

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalarcio (7:38 p.m.)

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

VISITORS

Beth Crow, 106 Village Court, Sewickley, PA
Betty Crow, 516 Sycamore Road, Sewickley, PA
Sidney Neff, 524 Sycamore Road, Sewickley, PA
Sue Neff, 524 Sycamore Road, Sewickley, PA
Richard Wagner, 1445 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA
Amy Wirth, 1309 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA

Visitors Beth and Betty Crow, and Mr. & Mrs. Neff attended the meeting for an update on Sycamore Road Project. John Orndorff provided an overview, explaining the complexity and enormous cost of the project which will require very specialized skills as advised using the recommendations of a geo-tech engineering firm that recently completed a study of Sycamore Road. Maintaining the integrity of the retaining wall is of paramount importance. This will be the first phase of the Sycamore Road Project. Competitive bidding is required. Bids have been advertised and will be opened at a public meeting by the Borough Engineer, in early November. The Borough is required to accept the lowest responsible bid, therefore Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli will need to carefully review the technical details submitted in the bids and the credentials of the bidders, before the bid can be awarded. This decision should be determined by the time of the December Council Meeting.

Amy Wirth appeared before Council requesting reimbursement for replacing the curbs at her residence at 1309 Beaver Road. After an earlier meeting with John Orndorff and Mayor Carrier regarding replacement of her sidewalk and curbs, Mrs. Wirth proceeded to hire a firm recommended by Mr. Orndorff and Mayor Carrier to replace her sidewalks and curbs. (Sidewalk replacement is the responsibility of Glen Osborne property owners. The Borough is responsible for curbs.) Mrs. Wirth did not realize, as a Borough responsibility, Council must approve and authorize projects prior to curb replacement. President Huddleston advised that Council would take her request under discussion in an Executive Session, and Mrs. Wirth would be notified tomorrow of Council's decision.

Richard Wagner, 1445 Beaver Road, expressed his concern regarding "burning yard waste" in the Borough. Solicitor Stone explained that the Borough permits recreational fires on resident's property. Mr. Wagner was concerned that major fires could occur. Council advised Mr. Wagner to call the police and fire department when he thought dangerous fires were occurring.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. John Orndorff moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Bill Monski. Council voted 6 – 0, to approve the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier thanked Council members for attending the Special Meeting, October 1, 2016, held in the Sewickley Public Library.

Mayor Carrier reviewed the Police Report. The police presence in the school zone has increased. Mayor Carrier expressed concern for the number of cars going through red lights at the Hayesville intersection. She will contact the police chief regarding this issue.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Borough Secretary advised Council that our costs for publishing legal ads will be increasing. Beginning December 1, 2016, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, will discontinue printed publications, and the Borough will no longer be able to publish legal announcements in the Tribune-Review. Legal ads must be published in "paid" publications. We will need to use the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. For an additional cost our legal ads can also be published on Fridays in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette's local section, "LOCAL XTRA." The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's fees for legal advertising are higher than the Tribune-Review's were.

The Borough Secretary contacted Penn DOT Municipal Specialist Barry DeAngelis and requested that Hare Lane be added to the Liquid Fuels Tax List. This will increase our Liquid Fuels Allocation. The estimated 2017 Allocation is slightly over \$19,700.

Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Watts will notify property owners to remove the dead trees along the Ohio River Boulevard corridor after John Wick marks them with yellow tape.

Jordan's "Delinquent Real Estate Tax" report remains the same as last month: \$8,728.81

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 6 – 0, to waive a street opening permit for Hare Lane. Solicitor Stone will provide a letter stating the waiver is limited to the work currently being performed by Columbia Gas on Hare Lane and applies to no other current or future work involving roads in Glen Osborne Borough.

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 6 -0, to approve retaining the services of the Cohen Law Group for the cable franchise negotiations with Verizon. President Huddleston will sign the engagement letter at the next Council meeting.

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 6 – 0, to accept the Road Salt Services Agreement for 2016/2017 with the Borough of Sewickley for 137 tons. This remains the same as the 2015/2016 Agreement.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mary Scalercio reported that arrangements have been made with Cochrane Hose for the traditional decorating of the tree outside Osborne Elementary School on December 3, 2016. Additional Christmas lights will be purchased. Mrs. Scalercio will inquire about having students make ornaments for the tree. The Borough Secretary will contact QVSD Director of Administrative Services Joe Marrone to inquire on the status of the electrical outlet next to the tree. Mrs. Scalercio thanked the Borough Secretary for preparing the latest welcome letters.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Huddleston stated estimates included in Council's packet, submitted by John Wick for Mrs. Hagerty's curbs at 522 Boundary Street, would be reviewed in Executive Session.

Bill Monski reported that he met with PA DEP Oil & Gas Inspector Mark Barnes and Mary Hertzberg (resident at 533 Glen Mitchell Road) regarding specific trees that were damaged by Hydrocarbon Well Service workers. Those trees are now dead and endangering Hertzberg's property. Mark Barnes agreed to have Hydrocarbon Well Service remove those trees.

FIANANCE COMMITTEE

Holly Merriman distributed the 2017 budget to Council members and requested that it be completed and returned to her this week.

BILLS

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

At the request of President Huddleston, at 8:30 p.m. Council recessed to Executive Session. Council reconvened at 9:17 p.m. into regular session.

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 6 – 0, to cover the Wirth's \$1,200 curb expenses at 1309 Beaver Road, realizing the Borough has no legal responsibility.

QVCOG

Bill Monski reviewed the agenda for tomorrow night's QVCOG meeting. He advised Council to expect a considerable dues increase for 2017. The dues will be approximately \$2,200.

NEW BUSINESS

John Orndorff reported on behalf of the Ohio River Trail Council he visited Sewickley Borough's Council Meeting last night.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary