreement with the Schuylkill County Municipal Authority until March 31, 2016 was made by Dave Rubright, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

**Sewer and Solid Waste - None**

## **Streets & Lights**

A motion to extend the engineering agreement with ARRO Consulting for the Safe Routes to School Project until December 31, 2015 was made by Ed Mady, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to approve the 2014-2015 salt agreement with the County of Schuylkill was made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

## **Building and Recreation**

A motion to approve Payment Application #3 of L & K Construction for \$59,625.00 was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Councilor Hoptak-Solga noted the annual Festival of Lights will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 40pm.

**Correspondence** – None

**Bills**

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

At 7:40 President Touchinsky called an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session ended at 8:05 pm and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards  
Borough Secretary