

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, February 16, 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, Mary Scalercio (7:35 p.m.), John Orndorff

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

VISITORS Elizabeth Evans 401 Lantern Lane
Robert Ferguson 401 Lantern Lane

Elizabeth Evans, resident of 401 Lantern Lane, expressed her interest in revisions Council planned to make to the Chicken Ordinance. She was also concerned about the amount of salt distributed on Lantern Lane. Robert Ferguson, also a resident of 401 Lantern Lane, stated he was new to the area, and wanted to learn more about Glen Osborne Borough and how local government functioned. President Huddleston thanked Ms. Evans and Mr. Ferguson for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 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 Jim Cohen. Council voted 6 – 0, to approve the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayors & Presidents Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. in the Sewickley Municipal Building. Senator Guy Reschenthaler and Representative Mark Mustio will also be in attendance.

Mayor Carrier reported that the railroad's crossing gate was stuck again. The police reports have indicated that this is an ongoing occurrence nearly every month since September 2015.

A donation of \$250 will be made from the Mayor's fund to the Sewickley Memorial Day Committee.

Mayor Carrier was notified that a special ceremony will be scheduled in July for the installation of a historical marker commemorating the former residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilson, owners of the famous English Setter Count Noble. In the late 1800's the Wilsons and Count Noble lived on the property where Osborne Elementary School's playing fields are located today. Local historian, Richard J. LeBeau, author of "Count Noble: The Greatest Dog that Ever Lived," has invited ancestors of Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Wilson, and members of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society and the American Kennel Club to attend this special ceremony.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As soon as the weather permits, Columbia Gas will be replace the sidewalks along Beaver Road that were damaged during their recent road project. This message has been posted on the Borough's website.

According the Chief Jim Ersher, the police do not have a specific person to contact with Norfolk Southern regarding railroad issues. However, they call 412-279-2650, whenever the crossing gates malfunctions or other issues arise pertaining to the railroad.

The Borough Secretary reported that she contacted Allegheny County's Department of Real Estate, the Recorder of Deeds, and the Treasurer's Department, and confirmed that 531 Glen Mitchell Road is owned by Raymond Steigerwald (Executrix Dianne Ford Stewart). The Borough Secretary spoke with Dianne Ford Stewart and persuaded her to provide signed consent for PA DEP Oil & Gas Inspector Mark Barnes to have a hole drilled and a soil sample obtained from 531 Glen Mitchell Road. This has allowed the PA DEP to move forward with their project along Glen Mitchell Road.

A letter prepared by John Orndorff expressing concern for the long term stability of Sycamore Road was sent to residents of Sycamore Road, Tega Cay Drive, Grandview Way, and Ferndale Avenue. Residents were invited to submit suggestions in writing and/or attend the March 1, 2016, Public Works Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

After considerable research among old Borough Records and Receipts from 2004 through 2009, the Borough Secretary found documentation confirming that the 2004, 2006, and 2008 liened real estate taxes (\$9,667.47) for 1107 Beaver Road were paid to the Borough in May 2009 (\$9,667.47). Documentation was also located explaining that Jordan Tax Services began the collection of delinquent real estate taxes and municipal claims for the Borough in June 2009, as approved by Council in March 2009.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reviewed a draft of an ordinance permitting and regulating chickens. Prior to our next Council Meeting, members will submit specific recommendations to Mary Scalercio and the Public Services Committee. Solicitor Stone will prepare a final draft of the ordinance using these comments and suggestions, and present it at the next Council Meeting.

Solicitor Stone explained that the Borough's Tax Collector Dick Quillen collects the current taxes. Jordan Tax Services collects the Borough's delinquent taxes and satisfies the liens. Solicitor Stone has been filing the liens.

President Huddleston requested a process to follow the status of delinquent taxes and outstanding tax liens.

President Huddleston and Holly Merriman will call Chris Bell at Jordan Tax Service and review the Borough's arrangement with Jordan Tax Services.

President Huddleston authorized Solicitor Stone to perform a title search and validate ownership and liens on the Steigerwald property at 531 Glen Mitchell Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen contacted a locksmith with “A-1 Safe & Lock” who will be replacing the broken lock on the solar speed sign, so that data can be obtained.

In order to obtain optimum exposure from the sun, Bill Monski will adjust the position of the solar panels, so that the solar speed signs will function properly.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Mary Scalarcio will order new Glen Osborne flags from Quality Flags to replace the tattered flags that have been used since they were purchased in 2012. Council agreed to use the Public Landscaping Fund for payment of the new flags and flag poles.

Welcome letters have been mailed to new residents in the Borough - Mr. & Mrs. John Elliott, 1481 Grandview Way, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Passerello, 705 Sycamore Road, and Mr. Charles Beech, 300 Academy Place.

Mary Scalarcio presented Fern Hollow Designer Ian Miller’s beautification plan for the area across from 515 Glen Mitchell Road. Council agreed to wait until spring before making any decisions regarding this plan.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff reported that the Borough’s Municipal Contact Information was submitted to PennDOT for their new Traffic Signal Asset Management System (TSAMS). TSAMS is a central database of traffic signals where at least one approach is a state highway.

Bill Monski and Tom Huddleston provided an update on the PA DEP’s project along Glen Mitchell Road. On February 11, 2016, the PA DEP held a meeting to review the status of the Evans Well Project, Contract 00GM 13-6R. The PA DEP’s entire 2016 Budget for Oil Well Capping will be used for this project.

Gannett Fleming engineers were among the 15 attendees at this meeting. This will be a substantial project. The geotechnical survey has been completed. Tentatively, grading will begin in late spring. To stabilize the hillside, barriers will need to be put into the wall into the hillside. Only one well will be plugged. After the project is completed, the Borough will be responsible for beautification of the area. Mary Scalarcio and the Public Services Committee will oversee this, possibility using the services of Fern Hollow.

FIANANCE COMMITTEE

Holly Merriman stated the entire amount budgeted for the Zoning Hearing Board has been spent on the recent hearing for the Spencers who requested to put an addition onto their house. President Huddleston received an email from Zoning Hearing Board member David Lowe who expressed concerns about the recent invoice for legal fees submitted by Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Timothy Bish. President Huddleston and Holly Merriman will review this matter with David Lowe and Gary Bauer, Chair of the Zoning Hearing Board.

BILLS

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. Holly Merriman motioned payment of the bills with the exception of check #4005 to Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Braham, LLP (Zoning Hearing Board's solicitor). Jim Cohen seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

QVCOG

Jean-Sebastien Valois is the new president of the QVCOG. Executive Director John Jakiela resigned and a search for a new Executive Director has begun. Holly Merriman suggested that the Local Government Academy would be a good resource for recruitment. Negotiations will begin at the QVCOG Managers' Meeting for the new five year refuse contract. Council will consider the cost for weekly recycling.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary