

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2015  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

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

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

**VISITORS**

Mr. & Mrs. William Cook, 600 Academy Place  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Greene, 1207 Colonial Place  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Lydon, 529 Sycamore Road  
Mr. Corbin P. Miller, 1204 Colonial Place  
Ms. Ann Strong, 409 Orchard Street  
Mr. & Mrs. Malachy Whalen, 500 Academy Place  
Ms. Cristin Wintermantel, 515 Glen Mitchell Road

Residents from Colonial Place and Academy Place voiced their concerns about issues with the staff working at Verland Foundation's residence at 1206 Colonial Place. Last week the residents met with Verland Foundation's Chief Operating Officer Bill Harriger. The residents' complaints include the following:

- Heavy volume of traffic from the staff
- Staff drive too fast
- Too dangerous for children to ride their bikes
- Staff park on sidewalks, curbs and in the middle of the street
- There appears to be no supervision of the staff
- Staff receive visitors late at night – noisy, litter, and relieve themselves in public

Council advised the residents to contact the police whenever issues arise. It is important to document incidents through the police. Council will request that the police begin driving by Colonial Place nightly.

Residents from Sycamore Road expressed concerns about the proposed ordinance that would restrict certain vehicles from using Sycamore Road. Engineering studies have shown the cost to repair Sycamore Road would be between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000. Council welcomed suggestions from the residents. The Public Works and Public Safety Committees will address considering various solutions to preserve the integrity of Sycamore Road and serve the interests of the residents.

Ann Strong appeared before Council to discuss a dangerous sidewalk at her property, 409 Orchard Street, caused by overgrown roots of a very large silver maple tree. The roots are also encroaching the road. Last week John Orndorff and Bill Monski visited Ms. Strong and explained that in the Borough of Glen Osborne it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the safety of their sidewalk. Solicitor Stone also addressed this issue with Ann Strong in a letter. Ms. Strong has scheduled an appointment with arborist Jim Edson to assess the situation. She will provide the Borough with an update after her meeting with the arborist.

Cristin Wintermantel lives at 515 Glen Mitchell Road and represented her immediate neighbors. She requested that the plants not be cut down behind the Jersey barriers along Glen Mitchell Road near Beaver Road. The Public Services Committee will wait until spring to explore options to improve this situation. The Borough can only plant on public property. Permission would need to be granted by the property owner before planting on private property.

Mrs. William Cook expressed concerns regarding the Jersey barriers placed on the upper portion of Glen Mitchell Road. John Orndorff explained that the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) has been working on a project to plug an oil well on the hillside above the Jersey barriers. Bill Monski has met with PA DEP representatives and he provided an overview of the project. The hillside is sliding and interfering with the oil wells. There has been a halt to this project in order for the DEP to have a geological survey performed. Pending the outcome of the survey, the DEP will be obtaining proposals for interim stabilization of the hillside.

#### **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Jim Cohen. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Duquesne Light will be replacing two poles along Linden Street.

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments is sponsoring "Recycling Day" November 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Borough of Sewickley is hosting this event. It is open to residents in the member municipalities of the QVCOG: Aleppo, Avalon, Bell Acres, Bellevue, Ben Avon, Edgeworth, Glenfield, Glen Osborne, Haysville, Kilbuck, Leet, Leetsdale, and Sewickley. ID will be required. This event has been published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Sewickley Herald.

Service from Waste Management has improved. There were only a few complaints since our previous Council meeting.

NIRA's billing rates for 2016 will remain unchanged from their current level. 2016 will mark the third consecutive year without an increase in their rates.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection approved the permit for the Hare Lane Pump Station and Force Main. Construction must be done in accordance with the permit application and all supporting documentation. NIRA Consulting Engineers also received this notification.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Carrier reported that she received a letter from Bill Boswell, President of the Osborne Trail and Park Association that oversees operation of Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park, requesting payment of the second half of the amount allocated for MRRNP in the Borough's Beautification fund in the 2015 Budget. On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, to pay \$3,500, the second half of the budgeted amount, to Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Stone reported that he attended a meeting with Bill Monski and Nancy Watts, and PA DEP representatives where they discussed the Glen Mitchell Road

oil well project. The DEP apologized for their contractor evading the Borough's permitting requirements. Today Solicitor Stone spoke with an attorney for the DEP who confirmed that the DEP is obtaining bids for a geotechnical evaluation and analysis in order to establish a stabilization plan.

On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the Police Services contract with Sewickley for 2016 - 2020.

On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, authorizing the Borough Secretary to advertise an ordinance adopting the police services agreement under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Jim Cohen reported, according to Chief Jim Ersher, the DUI Checkpoint held by the West Hills DUI Task Force along Ohio River Boulevard in Glen Osborne was extremely successful. There were twelve DUI arrests, four of which were underage, one aggravated assault and resisting arrest, ten driving while under suspension (three of which were DUI), six driving without a license, sixteen expired inspection, one disorderly conduct, one expired registration, and two underage drinkers.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

John Orndorff received estimates from Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli for the proposed Hare Lane pump station which were extremely higher than anticipated. The Borough had set aside \$70,000 for this project. However, according the Ray Antonelli, the cost is projected to be \$98,500 just to construct it, plus an additional \$10,000 for the bidding phase and post construction engineering, plus an additional \$15,000 to \$18,000 to demolish the old pump station. Thus, the total estimate is approximately \$45,000 higher than originally anticipated by the Borough.

The proposed ordinance for restricting certain vehicles from using Sycamore Road was tabled and referred to the Public Works Committee for further study and consideration.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Holly Merriman reported that the 2016 Budget is 90% complete. She will present a tentative budget to Council at next month's Council Meeting.

Council was in agreement for the need to use the services of a company called General Code to update codification of the Borough's ordinances. The Borough had used General Code many years ago. Holly Merriman confirmed there was an old line item called "Special Projects – Old Records Review." The cost for this project would be approximately \$4,000, plus additional expenses.

John Orndorff requested an additional line item in the 2016 Budget for "Demolition of the Old Pump Station."

### **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mary Scalercio reported that Cochran Hose Company will assist with decorating the outdoor Christmas tree at Osborne Elementary School on December 5<sup>th</sup>. She will ask if Osborne students can make ornaments for the tree. Barbara Carrier will inquire about having students at Sewickley Academy make ornaments for the tree.

Mary Scalercio plans to meet with Sam Capezzuto, Director of Fern Hollow Nature Center to explore opportunities of service they can provide to the Borough.

### **BILLS**

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

John Orndorff requested that Jim Cohen and Bill Monski obtain data, such as the speeds of vehicles traveling along Beaver Road, from our solar speed signs. Jim Cohen explained they cannot open the sign boxes because the sign locks do not work properly. They will need John Wick's assistance to open the boxes so they can connect the USB port and contact the sign company for additional assistance.

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At 10:28 p.m. Council recessed to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG.) Council reconvened at 10:41 p.m. into regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Jim Cohen. Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 10:43 p.m.

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Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary