

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2018  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio, Junior Council Member - Grace Wirth

Officials: Solicitor's Representative – Christopher Lavato, Secretary-Treasurer Diane Vierling

**VISITORS**

Joe Duganich, Lennon Smith Souleret Engineers, Inc. Coraopolis, PA 15108  
Regina Kettering, 1115 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA 15143  
Kathy Moyer, 609 Sycamore Road, Sewickley, PA 15143  
Steven Victor, Victor-Wetzel Associates, 409 Broad Street, Sewickley, PA

John Orndorff reported that at the November 2, 2018 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Moyer Plan of Consolidation under the condition of several revisions. Steven Victor presented to Council the revised subdivision plan for the Moyer Plan of Consolidation, which included the revisions required by the Planning Commission. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the revised Moyer Plan of Consolidation, subject to approval of the Borough's engineer.

Glen Osborne resident, Regina Kettering, expressed her concern regarding confusion that exists among some of the residents about leaf pickup. Holly Merriman stated that the Borough is not responsible for the removal of residents' leaves, and some residents hire landscape businesses, such as Wick Landscape Contractors, to remove their leaves. Last year the Borough sent letters to all the residents advising it is their responsibility to remove their leaves. In the future the Borough will resume mailing this message to residents, in order to alleviate confusion.

Joe Duganich distributed copies and reviewed the work he had done, thus far, surveying the boundary between the Boroughs of Haysville and Glen Osborne. He will meet with the Borough Secretary at the Borough's storage unit to search for historical maps of the Borough which could possibly provide additional information to complete his survey of the boundary.

### **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2018 MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. On the motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the Minutes.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Borough received \$1,100 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of October from the sale of 609 Sycamore Road.

Among tonight's bills are two checks for residents refunding overpayment of their 2018 real estate taxes.

Today, after receiving additional deposits, we have received 99% of our budgeted Earned Income Tax, and 90% of our budgeted Local Service Tax for 2018.

Code Enforcement Officer, Bruce Graff, met with the owners (Watchword LLC) of the property with the dangerous trees along Glen Mitchell Road, who agreed to remove the trees that are in danger of falling.

The Borough received a payment of \$600 from Magistrate Ford's office for a fine imposed upon Wayne Hannigan, for failing to comply with property maintenance violation notices at 531 Sycamore Road, issued by the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Graff. This represents the largest fine the Borough has received in the past decade.

Among tonight's bills are checks for two property owners, refunding their over-paid 2018 real estate taxes.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Christopher Lavato represented Harlan Stone who was unavailable for this meeting. Mr. Lavato reported that the salt storage agreement with Sewickley Heights is near completion. On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the completed salt storage agreement, subject to final approval of Solicitor Stone.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Six pedestrian crossing signs were posted along Beaver Road in the locations recommended by the police.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Mary Scalercio will post signs announcing the Borough's annual holiday tree decorating, which will be held December 1, 2018, outside Osborne Elementary School. Cochran Hose and Aleppo Volunteer Fire Department will assist with decorating the tree. Lynn Sopp, Osborne Elementary School's art teacher, will provide ornaments created by her students.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

John Orndorff explained the need for a service to video the sewers near 1446 Beaver Road and inspect the roots that are interfering with the sewer system; and video the sewer between 520 and 524 Sycamore Road. Also, the sewers at the corner of Center and River Roads need to be cleaned, because they are clogged with sediment from the flooding that occurred during the heavy summer rains. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, approving an expenditure up to \$8,000, for the Borough engineer to hire contractors to perform the sewer work.

### **FINANCE**

Holly Merriman reviewed the draft of the 2019 Budget and thanked Diane Vierling for creating an easy to follow format. This year the Borough is in a good financial position due to conservative budgeting and excellent tax collection. Projected road repairs of \$40,000 for Sycamore Road have been included in the 2019 Budget. The budget will not require an increase in millage which will remain at 5.2.

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, to grant preliminary approval of the tentative 2019 Budget as presented and 5.2 millage, and authorize the Secretary to advertise for adoption at the December Council Meeting.

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## **BILLS**

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. Tom Huddleston motioned payment of the bills, except check number 4794, for Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering Inc. This check will be held until their work for the Borough is completed. Mary Scalercio seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

At 9:17 p.m. Council recessed to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:42 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

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Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary