

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2011
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. President Richard Klixbull called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Barbara Carrier, Katharine Harbison, William Hittinger, Thomas Huddleston, Richard Klixbull, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff

Officials: Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary Diane Vierling, Treasurer Nancy Ersly (Solicitor Harlan Stone arrived at 7:35 pm).

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21, 2010 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. There being no changes, Thomas Huddleston moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Barbara Carrier. Council voted 7 – 0 to approve the motion.

VISITORS

John Burger, Louis Dell' Aquila, John Schleicher

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On Saturday, February 5th Congressman Tim Murphy will be the guest speaker at the Mayors and Presidents Breakfast. Barbara Carrier will be completing an on-line survey for "Sustainable Community Essentials Rapid Assessment". This organization is a collaboration of Councils of Governments with the goal of providing cost savings, conserve resources, offer education and training, and offer grant assistance. Statements of Financial Interest forms from the PA Ethics Commission were distributed to Council members, Solicitor, and Treasurer for completion.

President Klixbull opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their hard work at the end of the year with the Sewage Agreement. He initiated discussion with John Burger whose purpose was to obtain conditional approval for his Osborne Self Storage land development project at 1500 Railroad Avenue. A detailed Matrix plan review, completed by the Planning Commission, dated January 15, 2011, was distributed to everyone. John Orndorff, Chairman of the Planning Commission, reviewed the comments on the Matrix with John Burger and his engineer, John Schleicher. John Burger agreed on record to satisfy the recommendations on the Matrix, and to comply with the additional requirements Council deems relevant from Allegheny County's Department of Economic Development to the satisfaction of the Borough's engineer.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Barbara Carrier, Council voted 7 – 0 to grant conditional approval to John Burger’s plans for land development at 1500 Railroad Avenue for Osborne Self Storage, subject to completion of the changes and conditions recommended by the Planning Commission which included the items on the Matrix plan review; compliance with recommendations of Allegheny County Economic Department’s recommendations to the extent required by the Borough’s Engineer and Code Enforcement Officer; and compliance with a Municipal Developer’s Agreement in a form acceptable to the Borough’s Solicitor.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Harlan Stone announced the QVCOG has decided not to hire a specialty law firm to negotiate the Comcast contract. Thus, each municipality is on their own. A representative from Comcast contacted Harlan and offered to negotiate directly with Harlan Stone without the use of a specialty law firm. Harlan stated he feels comfortable doing this for Glen Osborne, but there are other options available and he will prepare a report for the next Council meeting. Litigation with our former contractor, Joseph LoFaro is at a stand still. Depositions have been taken and discovery is going on.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Carrier said their committee met briefly and discussed the railroad crossing. Diane Vierling has been in contact with the assistant to the project manager in charge of the Feasibility Study and is waiting to hear from the Central Office in Harrisburg.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Orndorff reviewed his revised project list and said his main priority is the sewage system in Glen Osborne. John has been trying to have Dick Stewart (NIRA) contact John Mowry (KLH) to make sure they are coordinating their efforts in the upcoming construction of the sewer interconnect. John Orndorff also asked Dick Stewart to put out bids for video inspection of our Borough’s collector lines which present conditions are unknown. This is a timely matter. The results of the video inspection will allow for opportunities to be proactive and make repairs that will be far less costly. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Barbara Carrier, Council voted 7 – 0 to approve the process to obtain bids.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Louis Naugle said the Finance Committee met and decided the Jordan Tax Services Agreement would be discussed at their next committee meeting.

Mr. Naugle said in reviewing the Cable Agreement, they are using the Verizon agreement as a guide and template, because it has proven to be the easiest and fastest way to avoid running into problems with the FCC. Lou Naugle and President Klixbull agreed it does not make sense to spend a lot of time on this process.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Katharine Harbison reported ISM, Inc. is being considered as our new website designer and host. ISM designed and hosts the websites for other municipalities including Oakmont Borough. We are in the early stages of talking with ISM's president, Kerry Schenker.

Mrs. Harbison received a letter from Natasha Green on behalf of the Mary Roberts Rinehart Board of Directors. They are considering holding an "Environmental Market Place" every Saturday in May from 9 a.m. until noon in the Nature Park. These events would be entertaining and educational and might be called "Go Green."

The Beautification Committee is considering ideas to make the island at Route 65 more attractive: "Pots on Island". However, liability issues must be taken into consideration.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor and Solicitor. There was a discussion about the high cost for the pump station, and also the high cost of legal fees. Harlan Stone pointed out that two big legal projects will be ending soon: the QVSD Zoning Appeal and the Sewickley Sewage Agreement; thus those expenses will be winding down soon. Thomas Huddleston moved the invoices listed be paid, with a second by Katharine Harbison. Council was polled, and all voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Thomas Huddleston inquired if there were any results with Aleppo sharing the cost of the \$45,000 fee to reissue the bond. President Klixbull was not aware of any. However, Harlan Stone stated he was copied on an email, and Mayor Boswell has had discussions with Aleppo. According to Harlan Stone, Mayor Boswell should be able to provide a report. President Klixbull requested this topic be included on the agenda for the February Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Barbara Carrier moved the meeting be adjourned with a second by William Hittinger. Council voted 7 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.