

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, President Tom Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Jim Cohen, Tom Huddleston, Joshua Lambert, Holly Merriman, Bill Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

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

VISITORS

Anne Fruehauf, 508 Osborne Lane, Sewickley, PA 15143

Greg Curran, 1200 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

Mike DiVitorrio, Reporter for Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (arrived at 7:29 p.m.)

President Huddleston welcomed Glen Osborne residents Anne Fruehauf and Greg Curran.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:04 p.m. President Tom Huddleston opened a public hearing for discussion to consider adoption of, and if appropriate enact a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 155 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Zoning, to allow solar energy system, small, as an accessory use in all districts. No comments were received. At 7:06 p.m. President Huddleston closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

A motion was made by John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, to approve the Council Meeting Minutes. Council voted 7 – 0, to approve the Minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported she has observed a decrease in traffic congestion along Beaver

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Road during arrival and dismissal times when parents are dropping off and picking up their children, due to several recent changes, including opening the gate earlier.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Among the December bills are payments to two Glen Osborne residents who are Cochran Hose volunteer firemen and qualify for 20% relief of real estate tax, in accordance with Act 172: Dave Muders and Mitch Soman. We are grateful for their service to the community.

The Borough received a payment of \$129 for fines from Magistrate's Rosselli's office for the month of November.

The Borough received the December State Police Fines Allocation payment of \$123.

A payment of \$2,048 real estate transfer tax was received from the sale of 1207 Colonial Place.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Harlan Stone announced that he will be officially cutting back his practice at Babst Calland as of the end of 2024, and Anna Jewart will be taking over his practice. He has established a consulting arrangement with his firm and he will continue to be available and committed to overseeing the work of his successor during the transition.

PUBLIC SAFETY

At the request of Police Chief Dave Mazza, Jim Cohen reported that he spoke with Jeremy McCoy and explained the importance of Jeremy answering phone calls from specific phone numbers and responding to emergencies. They also discussed proper procedures for snow removal. Jim reported that Jeremy did a great job pretreating the roads before temperatures plummeted prior to the most recent snow event.

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff reported that the Commonwealth Financing Authority is still in the process of ruling on the Borough's request to change the scope of our 2023 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project due to discovering several sections of sewer lines along Beaver Road were deemed inaccessible for relining. We should receive their decision in January.

Glen Osborne Borough (through the QVCOG) has been awarded \$100,000 in funding through the Gaming Economic Development & Tourism Fund (GEDTF) Program for the Sanitary Sewer Lining & Storm Sewer Repair Project (County Project number is 2024-GEDTF-279). We had requested \$208,000, so we will need to pare back on the scope of this project.

John Orndorff reported that Jim Fitzgerald agreed to hire Tall Timber for \$5,000 to remove his dead trees along Glen Mitchell Road.

FINANCE & BILLS

President Huddleston thanked Diane Vierling and Holly Merriman for their outstanding management of the Borough's finances throughout the year, resulting in no tax increase in 2025.

Holly Merriman motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2024 – 05, establishing the tax millage for 2025 at 4.9 mills. Bill Monski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted yes. This will be the 4th year in a row for the 4.9 millage.

Holly Merriman motioned to adopt the balanced 2025 Budget as advertised. Jim Cohen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all voted yes.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Tom Huddleston reported that the Planning Commission recommended to Council their approval of the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow small accessory uses in all districts.

OLD BUSINESS

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council was polled and all voted yes, to adopt Ordinance No. 432 to amend Chapter 155 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, Zoning, to allow solar energy system, small, as an accessory use in all districts.

President Huddleston welcomed visitor Mike DiVitorrio who arrived at 7:29 p.m. Mike DiVitorrio is a reporter for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mary Scalercio, seconded by Bill Monski, to accept the resignation of Council member Holly Merriman, effective December 31, 2024. Council was polled and all voted yes.

A motion was made by Mary Scalercio, seconded by Bill Monski, to accept the resignation of Council member Tom Huddleston, effective December 31, 2024. Council was polled and all voted yes.

On behalf of Council and the residents of Glen Osborne, Mayor Carrier thanked Holly Merriman for her eleven years of outstanding service and Tom Huddleston for his fourteen years of outstanding service to the Borough of Glen Osborne. She also commended them for their dedication, wisdom and contributions making Glen Osborne such a wonderful community.

Vice President Orndorff reviewed recommendations received for Anne Fruehauf and Greg Curran to fill the vacancies of Holly Merriman and Tom Huddleston. Mr. Orndorff commended Anne Fruehauf for her outstanding contributions as a former Council member and as chairperson of the committee that updated the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances.

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Mr. Orndorff commended Greg Curran his years of service as a member of Glen Osborne's Planning Commission.

John Orndorff motioned to appoint Anne Fruehauf to fill the remaining term of Holly Merriman, effective January 1, 2025. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council was polled, Holly Merriman and Tom Huddleston abstained, Jim Cohen voted yes, Josh Lambert voted yes, Bill Monski voted yes, John Orndorff voted yes, and Mary Scalercio voted yes.

John Orndorff motioned to appoint Greg Curran to fill the remaining term of Tom Huddleston, effective January 1, 2025. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council was polled, Holly Merriman and Tom Huddleston abstained, Jim Cohen voted yes, Josh Lambert voted yes, Bill Monski voted yes, John Orndorff voted yes, and Mary Scalercio voted yes.

At the request of Tom Huddleston, at 7:58 pm Council recessed into Executive Session to seek legal advice on matters affecting the Borough. Council reconvened at 8:23 pm.

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.



Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary