

ORWIGSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2014

Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, October 10, 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.

The minutes of the September 3rd and September 10th meetings were accepted as presented on a motion made by Ed Mady, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

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

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

Real Estate	\$	876.29
Per Capita	\$	205.40
Occupation	\$	67.40

A motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting Occupation Tax on Tax Exoneration List #9 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Building Permits for September 2014 - 0 New Permits issued; 3 Renovation Permits issued at \$6,585.00 total value.

Visitors – None

Unfinished Business

New Business

Committee Reports:

Finance

A motion to adopt Resolution 2014-25 designating Riverview Bank as a depository was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to advertise the 2015 proposed budget for consideration at the November 12th Council meeting as follows 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 to advertise proposed Ordinance #418 for consideration at the November 12th Council meeting fixing the 2015 Read Estate Tax at 3.00 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for property tax and 2015 Occupation Tax at 13 mills was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous. (No increase)

A motion to advertise 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 devise and Local Services Tax \$47.00 was mad by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to make payment of the 2014 budgeted amounts as follows was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Friendship Hose Co #1	\$6,000
Orwigsburg Library	\$3,000
Orwigsburg Historical Society	\$500
Orwigsburg Senior Citizens	\$750

A motion to accept the Pension State Aid of \$61,962.88 received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to approve payment of the Minimum

Municipal Obligation billings for the Police and Non-uniform Pension plans to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System was made by Paul Bedway, second by Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

A motion to accept the state aid for the Volunteer Fire Relief Association of \$18,330.84 received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to forward this money to the Firemen's Relief Association of the Friendship Hose Company #1 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

Insurance and COG

A motion to advertise the 2015 meeting dates was made by Sue Murphy, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

Councilor Murphy mentioned the next COG meeting will be October 16, 2014 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers.

Councilor Murphy mentioned Trick or Treat night is October 30, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Planning & Zoning

A motion to approve the request of Paul & Kimberly Bedway for the listed waivers, modifications and deferrals of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Stormwater Management Ordinance as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission was made by Sue Murphy, second by Darle Cresswell. Paul Bedway abstained. Motion carried.

SALDO

Section 303C – Waive the requirement for a Preliminary Plan

Section 601B.2.e – Waive the requirement to locate physical features within 200 feet of the property

Section 602X – Waive the requirement for a Traffic Study

Section 602Y – Waive the requirement for an Environmental Impact Study

Section 707H – Waive the requirement to pave parking spaces

Section 709A – Defer the requirement for sidewalks

Section 710A – Defer the requirement for curbs

Section 1102C – Waive requirement for Landscape Architect certification of landscaping plans

Section 1103N.1 – Waive requirement for additional deciduous or evergreen trees

SWMO:

Section 403C – Waiver of requirement to analyze predevelopment site as grass in good condition.

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to accept the resignation of Paul Olson as a part time Police Officer, effective September 10, 2014 was made by Sue Murphy, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to accept the resignation of Michael Lonergan as Borough Manager effective December 31, 2014 was made by Ed Mady, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

President Touchinsky thanked Mike for doing a great job for the Borough.

Fire - None

Police

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

Water

Councilor Rubright mentioned the Source Water Protection Steering Committee will have its kickoff meeting on October 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Borough Council Chambers

Sewer and Solid Waste - none

Streets & Lights

A motion to adopt proposed Ordinance 416, regulating construction and development activities in the flood plain was made by Ed Mady, 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.

Building and Recreation

A motion to approve payment application #2 of L & K Construction for \$82,215 was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Ed Mady. Unanimous.

A motion to approve payment application #2 of Spotts Brothers, Inc. for \$157,815 was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Dave Rubright. Unanimous.

A motion to approve payment application #1 of L & K Construction for \$53,415 was made by Angie Hoptak-Solga, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Councilor Hoptak-Solga noted the Orwigsburg Lions Club Halloween Parade will take place on October 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm. A map depicting the new parade route is available on the Borough website and the Borough facebook page. As a reminder candy is not to be thrown from a vehicle or float.

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 Darle Cresswell. Unanimous.

At 7:45 President Touchinsky called an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session ended at 8:00 pm and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mike mentioned starting tonight contractors will begin to mill and lay the first coat of asphalt.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary