

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2018

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Council Chambers. President Rudloff called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were: President Michele Rudloff; Vice President Susan Murphy. Councilors: Paul Bedway, Brian Baldwin, Rod Schaeffer, Angie Hoptak-Solga; Mayor Barry Berger, Solicitor Paul Datte, Planning Consultant Chris Bentz, Borough Manager Robert Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Rick Bubeck of 415 Marshall Dr; Bill McMullen of ARRO Engineering; Janis McGowen & Michael Lado of South Schuylkill News; Barry Weber of 30 Walnut Dr; Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman;

President Michele Rudloff acknowledge the passing of former Fire Chief Adam Faust who served the Fire Company for so many years and was a fixture in the community. He certainly will be missed.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 4th and 11th 2018 meetings as presented was made by Susan Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

The March 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council

Tax Collector's Report

Tax Collector's Report for April was presented to Council as follows:

Real Estate	\$362,732.09
Per Capita	\$ 5,347.00
Occupation	\$ 1,299.84

Tax Exoneration List

A motion to approve Tax Exoneration list #4 was made by Susan Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Building Permits

0 New Permit issued at \$00.00 total value
3 Renovation Permits issued at \$8,510.50

Public Comment

Barry Weber of 30 Walnut Dr, Orwigsburg, requested a standard signal in place of the blinker at E Market and Washington St intersection. He feels the area is growing and the intersection has become more dangerous.

President Rudloff responded this is a difficult intersection and has been researched and discussed in the past and recently. An Engineering Study is required to replace blinker with a standard signal at the Borough's expense. Study would cost well over \$100,000 and we would have the cost of the light which would be over \$100,000. This is too costly for the borough.

Barry also requested a stop sign on Brick Hill Rd to slow traffic down.

President Rudloff responded that intersection is in the township.

Old Business

Engineer's Report – Bill McMullen, ARRO Engineers

Rental Ordinance

The Solicitors comments and suggestions on items in the draft ordinance were distributed to council. Bill McMullen agrees with comments.

Dormitory and rooming house would not fall under definition of dwelling units

Removal of definitions that are not applicable

Ordinance would be effective January 1, 2019

Consider for adoption at June's council meeting

A motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Rental Ordinance for preliminary approval at the June 13, 2018 Borough Council Meeting was made by Paul Bedway, second by Sue Murphy. Unanimous.

Engineers Report – Chris Bentz, Benesch Engineers

Chris will be submitting a CFA Grant application for Louis Fanelli Park that is due the end of the month. CFA grant will be paired with the DCNR grant both for Fanelli Park. Grants will be used for play structure and swings along with grading and storm water.

Clearly Clean Land Development Plan

Developer submitted plans that will be reviewed at next weeks Planning & Zoning meeting. Chris is in the process of reviewing the plans and will have a comment letter for next week. Plan still needs NPDES permit.

Solicitors Report – Paul Datte

Nothing new to report on items 1, 2 and 3. Still sitting in the court system.

1. Pine Creek Retirement Community
2. Blue Mountain Retirement Community
3. Villas of Orwigsburg

4. Sopko/SCMA –
Diligently working with Sopko's legal counsel to get documentation wrapped up. Still a few issues we're going back and forth on.

Committee Reports

Recreation & Health

A motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14 authorizing a grant application for CFA (Commonwealth Financing Authority) Grant for the Louis Fanelli Jr. Park as completed and submitted by Benesch Engineers, grant application cost not to exceed \$1500.00 was made by Susan Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Brian Baldwin abstained due to his employment with Alfred Benesch. Motion carried.

Personnel & Negotiations

A motion to hire Kyle Reppy, Mitchel Yeakley and Kevin Reichart as Part-Time summer employees at the minimum part-time hourly salary of \$15.50 per hour, effective May 1, 2018 was made by Brian Baldwin, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

New Business - None

Police Department Report

Mayor Berger mentioned Patrolman Bryce Lewis received a letter from Police Officer Glenn Firing of the Schuylkill Haven Police Department complementing and thanking him on his assistance with providing back up for one of their officers. Patrolman Lewis assisted with securing the scene and secure evidence. Copy of letter is attached to minutes.

Fire Co Report

Chief Jesse Zimmerman informed council and visitors there will be an open viewing for former Fire Chief Adam Faust on Friday evening at Schuylkill Memorial Park from 4pm to 7pm.

Saturday morning will be a full military funeral. Chief Faust spent 46 year in the department and 26 years as Fire Chief.

Jesse presented the April 2018 report:

Fires	1
Rescue & Emergency Medical Services	2
Hazardous Condition	1
Service Call	1
Good Intent Call	1
<u>False Alarm & False Call</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	8
Year to Date Calls	78

Jesse informed Council he would like to participate in conjunction with the Red Cross in a program known as the Open Smoke Detector Program. On specific day smoke detectors will be installed in homes. Jesse asked if the SwiftReach program could be used to get the word out residents. He's looking at setting it up for mid to end of summer.

A brief discussion regarding the Rental Ordinance referencing the International Property Maintenance Code, specifically that it should always reference the current version led to the following motion;

A motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an updated ordinance related to the International Property Maintenance Code to reflect that it is of the current version and advertise same was made by Paul Bedway, second by Susan Murphy. Unanimous.

DCNR Memorial Basketball Court Grant – received two bids from local contractors. DCNR likes to see three bids. Solicitor Datte wrote a letter and DCNR accepted it.

Borough Maintenance Garage

Bob asked Council for authorization to award the concrete floor bid to the awarded construction company of the building to low bidder Dutchman. The first award did not include the Concrete floor, it was an alternate in the bid. Dutchman was lowest bid the building and the floor.

- Conestoga 46,188
- Dutchmen 49,680
- Pioneer Pole Building 56,546
- Dutchman Base Bid plus Alternate \$207,576
- Opened bid 4/4

- Notice to proceed was issued on 4/25
- Amend Dutchman contract to include alternate 1 and require a substitute bond

A motion to award Dutchman Contracting LLC to include alternate 1 in their original contract which would still be a total of the lowest number of all three bids received Paul Bedway, second by Susan Murphy. Unanimous.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:00 at 3 C's Restaurant located on Rt 61 in Port Clinton.

Community Activities/Events

Orwigsburg Business & Professional Association will hold Yappy Hour on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Center Square

Captain Jason B. Jones Memorial Day of Care is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2018 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The 7th Annual Orwigsburg Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Orwigsburg Street Sweeping will be on May 22, 23 and 24 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Fishers Dam Annual Children's Fishing Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Patriotic Concert is being held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Orwigsburg Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 28, 2018 starting at 8:00 am at Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall – Ceremony at 8:30 am on Center Square

Orwigsburg Lions Annual Chicken Barbeque – Memorial Day, May 28, 2018 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall

Orwigsburg Fire Department "Hero Hustle 5K" on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018 start at 12:00 Noon on Center Square

Correspondence – None

Bills

A motion to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, State, Grant, Credit Union, and Capitol Improvement accounts was made by Susan Murphy, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

Councilor Schaeffer commended the Police Department on doing a great job with speed control on Market Street.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary