

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held through electronic means, on Tuesday, September 15, 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 AUGUST 18, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reviewed the August police report which included an internet Facebook scam incident referred to as “flimflam”, a road rage incident, and the capture of a run-away rooster. The Mayor also described damage throughout the Borough caused by a microburst that downed several large trees and temporarily closed several roads.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Year to date, Jordan Tax Services collected \$354,844 current Real Estate Tax and Keystone has collected \$134,916 Earned Income Tax.

A payment of \$209 was received from Magistrate Ford's District Court.

A resident contacted the police on September 10, 2020, and reported damage to the road along Orchard Street, possibly caused by Graham's Tree Service's heavy equipment used that day during tree removal.

Code Enforcement Officer Clint Reilly and Building Inspector Bruce Graff made several site visits to 1528 Railroad Street in response to numerous complaints about on-going construction without a building permit. The property owner has not responded to the cease and desist letter and emails sent by Clint Reilly. Solicitor Stone stated that this is a clear violation of multiple provisions in of the Borough's zoning and building code. A citation will be filed with Magistrate Ford's office.

On September 11, 2020, the Borough Secretary submitted an application to Allegheny County for a special CARES grant offered through the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act.

The Borough Secretary described the lengthy, detailed PENNVEST application that she and Clint Reilly need to complete to be considered for financial assistance for a "Stormwater Small Project Initiative" loan for Sycamore Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reported that the salt contract with Sewickley Heights is up for renewal. Sewickley Hills will no longer be our partner and certain terms will need to be renegotiated.

Solicitor Stone will draft an Ordinance to adopt the Police Services agreement with the Borough of Sewickley and send it to the Borough Secretary. A public notice will be published in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review advertising the Borough's intent to enact the ordinance at our October 20, 2020 meeting.

President Huddleston reported that prior to Sewickley Borough's September 8th Council Meeting, he was contacted for an interview by a reporter with the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. President Huddleston told the reporter "Glen Osborne has a wonderful partnership with not only the Borough of Sewickley, but also with the Police Chief and the Sewickley Police Department; and Glen Osborne is in the process of extending the contract."

Solicitor Stone will review the CWM contract that is up for renewal. John Orndorff and Tom Huddleston suggested renegotiating a year-to-year contract with a termination clause.

Solicitor Stone reported that he met with the surveyor and Haysville's solicitor. The surveyor will prepare a new boundary survey showing the creek in Haysville, and the riprap and guardrail will be in Glen Osborne.

Solicitor Stone reported that a letter was sent to Glen Osborne resident Loren Harris, 537 Glen Mitchell Road, advising that the Borough's position is that it is solely his responsibility for costs associated with removal and replacement of the corrugated metal pipe (drainage system) that he constructed on his private property. The Borough will not accept any responsibility for the costs associated with replacing it.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen participated on a conference call with PennDOT, Duquesne Light and Norfolk Southern regarding the railroad crossing traffic signals.

Jim Cohen followed up on a resident's complaint about branches leaning on powerlines at the lower portion of Osborne Lane. Duquesne Light Company is not concerned about the branches and no action is required.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Mary Scalercio reported that she contacted Colin Carrier and requested that he complete his work on the lantern at Davis Lane before the end of winter.

Welcome letters are being sent to new residents: the Christofs at 611 Davis Lane, and the LaLomias at 413 Orchard Lane.

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff reported that Clint Reilly issued a credit of \$4,438 from NIRA (shown on NIRA Invoice # 72673) for the Sycamore Road Low Pressure Force Main.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 7 – 0, authorizing \$5,000 for NIRA to prepare the bid documents for the Sycamore Road Stormwater Sewer Project.

FINANCE

On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Tom Huddleston, Council voted 7 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 2020-02, to apply for a PENNVEST loan for the Sycamore Road Stormwater Sewer Project.

President Huddleston thanked Diane Vierling and Holly Merriman for the time and effort they have spent pursuing loan options. Holly Merriman thanked Sewickley's Borough Manager for suggesting PENNVEST as a source for the loan.

BILLS

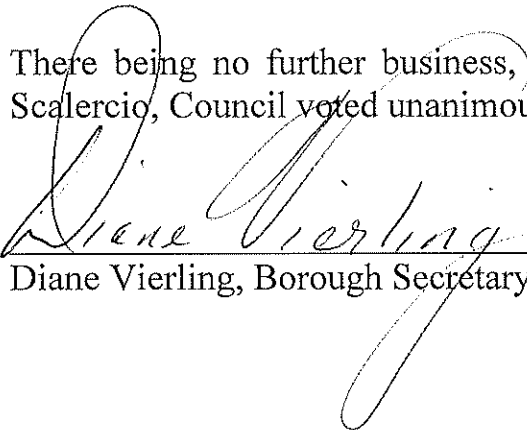
A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. Holly Merriman motioned payment of the bills. Mary Scalercio seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

QVCOG

Barbara Carrier announced that the QVCOG will hold its annual dinner “virtually” online, October 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Registration for the “Adapt Dinner” is free. John Delano will be the keynote speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:14 p.m.



Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary