

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed new Council member Robert Ryan.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

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

VISITORS

Richard & Marianne Wagner, 1445 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

President Huddleston welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Wagner. The Wagners expressed their concern about the large wood pile outside the residence at 1449 Beaver Road. President Huddleston advised that the Borough would explore this issue.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. On motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by, Bill Monski, Council voted 7 – 0, to approve the Minutes with the pump, replacing generator, in the second paragraph of the Public Works report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reviewed the January police report and provided details of numerous accidents that occurred along Ohio River Boulevard, and two abandoned cars along Railroad Street.

Recycling, PennDOT projects and sewage treatment plant alternatives will be among the topics for discussion at the Mayors and Presidents Breakfast on March 7, 2020.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Borough received \$788 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of January from the Sheriff's sale of 531 Sycamore Road.

A payment of \$374 was received from Magistrate Ford's District Court.

The Borough received a payment of \$422 from the QVCOG for the Borough's portion of the distribution from the 904 Recycling Performance Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, based upon the collection of residential recycling in 2018.

Two invoices from the QVCOG are included among the February bills: \$2,420 for the annual dues, and \$304 for portion of 2019 RAD distributions

As requested by Jordan Tax Services, included among the February bills, is a refund check payable to Glen Osborne resident Elizabeth Evens, due to a change in assessment or overpayment of real estate tax for the year 2019.

Several calls were received from angry residents questioning Waste Management's recent decision to no longer accept glass for recycling.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone stated that a response to the letter received from Sewickley regarding sewage plant alternatives has been tabled until additional information has been obtained and analyzed. A copy of the letter will be sent to Borough Engineer Clint Reilly for his review.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Jim Cohen reported that arrangements have been made for the Zack Spark's bench to be reconditioned. President Huddleston requested that the white post located at Beaver and Davis Lane also be included with this project.

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff provided an overview of PennDOT's Route 65 Project Development Collaboration Meeting he attended earlier in the day. Officials from Glenfield, Haysville, Sewickley also were in attendance. According to Mr. Orndorff, PennDOT plans to clean out the Hays Run culvert.

Mr. Orndorff reported that a resident complained about a Duquesne Light pole located at the corner of Beaver Road and Osborne Lane. Pole # SL14003 has an old pole attached to it with numerous extra wires. Bill Monski and Holly Merriman explained that Duquesne Light is not solely responsible for these unsightly poles. Third parties, such as Comcast and Verizon, have wires attached to these poles and they work collaboratively in these situations.

John Orndorff reported that Mike Suehr will not be completing the final 80 feet of the sewer remediation project on the lower portion of Sycamore Road to Beaver Road. This work will be completed by Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC at a cost of \$8685.

BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

President Huddleston reported that prior to beginning the process of applying for a USDA loan for stormwater infrastructure and paving improvements, Clint Reilly needs to send engineering reports, along with projected legal costs, to be reviewed by USDA Water and Environmental Programs Specialist Todd Colley.

The Military Banner Project has been deferred and will be addressed in six months.

Barbara Carrier announced that enough money has been raised to begin replacing the old unstable pipe railing that runs adjacent to Beaver Road and Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park's property with a decorative iron fence. Phase 1 of the Ornamental Fence Project spans the first 50 feet, from the park's entrance, to the first bridge abutment. Work will begin on a piece of powder-coated wrought iron artwork at the entrance to the park. In order to replace the remaining 140 feet of railing, their board is currently in the process of applying for additional private donations and a grant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.