# GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. President Richard Klixbull brought the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting: Council: Katharine Harbison, Richard Klixbull, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff, William Hittinger

Officials: Mayor William Boswell, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary Maleet Gordon, Treasurer Nancy Ersly

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2010 MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. The Taxable Value of Property in Glen Osborne Borough as of 1/14/10 was corrected to \$57,046,666. There being no other changes John Orndorff made a motion to approve the Minutes, with a second by Louis Naugle. Council voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

#### VISITORS

There were no visitors.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Maleet Gordon asked Council about the clean up of brush and tree branches in resident's yards following the snow storm in February. This was not budgeted and much of the debris could be cut and bundled and picked up by Waste Management. Large damage clean up could be covered by homeowner's insurance. Council decided not to have the Borough do a clean up on private property.

Clare Westwood has expressed an interest in returning to a position on Council as long as Council understands her house could sell and she would probably have to move out of the Borough. William Hittinger moved Council appoint Clare Westwood to a position on Council, with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

There was no objection to advertising Ordinance 391 for passage at the April Council meeting.

Bids are due at the Public Works Committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> for the Beaver Road Curb and Storm Sewer Project.

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# **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor William Boswell talked with Sewickley Councilman Dean Williams and Mayor Brian Jeffe about the sewer system negotiations with Sewickley Borough. Following the meeting with Sewickley, Council Glen Osborne Council members decided they were in favor of Sewickley's plan conceptually but they have four things of interest:

- 1. The Borough Engineers need to get together so all are on the same page as to who is giving what to whom, and
- 2. Eliminate pump station number 2 in its entirety, and
- 3. Sewickley Borough takes over the Beaver Road sewer line, and
- 4. The system will be over built to accommodate growth, any new customers would make a capital contribution and this would be written into the agreement. This would help reduce the principle.

Kevin Flannery says the pump station cannot be eliminated. John Orndorff talked to Sewickley's Engineer, John Mowry of KLH, and John Mowry suggested a meeting for Tuesday, March 30 for the engineers to review the plans.

Maintenance of the sewer system in Aleppo will be done by Aleppo. Sewickley would maintain pump stations and the main sewer lines that serve to transport sewage to the waste water treatment plant. Sewickley Council is willing to be flexible on the maintenance of the sewer line on Beaver Road as Osborne has already recently upgraded the sewer line on Glen Mitchell in preparation for adding transport of Aleppo sewage.

The Borough's Engineer, Richard Stewart of NIRA Consulting Engineers, has to tell the Borough the cost of operating the pump station once the station is up to standard. Mr. Stewart said it would cost \$34,000 to bring the pump station up to the standard. Sewickley Borough said it would cost \$334,000. The other option is to try and eliminate the hump so a pump station is not required. Glen Osborne uses tax revenue to pay for sewer line and pump station maintenance. If Sewickley would maintain the pump station and sewer lines, maintenance would be charged to the residents through a fee. Pump station number 2 could be eliminated by putting residents on the Beaver Road system.

# SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Harlan Stone advised there was no report.

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A letter will be sent to the residents of Railroad Avenue and Center Street to invite them to the April Public Safety Committee meeting to discuss the plans for the railroad crossing.

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The Committee is going to work on a way to contact residents, especially older residents, when there is an emergency. Aleppo is looking into establishing a reverse 9-1-1 system, and maybe Glen Osborne could join with them.

The ordinance covering snow removal should be updated for a more precise time to remove snow and a fine if it not removed in a timely manner. They are also going to get an estimate from John Wick for the cost of his doing the sidewalks on both sides of Beaver Road following a snowstorm as he has the equipment to do it quickly. The Borough would pay Mr. Wick and then bill the residents. Of course residents can hire Mr. Wick or whomever they want to clear their walks, but it must be done quickly so people can use the sidewalks to get around.

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

John Orndorff reported there is a meeting with Haysville and Lone Oak Technology Park about a sewer tap from Haysville to Glen Osborne on March 30. The municipalities are working on an agreement to transport sewage from Lone Oak Technology Park to be treated at the Sewickley waste water treatment plant.

Sewickley has an ordinance for street opening that allows utility companies to open the road, fix the utility and temporarily fill the hole. Sewickley Borough then has the patch done professionally and charged to the utility. The patch is done curb to curb. John Orndorff is trying to contact Sewickley on this. The Sewickley Water Authority has agreed they would accept a street opening ordinance like Sewickley's.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Louis Naugle reported the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee is working diligently on setting up the by-laws and the organization that will collect the wage tax beginning 2012. Glen Osborne has been assessed \$31 for EIT expenses thus far.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is finishing a draft update for the Borough's Zoning Ordinance.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Katharine Harbison reported Committee members plan to talk to residents regarding Borough plantings.

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### BILLS

The Check Detail was included in the packets sent to Council, the Mayor, the Solicitor and the Treasurer. Louis Naugle moved the bills be approved for payment, with a second by John Orndorff. The checks are not in sequential order as they are written on different accounts. Council was polled and all voted yes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

If Clare Westwood returns as an appointed Council member, she will be on the Public Works and Finance Committees.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, John Orndorff made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Louis Naugle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary