

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES
MAY 19, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held through electronic means, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely through electronic means:

Council: Jim Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Robert Ryan, Mary Scalercio

Officials: Mayor Barbara Carrier, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary-Treasurer Diane Vierling

APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 7 – 0, to approve the Minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reviewed the April police report. Numerous false alarm calls from Critmore continue to be a concern. President Huddleston suggested contacting Critmore's owner. Solicitor Stone will review the Borough's ordinances and resolutions to determine if we can charge fines for excessive false alarms.

Mayor Carrier reported that the summer intern, hired through the QVCOG, has begun the first phase of the GIS mapping project and is creating an inventory of the road signs throughout the Borough.

Mayor Carrier reported that Mary Roberts Rhinehart Nature Park has obtained enough donations to begin the ornamental ironwork and repair of the park's fence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Payments totaling \$160 were received from Magistrate Ford's District Court, and Allegheny County Court.

Our final FNB loan payment is among the bills for approval. The interest rate for this \$120,000 loan, obtained on June 17, 2017, was 2.39% for 36 months.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone stated that we are conducting our public meetings in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 15.

Solicitor Stone reported that a status conference has been scheduled in June to appear before Judge James with Haysville's solicitor to discuss the boundary dispute.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 7 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 2020-01, extending the deadline for filing real estate tax at face value to December 31, 2020. This resolution applies only to real property taxes for the calendar year 2020, and the deadline for the discount due date remains July 31, 2020.

The contract for Code.Sys Code Consulting, Inc.'s building permit and inspection services has not been signed. Solicitor Stone will review his suggested changes to the indemnity provision with President Huddleston and present the revised contract to Council at the June meeting.

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PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Barbara Carrier agreed to contact a Boy Scout organization and suggest a possible Eagle Scout project for a historical "Underground Railroad" plaque for the garden area near Davis Lane along Beaver Road.

President Huddleston will ask Collin Carrier to prepare a final rendering of the proposed metal-work replica, prior to proceeding with replacing the damaged lantern at Davis Lane at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff provided a detailed account of the extensive work performed by Process Contracting, at a cost of \$7,870, in order to repair the sewer and reconnect the force main along Sycamore Road.

Prior to making any decisions to repair the stone wall below Sycamore Road, Council agreed that ownership of the wall must be determined. Solicitor Stone will review his records and reports from the Borough's former engineer, Dick Stewart. John Orndorff will ask Borough Engineer, Clint Reilly, to review Dick Stewart's files, order a survey, and validate the wall's ownership.

President Huddleston explained that in order to apply for a USDA loan for Sycamore Road stormwater infrastructure and paving improvements, Clint Reilly would have to prepare an extensive environmental study at an estimated cost of \$15,000. President Huddleston asked Council to consider incurring this expense. Although it is highly probable, there is no guarantee we would receive the loan. Several Council members suggested investigating other loan opportunities.

Solicitor Stone agreed to contact a municipal financial expert to explore other options for loans. Solicitor Stone will schedule a conference call for President Huddleston, Holly Merriman and members of the Public Works Committee.

BILLS

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. John Orndorff motioned payment of the bills. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council was polled and all voted yes to approve the motion.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Carrier reported that the ASO Steering Committee is in the final stage of reviewing the ASO Comprehensive Plan.

QVCOG


Mayor Carrier provided an overview of QVCOG's Regional Study and encouraged Council to review "QVCOG's 2020 Report of Member Profiles" that was included in their May council packet.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Monski reported that he and Tom Huddleston attended Allegheny County's Hazard Mitigation Meeting. In order to be in compliance with FEMA regulations, they will be completing and submitting "Glen Osborne's Risk Assessment Evaluation" and "Mitigation Action" tracking forms.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.



Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary