

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

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

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 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 4 – 0, to approve the motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A meeting was held on November 19th regarding the PA DEP's Evans Well Project along Glen Mitchell Road. Gannett Fleming Engineers will be preparing a geotechnical report to ensure that the well on the hillside can be safely accessed and plugged. In order to collect data, Gannett Fleming will perform a detailed field reconnaissance and subsurface exploration consisting of drilled test borings and geophysical investigative methods. The plan will be submitted to the PA DEP for review and approval prior to execution. The Porta John has finally been removed from the work site next to the Hertzbergs' residence.

A drawing of the Rojkjaers' plan to relocate their driveway at 1008 Beaver Road was distributed the Mayor, Solicitor, and Council members. Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Watts and the Sewickley Police have approved the new driveway designed by Elise Keely with E. K. Smith Landscape Design. "Zach Spark's Bench" and memorial plaque are located along the Rojkjaers' property at 1008

Beaver Road and will need to be moved in order to accommodate their new driveway. The bench and plaque will be relocated next to the new driveway along 1008 Beaver Road and close to Boundary Street. The Rojkjaers also requested that the Borough remove the trash receptacle which is currently next to the bench. A new location along Beaver Road will be selected for the trash receptacle.

Columbia Gas reported to the police that they will temporarily halt work along Beaver Road. They will resume work in several weeks. Nancy Watts will be consulted to see if Columbia Gas will replace the sidewalk after they have completed their project. The borough received a deposit of \$15,000 from Columbia Gas prior to starting this project. Upon completion of this project, and when the weather is warm enough, Columbia Gas will repave Beaver Road from curb to curb.

The Borough's Christmas Party will be held at the Edgeworth Club on Monday, Decembers 21st.

The Borough's Reorganization Meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2016, at 7:30 pm, in Osborne Elementary School. Magistrate Robert Ford will administer the Oath of Office.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Barbara Carrier reported that there were several accidents during the past month at the Hayesville light, and two deer were killed in the Borough – one along Ohio River Boulevard, and the other in the school zone.

Jim Cohen stated that recently no citations have been issued in Glen Osborne. He also stressed the need for a better police presence in the school zone. Mayor Carrier will contact Chief Ersher regarding these matters.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Mary Scalercio, a roll call vote was taken, and all voted yes, to accept the intergovernmental agreement for Police Services, Ordinance No. 408.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman, a roll call vote was taken, and all voted yes, to approve Ordinance No. 409, establishing the tax millage rate for 2016 at 4.6 mills.

As the chair of the Public Services Committee, Mary Scalercio expressed her desire to be able to provide more input with the Public Services portion of the budget, during future budget preparations.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman, a roll call vote was taken, and all voted yes, to approve the 2016 Budget as advertised.

Solicitor Stone commended Bill Monski for the work he is doing overseeing the PA DEP's Evans Well Project.

Solicitor Stone is aware that residents are still unhappy with actions of the Verland Foundation's staff at 1205 Colonial Place.

According to John Orndorff, Ann Strong has selected a tree expert to remove the tree that has created the dangerous condition of her sidewalk at 409 Orchard Street.

Solicitor Stone reported that he has been working with Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli in preparation for the proposed Hare Lane Pump Station project. On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 4 – 0, to authorize Ray Antonelli to solicit bids for televising the main gravity sewer line in Hare Lane.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen reported that there have not been any calls to the police regarding complaints about the Verland Foundation at 1205 Colonial Place. Therefore, if the neighboring residents have any issues, they have not followed the Borough's directive to contact the police. Without documented complaints to the police, there is nothing the Borough can do.

Before our next council meeting Jim Cohen plans to hire a locksmith to assist with the solar speed signs so that data can be retrieved and reported.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Before our next council meeting Mary Scalercio plans to contact Sam Capezzuto, Director of Fern Hollow Nature Center, to explore different projects and options of service they can provide.

A group picture of Council members will be taken at the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff reviewed a power point presentation regarding the report from the Ohio River Trail Feasibility Study. The purpose of this project is to improve the safety of cyclists using the proposed routes; to encourage cyclists to ride bicycles along the proposed routes; to emphasize the residential quality of the proposed routes; to foster cooperation between cyclists and motorists; and to link our riverside communities to each other and other bicycle routes. He summarized the portions of the report that pertained directly to Glen Osborne and reviewed specific recommendations for Glen Osborne.

Mr. Orndorff proposed creating an Ohio River Trail Complete Streets Coalition comprised of Glen Osborne, Sewickley, Edgeworth, Leetsdale and Ambridge. There is a national Complete Streets movement which is designed to enable safe access for all users, so that people of all ages and abilities can move smoothly along and across streets in communities regardless of how they are traveling. The National Complete Streets Coalition includes experts who are willing to conduct workshops to convince communities that this is a worthwhile concept.

Moving forward, and before applying for grants, Council recommended that Mr. Orndorff organize a committee comprised of representatives from each borough who will champion the proposed Ohio River Trail Complete Streets Coalition in their municipalities. Solicitor Stone recommended that Mr. Orndorff contact a group in Shaler that is involved with a similar movement.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the

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Solicitor. Holly Merriman 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 Holly Merriman, seconded by Jim Cohen. Council voted 4 – 0, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary