

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Sewickley Public Library on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE 16, 2015 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Holly Merriman moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by James Cohen. Council voted 6 – 0, to approve the motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Zoning Hearing Board Chairman Gary Bauer has chosen to continue having Timothy Bish, Esquire, represent the Zoning Hearing Board when he joins the law firm of DILLON McCANDLESS on August 1, 2015.

PA DEP Oil and Gas Inspector Mark Barnes and workers from Hydrocarbon Well Services, Inc., met with Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Watts after heavy rains caused mud slides along Glen Mitchell Road. Hydrocarbon Well Services was hired by PA DEP to remove oil wells on both sides of Glen Mitchell Road. Inspector Barnes is closely monitoring this project. Work has been temporarily halted due to the heavy rains.

Allegheny County Health Department will begin "Raccoon Oral Rabies Vaccine Baiting" August 10 through August 14, 2015.

After numerous calls, Verizon finally repaired cable wires along Sycamore Road that were damaged during recent storms. The Borough Secretary reported this incident to Verizon's Vice President of External Affairs Bill Carnahan. Mr. Carnahan will personally assist the Borough with any future needs, so that situations can be resolved promptly.

Several articles pertaining to “Chickens” were included in the July packet. The City of Pittsburgh has recently amended an ordinance which allows residents to pay a one time fee of \$70 to apply for a permit to have chickens. There is a business called “Rent the Chicken” which provides a portable coop, egg-laying hens, food for the length of the rental, water dishes and a tutorial book on how to care for chickens. A two-hen rental for the season, which runs until November, costs \$400. This rental package would produce approximately 11 eggs per week.

A letter was received from Carolyn Toth, Director of the Sewickley Public Library, thanking the Borough for their recent \$1,000 donation.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported that it is time to begin reviewing the Police Contract. The Public Safety Committee will assist Mayor Carrier with this project.

Mayor Carrier attended a meeting with the Superintendent of Quaker Valley School District Dr. Heidi Ondek, Director of Administrative Services Dr. Joseph Marrone, representatives from the Sewickley Valley Historical Society, and Richard LeBeau. They discussed the placement of the historical marker for Count Noble, the famous English Setter, owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilson. In the late 1800’s the Wilsons and Count Noble lived on the property where Osborne Elementary School’s playing fields are located today. Solicitor Stone will review his records and locate an indemnification agreement he prepared that needs to be signed by Mr. LeBeau and his organization before the marker can be installed.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

President Huddleston thanked Councilman Cohen for the great job he did obtaining the solar powered, radar speed signs. The signs have been installed along Beaver Road and are very effective. Two portable school crossing signs and a new mirror for Sycamore Road will be ordered.

The police contract is due for renewal. A copy of the current contract is included in Council’s July packet. A copy will also be included in Council’s August packet. Mayor Carrier will assist the Public Safety Committee with reviewing the contract.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff commended John Wick for the cleanup work he has done along Ohio

River Boulevard. John Wick has adopted that section of Ohio River Boulevard through the “PA Adopt a Highway” program. He removes garbage and debris in that section throughout the year. On behalf of the Borough, Councilman Orndorff and President Huddleston will co-author a letter of appreciation to John Wick.

John Orndorff presented highlights from Mackin Engineering’s Study for improving bicycle safety along the Beaver Road corridor. Councilman Orndorff is a representative of Ohio River Trail Council that commissioned the study. A final report will be presented shortly. Mackin Engineering recommended edge lines/signs for cyclist on Beaver Road. They also proposed that “Share the Road” signs be posted every 300 – 500 feet on both sides of the road. The edge lines would provide 11 foot vehicle lanes and 5 foot shoulders for traffic. The Borough of Sewickley does not endorse edge lines. However, it does endorse sharrows and the proposed signage. Sharrows are pavement markings that include a bicycle symbol. There are no striped bicycle lanes on streets marked with sharrows.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reviewed Ordinance #407 for peddling, door to door sales, and solicitation. On motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by John Orndorff, Council voted 6 – 0 to adopt Solicitation Ordinance #407.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

On motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by John Orndorff, Council voted 6 – 0 to have Solicitor Stone draft an amendment to the Borough’s Ordinance regarding chickens and include the Public Services Committee’s recommendations.

Councilman Bill Monski will attend a special QVCOG meeting August 19th that will be held in Emsworth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Holly Merriman reported that since the last Council meeting a large payment was received for Earned Income Tax. The Borough is over budget for Earned Income Tax.

The balance of \$2091 in PLGIT Public Landscaping bank account will be used for purchasing flags.

The Borough’s 2014 Annual Audit has been completed. Holly Merriman will contact the Borough’s Auditor Mark Turnley to see if he needs any additional information.

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Holly Merriman suggested designating qualifications that must be met in order to receive charitable donations from the Borough. The Finance Committee will submit options after they meet and discuss what the parameters should be, and what type of organizations could be eligible for charitable donations from the Borough.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. John Orndorff motioned payment of the bills. Jim Cohen seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman. Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary