

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. President Richard Klixbull called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

The following were in attendance at the meeting:

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

Officials: Mayor William Boswell, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary Diane Vierling, Treasurer Nancy Ersly

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 15, 2011 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. An error in the last sentence on page one was corrected to read “to comply with **the** additional requirements.” Council voted 6 – 0 to approve the amended Minutes.

VISITORS

Richard Stewart, P.E. NIRA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

President Klixbull opened the meeting by having Richard Stewart of NIRA open the bids for Cleaning and Televising of Sanitary Sewers 2011. Barbara Carrier motioned to accept the lowest bid \$7,232 submitted by Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P., subject to review by our Engineer and Solicitor, with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 6 – 0 to approve the motion.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Petitions for Election were distributed at the Meeting to Barbara Carrier, Richard Klixbull, and Lou Naugle. (Tom Huddleston’s was mailed to him.) Detailed instructions were included. The petitions must be completed and filed with the Allegheny County Department of Elections by March 8, 2011.

On January 25, 2011 a letter was received from PennDOT advising the Borough to repair the damaged Loop at Red Gate Road/Beaver Road/ S.R. 65 (Haysville traffic signal). This damage was caused by Columbia Gas in August 2010. On September 8, 2010 the Borough received payment (\$1,483.75) from Columbia Gas to repair their damage. The Borough agreed to pay to repair the junction box that was damaged prior to the Columbia Gas incident. However, none of the repair work has been performed. During a power outage on February 2, 2011 the traffic signal malfunctioned throughout the day. John Wick spent many hours at the scene and had complications with the generator.

The State Police called Bruce & Merrilees (a signal maintenance contractor) for assistance. During this incident, it was determined that the fused disconnect box needs to be replaced, due to severe rust. Proposals were obtained from three signal maintenance contractors for installation and repair of the damaged loop, junction box and the fused disconnect box. All of the bids were under \$4,000. Barbara Carrier motioned to authorize Bruce & Merrilees (the lowest bidder \$2,700) to perform the repairs, seconded by William Hittinger. Council voted 6 – 0 to approve the motion.

Complaints were received regarding snow and ice covered sidewalks. The Borough's Code Enforcement Officer, Nancy Watts, and Diane Vierling inspected the sidewalks. Notices of Violation were mailed to those residents in violation of the Borough's Ordinance No. 302.

On February 3rd the Zoning Hearing Board held a private executive session regarding the QVSD appeal. Another private executive session will be held prior to the Public Zoning Hearing Board Meeting in March.

According to PennDOT's local project manager, Jackie Evans, documents including an Agreement for a Feasibility Study for the Relocation of Railroad Crossing S.R. 65 have been mailed to the Borough. However, this information has not been received yet.

Members of the Public Safety and Public Services Committees requested that their meeting dates will be changed to the first Monday of each month. Barbara Carrier motioned to approve the change of the Committees' meeting dates. Katharine Harbison seconded the motion. Council voted 6 – 0 to accept the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boswell reported he met with Sewickley Borough Manager, Kevin Flannery, and Mayor Brian Jeffe, and discussed the Sewer Project. Kevin Flannery said they hope to break ground around April 1st, and the Water Authority project will follow. Sewickley is hoping to repave Beaver Road in 2011, because the cost of asphalt is going to increase significantly in 2012. Sewickley has offered to jointly bid this project with Glen Osborne to obtain a lower overall cost.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Harlan Stone reported he reviewed ISM's website contract and made a few comments; prepared a Developer's Agreement for John Burger's Osborne Self Storage project; and responded to a document request in litigation pending in Common Pleas Court with the LoFaro contract. Harlan reviewed various options for the Comcast franchise agreement: Cohen Law Group's proposal was \$4,740 or \$4,345. Solicitor Stone did not recommend going along with the Cohen proposal. Harlan Stone stated he, along with the assistance of the lawyers on Council, could negotiate the contract for significantly less than Cohen's

proposal. Council agreed that action was not necessary at this time, because the contract does not expire until June 2011.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Although the Public Safety Committee did not meet in February, Barbara Carrier updated Council on the ASO Agreement. Glen Osborne has completed their work and they are waiting for Aleppo and Sewickley to finish their work on the ASO agreement, so that all three zoning codes can be submitted to the County at the same time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Orndorff and Lou Naugle are reviewing Section 6 of the Borough's Street Opening Ordinance No. 387. They are working with the Borough's Engineer, Richard Stewart, to determine how best to plan for the costs of refilling the holes if they are not done properly by the contractors who dig them.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lou Naugle reported he has reviewed information from Jodan Tax Services for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes. He will forward this information to Solicitor Harlan Stone to verify and prepare an Ordinance, so that Council can act upon it at the next Meeting. The Finance Committee is continuing to work on the Cable Agreement.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Public Services did not have a meeting in February.

QVCOG

The QVCOG is continuing to negotiate the Refuse Contract.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor and Solicitor. John Orndorff questioned the purpose of the Pioneer Phone bill: 412-741-2778. Diane Vierling stated that is the Borough's fax number. John Orndorff requested, in the future, that the accounts be identified when the bills are being paid. Lou Naugle moved the bills be paid, with a second by Barbara Carrier. Council was polled and all voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Boswell reported Aleppo's Manager has agreed to pay their pro rata share of the cost to reissue the bond, as they would have paid, had we gone to bond in November 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

John Orndorff requested that the Public Works Committee should be responsible for the expenses of the traffic signals, instead of the Public Safety Committee. Barbara Carrier agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, William Hittinger moved the meeting be adjourned with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 6 – 0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Diane E. Vierling, Borough Secretary