

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Thursday, October 23, 2014. 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, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

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

Visitors: Jack McLellan 517 Glen Mitchell Road
John Payne 1302 Beaver Road

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. There being no changes, Holly Merriman moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 6 – 0, to approve the motion.

VISITORS

Jack McLellan, resident of 517 Glen Mitchell Road, expressed his concern about dangerous conditions that occur when cars park along both sides of Glen Mitchell Road during school events. Both he and his wife have almost been hit by cars. Jim Cohen, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, stated that the Borough has received numerous complaints regarding this situation. President Huddleston explained that the Borough has an ordinance that could address this issue. However, it is not currently enforced. “No Parking” signs would need to be purchased and posted in order to enforce the ordinance. Council will address this in the 2015 Budget. President Huddleston stated that the goal is for the police to be able to enforce this as a “No Parking” zone.

John Payne, resident of 1302 Beaver Road, requested that the yellow line and “No Parking” sign be removed from the curb in front of his house, so that he can park his car there. President Huddleston stated that Council will take his request under advisement and would get back to him.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Earlier this week a water main break occurred on Sycamore Road while Aleppo Township Authority was performing routine flushing. The break has been repaired and

the water is safe to use and drink, even though it is cloudy.

During October 13th and 14th Palmieri Construction replaced the curbs along Glen Mitchell Road. Ray Antonelli inspected them and was extremely pleased. Due to the excellent quality of the work, there is no longer a need for Mr. Washington to replace his sidewalks.

On October 14th a large tree fell in Mary Robert Rinehart Nature Park. Fortunately, no one was injured. MRRNP hired Bartlett Tree Service to remove the tree.

Over the years email blasts announcing special events at MRRNP have been sent to our residents at the request of Natasha Green, secretary of the nonprofit Osborne Trail and Park Association, which runs the park. Recently, we received a complaint from one of our residents who did not find it appropriate for the Borough to send email blasts on behalf of MRRNP. In the future, guidance will be sought from the Mayor, President, or Council before email blasts are sent to promote anything that does not pertain directly to Glen Osborne Borough. Solicitor Stone recommended that Council consider creating a policy that specifically states guidelines regarding this. According to Solicitor Stone, Cranberry and Shaler Townships have enacted such policies which are posted on their websites.

QVCOG is sponsoring a "Recycling Day" November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Washington Street, behind the Sewickley Municipal Building. This message has been posted on our website and email blasts have been sent to our residents. Glen Osborne is a member of the QVCOG and all of our residents are eligible to partake in this event.

The latest photo of Council members has been posted on our website.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The police reports for September included an accident involving a deer on Ohio River Boulevard, and a four-car accident at the Haysville light during the past month.

Mayor Carrier will ask Police Chief Jim Ersher to attend our November Council Meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reported there was a viewing today with the Board of Viewers of six properties. Final hearings should take place in January, 2015.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen reported that it would cost approximately \$10,000 to purchase and install two radar speed signs for the school zone. It would cost \$17 per month to operate the signs.

Jim Cohen motioned to purchase two radar speed signs in 2014 and have them installed in 2015. John Orndorff seconded the motion. Jim Cohen withdrew his motion for further discussion until additional information has been gathered.

Police Chief Ersher promised to have the police present in the school zone during the morning and the afternoon, two to five times every week in the school zone. Jim Cohen reported that so far this week, the police have been there every day.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff reported that the Public Works Committee decided to refer to the proposed bike lanes as shoulders. Painting lines for shoulders would constrict the flow of motor vehicles, therefore, making it safer for bicyclists and runners to use that section of the road. Solicitor Stone suggested that Mr. Orndorff consult Ray Antonelli at NIRA to obtain PennDOT, national, and state safety standard dimensions and regulations pertaining to bike lanes.

Another option would be painting “sharrows” shared-lane markings (bicycle symbols painted on the road to guide cyclists to the best place to ride and remind drivers to share the road with cyclists). Bids for painting sharrows along Beaver Road from Boundary Street to Glen Mitchell Road are approximately \$6,000, and from Boundary Street to the Haysville intersection at Route 65, approximately \$14,000, using thermoplastic.

Mr. Orndorff reported that he submitted the form for the LED Street Light Conversion Program and payment of \$1,090 to Duquesne Light for 10 LED street lights along Ohio River Boulevard from Boundary Street moving south towards Pittsburgh.

The work along Sycamore Road should be completed tomorrow, and the sewer leak should be resolved. The expense for this repair will be \$13,000. The cost of repaving the holes will be extra.

Palmieri Consturction’s cost for replacing the curbs along Glen Mitchell Road was \$10,608. President Huddleston received compliments from residents on the curb project.

Mr. Orndorff received an estimate from John Wick of \$200 per snow event (under 4 inches of snow) as the cost to plow the sidewalks. President Huddleston explained that the Borough has an ordinance that requires the residents to be responsible for the maintenance of their sidewalks. Mr. McLellan asked when this ordinance was passed. The Borough Secretary will research this and contact Mr. McLellan with an answer.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mary Scalercio reported that December 6th has been selected as the date for lighting and trimming the Glen Osborne Christmas tree outside Osborne Elementary School. The

goal is to build community relations and make this become a community event. Mary Scalercio and Mayor Carrier will prepare an outline, and contact Principal Mellett to see if memos announcing this event can be sent home with the students. Email blasts will be sent to the residents.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Holly Merriman reported, “ the bad news is that we are over this year’s budget for the following expenses: public works - wastewater, highways, street signs and markings.” Mrs. Merriman stated, “ the good news is that the following revenues have exceeded this year’s budget: real estate tax, delinquent real estate tax, earned income tax, deed transfer tax and building permits.”

President Huddleston requested that Treasurer Ersly add an additional column to the “Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual” report comparing the “budget number for the time period” to the “actual number for the time period”.

Thomas Huddleston stated Council needs to be in a position to review the draft budget at the next Council Meeting, advertise it, and vote on it at the December Council Meeting.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. Jim Cohen motioned payment of the bills. Holly Merriman seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

At 8:55 p.m. Council recessed to Executive Session with the Solicitor. The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m. into regular session.

NEW BUSINESS

John Orndorff reported that he wrote a letter of recommendation for Ray Antonelli. Mr. Antonelli is bidding on a project with Keystone Oaks School District.

Mary Scalercio reported that one of the redbud trees along Ohio River Boulevard is dead.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by John Orndorff, Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 9:33 p.m.