

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 in Council Chambers. President Michele 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, Rod Schaeffer, Angie Hoptak-Solga; Katie Bedway. Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte; Planning Consultant Chris Bentz. Borough Manager Robert Williams; Borough Secretary Sherry M. Edwards.

Visitors: David Barr of the Republican Herald; Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman; Bill Knecht of 204 S. Warren St; Michael Lado of South Schuylkill News; Rick Bubeck of 415 Marshall Dr; Bill McMullen of ARRO Engineering.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2018 and May 9, 2018 meetings as presented was made by Susan Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2018 Treasurer's Report was presented to Council.

Tax Collector's Report

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

Real Estate	\$10,927.42
Per Capita	\$ 657.40
Occupation	\$ 195.00

Tax Exoneration List

A motion to approve Tax Exoneration list #5 was made by Susan Murphy, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Building Permits

0 New Permit issued at \$00.00 total value
4 Renovation Permits issued at \$27,690.47

Public Comment:

Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St left Council know since Kay Jones was unable to attend tonight's meeting he is available for any questions they might have on the Walkability Program.

Police Department Report

Chief John Koury

Last week Chief Koury did address Council on information received second hand that there are a few Council Members not happy with his performance in running the department. Everyone has his e-mail and phone number he asked that anybody that has an issue to contact him directly.

President Rudloff noted there is a chain of command. Issues with police officers or the department forward to Chief Koury then the Mayor then Council. Same goes for regular borough matters forward to Bob then to Council.

Chief Koury also noted he needs adequate manpower to run the department the way the public wants it. He would like Council to approve for testing to compile a list of candidates to pick from for a new hire to start January 2019. A 1997 DCED survey determined the department needs 7 officers to be run properly. Currently there are 5 officers.

Councilor Schaeffer did a Ride-a-Long and was amazed at the technology in the police cars. He also noted two officers on nightshift for safety/backup would be ideal.

Chief Koury presented the Police Report for May:

State Police covered a total of 6 hours for the month

997 Total hours worked

763.5 Regular hours

113.5 Overtime

12 hours for 6 District Court Hearings

66 Training hours

54 Vacation hours

3,812 logged miles on cars

393.5 Vehicle Patrol hours

11.5 Foot patrol hours

114.5 Traffic enforcement

12.5 Bike patrol

361 Incidents - Up 104 from April – up 83 from last year at this time

206 Dayshift officers

155 Nightshift officers

22 Reportable crimes

62 Traffic Citations issued

2 vehicle citations for not stopping for pedestrians on the square

42 Issued by Dayshift officers

20 Issued by Nightshift officers
92 Traffic warnings issued
4 Non-traffic Citations issued
43 Parking Tickets issued
4 Mental Health incidents
14 Suspicious Activity
2 Non Reportable accidents
3 Reckless driving
3 Hit and Runs
16 Other Police Department assists – Penn State and State Police
22 Ambulance assists
3 Thefts
3 DUIs
1 Drug arrest
1 Retail theft
8 Harassment

Old Business

Engineer's Report – Bill McMullen, ARRO

Today at 2:00 pm bids were opened for the 2018 Road Improvement Project

Lehigh Asphalt Paving – Total Base Bid – \$83,571.00

Plus, Alternates 1,2&3 - \$108,339.25

Schuylkill Paving, Inc –Total Base bid – \$78,770.00

Plus, Alternates 1,2&3 - \$104,629.00

A discussion was held regarding in-house road projects and utilizing an intergovernmental agreement with surrounding municipalities.

Engineers Report – Chris Bentz, Benesch Engineers

Clearly Clean LLC

On May 16, 2018 the Planning Commission granted Clearly Clean LLC a waiver from Section 303 of the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance requiring Preliminary Plan approval prior to submitting final plans, a waiver of Sections 709 & 710 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to install curbs and sidewalks and grant to/request from the applicant a 30-day time extension for final approval. We recommend the Borough Council make a motion to also grant these waivers/requests.

We also recommend Council make a motion to allow Conditional Final Land Development approval and appropriate officers to sign once these conditions are met. The conditions are

outlined in our May 16, 2018 review letter most notably for conclusion of the erosion control review process and the posting of the required agreements and financial security.

Solicitor Report – Paul Datte

1. Pine Creek Retirement Community
2. Blue Mountain Retirement Community
3. Villas of Orwigsburg
4. Sopko/SCMA

Nothing new to report on items 1,2 or 3. Still working on the Sopko settlement.

Committee Reports

Streets, Lights & Buildings

A motion to award the lowest bid, as recommended by ARRO in tonight's Engineer's Report, for the Kimmels Road – Clark Drive Paving Project to Schuylkill Paving in the amount of \$104,629.00 was made by Susan Murphy, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

A motion to grant the following waiver requests of Clearly Clean LLC: Section 303 of SALDO requiring Preliminary Plan submission – Section 709 & 710 of SALDO for Curb and Sidewalk installation, and accept an extension request of 30 days as recommended by Benesch in tonight's Engineer's Report and recommended by the Planning Commission on May 16, 2018 was made by Susan Murphy, second by Katie Bedway. Michele Rudloff abstained due to her husband's employment by Clearly Clean LLC. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the Conditional Final Land Development Plan of Clearly Clean LLC, as recommended by Benesch in tonight's Engineer's Report and recommended by the Planning Commission on May 16, 2018 and after all conditions are met as outlined in the Benesch review letter of May 16, 2018, authorization for appropriate officers to sign the required documents was made by Susan Murphy, second by Angie Hoptak – Solga. Michele Rudloff abstained due to her husband's employment by Clearly Clean LLC. Motion carried.

Water, Sewer, & Sanitation

A motion to authorize the ordering of a 2019 Ford F550 Truck from Sands Ford of Pottsville, at the Costars price of \$47,054 as the replacement vehicle for the Borough's 2001 Ford Truck. Funding will be appropriated from the Water and Sewer Equipment Fund. Motion was made by Rod Schaeffer, second by Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Recreation & Health

A motion to adopt Resolution #2018-15 supporting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Walk Works Program, and the Schuylkill County's VISION initiative to increase opportunities for physical activity, and ultimately, to improve the health status of the residents of the Borough of Orwigsburg was made by Susan Murphy, second by Angie Hoptak-Solga. Unanimous.

New Business

Fire Company Report

Jesse presented the May 2018 report:

Fires	4
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	11
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	5
Service Call	3
Good Intent Call	1
False Alarm & False Call	<u>2</u>
Total	26
Y-T-D – 95 calls	

Jesse thanked the Borough Crew their assistant with the Memorial Day Race. There were 97 entries for the race.

Update on Smoke Detector Program Jesse contacted the Red Cross and they are working with other municipalities on nailing down dates.

COG

Councilor Murphy noted the next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2018 @ 7:00 pm at Borough Hall in Council Chambers.

Community Activities/Events

OBPA Family Funfest is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm on the Square

The grand opening of the Schuylkill County's Coal Region Racing Exhibit at the Orwigsburg Historical Society on Sunday, July 29, 2018 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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 Paul Bedway. Unanimous.

Due to the 4th of July Holiday, No scheduled July Work Session. Council will meet on July 11, 2018 @ 7:30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary