

Orwigsburg Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2018

The Orwigsburg Borough Council met on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 in Council Chambers. Vice President Susan Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were: Vice President Susan Murphy; Councilors: Katie Bedway, Paul Bedway, Brian Baldwin, Rod Schaeffer; Mayor Barry Berger; Solicitor Paul Datte; Borough Manager Robert Williams and Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards.

Visitors: Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman; Police Chief John Koury; Bill McMullen of ARRO Engineering; Rick Bubeck of 415 Marshall Drive; Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St; Mike Lado of South Schuylkill News; Dave Barr of the Republican Herald; Carol Mason of 165 Walters Ave; Barb Meeghan of 115 Walters Ave; Athena Kukta of 345 Ridge Rd.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting as presented was made by Paul Bedway, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

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

Tax Collector's Report

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

Real Estate	\$4,156.94
Per Capita	\$180.00
Occupation	\$54.60

Tax Exoneration List

A motion to approve Tax Exoneration List #7 was made by Paul Bedway, second by Rod Schaeffer. Unanimous.

Building Permits

0 New Permit issued at \$00.00 total value
3 Renovation Permits issued at \$53,000.00

Public Comment #1

Bill Knecht – 204 S Warren St asked if there was any one permit that was substantial
Inground pool permit on Woodview Drive for \$43,000

Old Business

Solicitors Report – Paul Datte

1. Pine Creek Retirement Community – Rhoades Organization filed their brief on the appeal on July 11th. Solicitor received Court Order on July 13th; the Borough's brief was filed by July 31st (20-day deadline to file). Court offered an opportunity to either side to request a hearing, Paul did not. It's incumbent on somebody to move this forward. These are their appeals. Solicitor suspects if it goes in front of a judge in the near future there could be a decision on the appeal by the end of the year if not by the Fall.
2. Blue Mountain Retirement Community – Solicitor received notice that the Rhoades Organization wants to arbitrate the legal and engineering fees.
3. Villas of Orwigsburg – nothing new to report
4. Sopko/SCMA – Received the signed Settlement Agreement today from the Spooks. It is the final version of the agreement that incorporates all parties' comments. Money will be tendered by the appropriate entities to the borough to make the payment.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning Committee

A motion to accept Clearly Clean's request for a 90-Day Extension to November 8, 2018 and for the adoption of Resolution #2018-17 reference the proposed development plan was made by Paul Bedway, second by Rod Schaeffer. Unanimous.

New Business - None

Police Department Report

Chief John Koury informed council of a few incidents that occurred in the borough when there was no coverage.

- State Police were dispatched at 5:00 am this morning to breach a door at Oakdale Estates. The ambulance was there but could not get in.
- Chief received a call this morning from a resident on Ridge Rd regarding someone knocking on her door at 1:09 am this morning. She called 911 and received a call back from the State Police barracks. State Police did not respond to her home.

Chief Koury did inform Council a few months ago that going into the summer months there are officers on scheduled vacation and in training, so some shifts would not be covered. He does have officers working 16-hour shifts. In 2018 the Chief will not run the Department with any part-time officers that can't be relied on following through with investigations in a timely manner and making court dates due to their full-time jobs.

A brief discussion was held regarding shift coverage, additional officers, safety for our citizens and failing infrastructure.

The July 2018 Police Report is attached to these minutes.

Fire Company Report

Fire Chief Jesse Zimmerman

- 19 call for July
- 127 calls for year
- 75 Man hours for July for training
- 87.5 hours responses
- 36 hours NMT
- 5 hours WBT
- 45 hours Orwigsburg
- 684.4 Man hours for responses year to date

COG

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

Community Activities/Events

OBPA Farm to Square is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 5:30PM to 9:00PM on Center Square

The Orwigsburg Police Department will hold “Coffee with a Cop” on Saturday, August 11, 2018 from 9AM to 12Noon at Veterans Memorial Hall.

Correspondence - None

Bills

Motion to approve and ratify the accounts payable for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, State, Grant, Credit Union, and Capitol Improvement accounts was made by Rod Schaeffer, second by Brian Baldwin. Unanimous.

Public Comment #2

Athena Kukta of 345 Ridge Rd – she is the resident that called 911 last night for a man knocking on her door at 1:09 am. She answered the door and the man was looking for someone name “Ricardo”. She watched the car pull into several of her neighbor’s driveways. State Police did call her, but they did not send a car out to her.

Suffer with higher taxes

Councilor Baldwin noted the new hospital and commercial developments are going in on Rt61 bringing more out of town traffic to the area and Ridge Rd and Ridgeview Dr are right there near Rt61 we need to seriously consider hiring another police officer.

Bill Knecht of 204 S Warren St questioned when does the clock start on the Rhodes 20-day window in which to respond to the Court Order.

Solicitor Datte responded the Court Order was received on July 13th and the brief was filed by July 31st.

Bill also questioned the use of the Clearly Clean resolution.

Solicitor Datte responded a resolution is adopted after final approval of a Land Development Plan.

Resolution lists conditions that need to be met and attach a deadline date on the approval of the plan.

Tonight, Council accepted a 90-day extension request from Clearly Clean that gives them until November 8, 2018 to meet the conditions.

Councilor Schaeffer informed Council of the new committee formed “Infrastructure Improvement Committee” Committee members include – Rick Bubeck, Denny Booher, Rod Schaeffer and Dave Teter. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 10 am and they will tour the borough. Committee was formed to speed up the infrastructure work that needs to be done. Objective is to compile a list of priorities, create a plan and present to Council.

Carol Mason of 165 Walters Ave and Barbara Meeghan of 115 Walters Ave addressed Council on the condition of Darrel Alley and requested a pipe be install on Merle Terrace which is where the water comes from that washes out Darrel Alley.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on a motion made by Paul Bedway, second by Katie Bedway. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry M. Edwards
Borough Secretary

Calls for Service - by UCR Code

Incidents Reported Between 07/01/2018 and 07/31/2018

All Municipalities



Code	Description	Primary Count	Secondary UCR Count		
			Code 2	Code 3	Code 4
0591	CIVIL COMPLAINT	3			
0614	THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	1			
0617	THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	1			
0634	THEFT-UNDER \$50-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0635)	1			
0639	THEFT-UNDER \$50-ALL OTHER	1			
1130	FLIM FLAM	1			
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHER	1			
1790	SEX OFFENSES - REPORTS	1			
1812	NARCOTICS-SALE-MARIJUANA, HASHISH, ETC.	1			
1832	NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-MARIJUANA,ETC.	1			
1891	DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1	2		
2400	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	4		
2480	DISORDERLY CONDUCT-ALL OTHERS	0		1	
2626	FALSE FIRE ALARM	1			
2627	FALSE ALARM	3			
2646	ALL OTHERS-OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	0			1
2660	TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	4	2		
2710	TRAFFIC OFFENSES (COURT CASES NOT DUI)	1			
2800	BOROUGH ORD. SOLICITING	2			
2801	BOROUGH ORD. WEEDS	5			
2830	BOROUGH ORD-ALL OTHER	2			
2900	LOST/MISSING PERSONS	0	1		
2990	RUNAWAYS - (JUVENILE) - REPORTS	1			
3101	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT NON-REPORTABLE	2			
3500	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	8			
3502	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	9			
3600	DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	3			
3620	DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DISPUTES,ETC)	6			
3800	MISCELLANEOUS	3			
3810	ALARMS-UNFOUNDED-EXCPT FIRE	4			
3840	FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	1			
3860	VEHICLE LOCKOUT	1			
3880	OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2			
3900	TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	5			
4004	ACCIDENT- NON REPORTABLE	1			
4010	TRAFFIC OFFENSES	5	1		
4014	INVESTIGATE OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	6			
4018	BOROUGH REPAIRS	6			
4022	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	5			
4028	OTHER INVESTIGATIONS	1			
5004	LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	1			
5008	LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	1			
5012	LOST & FOUND - MISSING JUVENILE MALE	1			
5016	LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT MALES	1			
5506	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	4			
5510	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - OTHER	3			
5590	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1			
6007	ACCIDENT HIT & RUN	2			

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6614	TRAFFIC RELATED - OTHER TRAFFIC	3			
6690	TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICES - REPORTS	1			
7004	BUILDING CHECKS - VACATION,VACANT HOME	5			
7006	VEHICLE LOCK OUT	2			
7504	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	14			
7506	ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - STATE POLICE	12			
7590	ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - REPORTS	11			
8010	WARRANTS - LOCAL - CRIMINAL	4	1		
8190	WARRANTS - OTHER AUTHORITY - REPORTS	1			
8518	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - RECORD CHECKS	2			
8590	DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - REPORTS	5			
8610	PARKING TICKET ENFORCEMENT	6			
9000	ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS	1			
9012	ADMINISTRATION - OTHER MAINTENANCE	2			
9022	AMBULANCE ASSIST	17			
9023	STATE POLICE ASSIST	1			
9027	ASSIST ORWIGSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	1			
ABAN	ABANDONED VEHICLE	7			
CITT	TRAFFIC CITATION	38			
CITW	WARNING	54			
DTB	DRUG TAKE BACK	12			
INFO	INFORMATION	8			
PERM	MISCELLANEOUS PERSON	1			
PRM	DUMPSTER PERMIT	3			
ROAD	ROAD CONDITIONS	3			
Total Calls		334			