

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2016  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, Mary Scalercio, John Orndorff (8:00 p.m.)

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

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2015 MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Bill Monski moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Holly Merriman. Council voted 4 – 0, to approve the motion.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2016 REORGANIZATION MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Bill Monski moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Holly Merriman. Council voted 4 – 0, to approve the motion.

**VISITORS** Elizabeth Evans 401 Lantern Lane  
Robert Ferguson 401 Lantern Lane  
Jeff Friedl Atlas Sign & Lighting LLC for 1106 – 1108 Ohio River Blvd

Elizabeth Evans, resident of 401 Lantern Lane, was recently cited by Code Enforcement Officer, Nancy Watts, for being in violation of the Borough's Ordinance regarding chickens. Ms. Evans expressed her concern to Council that "Glen Osborne is not a chicken loving Borough." Mr. Ferguson, also from 401 Lantern Lane, stated he was present as a show of moral support for Elizabeth

Evans. President Huddleston thanked Ms. Evans for attending the meeting and stated that Council is aware of this situation and would be addressing her concern in the near future.

Jeff Friedl works for Atlas Sign & Lighting LLC. His company has been hired to create a sign for the owners of 1106 – 1108 Ohio River Boulevard at Osborne Plaza. He distributed brochures describing the sign to Council. After meeting with Code Enforcement Officer, Nancy Watts, and discussing his plans for the sign, she advised that a variance would be required for the over-sized sign and he would need to submit an application to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Friedl told Council he thought this was a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting. President Huddleston and Solicitor Stone explained the process that would take place after Mr. Fiedl submits his application for a variance to the Zoning Hearing Board.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The 2016 Council Directory and 2016 Schedule of Council Meetings and Committee Meeting Dates were distributed to Council Members, Mayor, Solicitor and the Treasurer. Beginning in February, all of the Committee Meetings will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Strong's tree was removed from her sidewalk at 409 Orchard Street. The roots were also successfully removed.

At the January 7, 2016 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, the members approved Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Spencer's application for a variance to build a two story addition to their house at 403 Orchard Street.

The trash receptacle that was next to "Zach Spark's Bench" has been removed, as requested by the new owners of 1008 Beaver Road, Mr. & Mrs. Rojkjaer. The trash receptacle has been relocated across the street. Whenever work begins on relocating the Rojkjaer's driveway, "Zach Spark's Bench" and memorial plaque will be relocated next to the new driveway along 1008 Beaver Road and close to Boundary Street. Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Watts and the Sewickley Police have approved the new driveway designed by Elise Keely with E. K. Smith Landscape Design.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Carrier has scheduled a Mayors & Presidents Breakfast on February 20, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. It will be held in the Sewickley Municipal Building.

Mayor Carrier reported that the railroad's crossing gate was stuck again. The police reports have indicated that this has been occurring at least once every month since September 2015. She suggested that it would be helpful if the Public Safety Committee could look into this matter.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

In preparation for the proposed Hare Lane Pump Station project, Harlan Stone will contact Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli tomorrow and advise him to solicit bids for televising the main gravity sewer line in Hare Lane, as approved by Council at last month's Council Meeting.

Solicitor Stone reviewed a draft of an ordinance permitting and regulating chickens. Prior to our next Council Meeting, members will review the original ordinance and this draft, and submit comments to Chair of the Public Services Committee and the Solicitor. Solicitor Stone will amend the draft of the ordinance using the comments and suggestions, and present it at the next Council Meeting.

On motion of Thomas Huddleston, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 2016 – 01 providing for the participation of Council Members in Council Meetings by means of telecommunicating devices. When voting, a physical quorum is always required, and members participating by a telecommunication device can also vote.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

President Huddleston reported that during recent cloudy, gray weather, the solar speed signs have not consistently been displaying speeds. Bill Monski will adjust the position of the solar panels. Jim Cohen contacted a locksmith who will be adjusting the locks on the solar speed signs so that data can be obtained.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Council agreed with the Public Works Committee's recommendation to invite residents to a Committee Meeting to discuss the long term stability of Sycamore Road and obtain their ideas and suggestions for affordable solutions. John Orndorff will draft a letter to be sent to the residents.

John Orndorff provided an update on the Ohio River Trail Complete Streets bicycle route project he is spearheading. He has made presentations to Edgeworth Borough Council and Sewickley Borough Council. He has not received any commitments yet. His goal is to have at least three municipalities sign as participants before expecting any donations. President Huddleston suggested the possibility of having Mr. Orndorff attend the Mayors & Presidents Breakfast and deliver his presentation to representatives of multiple municipalities in the Quaker Valley. Solicitor Stone suggested having Barbara Carrier assist Mr. Orndorff with a multi-municipal agreement by using the template used for the ASO agreement.

Bill Monski provided an update on the DEP's project along Glen Mitchell Road. PA DEP's Oil & Gas Inspector, Mark Barnes, needs clarification on the ownership of 531 Glen Mitchell Road, where permission is needed to drill for a soil sample. Allegheny County's records indicate the property is owned by Raymond Steigerwald, Dianne Ford Stewart (724-612-6093). The property owner has not paid taxes since 2012, and told Mr. Barnes that "the property was given to Glen Osborne." According to Solicitor Stone, the Borough does not own 531 Glen Mitchell Road. The Borough Secretary will call Dianne Ford Stewart to clarify ownership of the property.

Mark Barnes received a bid of \$4800 to remove the oil tank at 531 Glen Mitchell Road. Bill Monski will ask Mark Barnes to remove the tank as soon as possible.

### **FIANANCE COMMITTEE**

Holly Merriman expressed the need for a total picture of the status of our delinquent taxes and liens.

## **BILLS**

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

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Mary Scalercio met with Sam Capezzuto, Director of Fern Hollow Nature Center, and Board Member/Designer, Ian Miller, and discussed different levels of support. Mrs. Scalercio also discussed an area across the street from 515 Glen Mitchell Road, where residents requested restoration of the area that used to have attractive plants. The \$1,250 level of support was recommended. This would include the Nature Center planting and maintaining the area across from 515 Glen Mitchell Road, and include the cost of the plants. Mayor Carrier and President Huddleston requested that Mrs. Scalercio obtain a design plan for the site across from 515 Glen Mitchell Road and confirm the price.

John Wick will be taking down the holiday flags when the weather permits. However, most of the “Glen Osborne” flags are very tattered and need to be replaced.

Mayor Carrier announced that Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park is planning an event in the park during May or June with music and activities for adults and children celebrating the Butterfly Garden. Mayor Carrier suggested that Council participate in a potluck dinner that Mary Roberts Rinehart Park is also considering.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

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Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary

