

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES **DRAFT**
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The Glen Osborne Borough Council Meeting was held through electronic means, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely through electronic means:

Council: Jim Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Robert Ryan, Mary Scalercio

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2021 COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 7 – 0, to approve the Minutes after correcting the attendance to include **Robert Ryan**, and stating Council voted **6 – 1**, to spend up to \$4,500 to decommission three manholes along Route 65.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reviewed January's police report which included three car accidents involving deer, and an overweight tractor trailer that became entangled in wires along Center Avenue and Siebert Street. A citation was issued to the driver of the overweight tractor trailer.

Mayor Carrier and Tom Huddleston commended John Wick for taking good care of the roads during the recent snow and ice storms.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A payment of \$129 was received from Magistrate Ford's District Court.

The Borough received \$4,850 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of January from the sale of 405 Orchard Street and 800 Academy Place.

After receiving numerous complaints from residents regarding dangerous conditions of icy, snow covered sidewalks at 1300 Beaver Road and 1206 Beaver Road, letters were sent to the property owners advising them of their responsibility to keep their sidewalks safe, free of snow and ice, pursuant to Glen Osborne Ordinance Number 302.

Among the February bills to be paid is the salt invoice for \$5,493 which arrived today.

Our second PENNVEST conference call is scheduled March 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reported that he has been working on the PENNVEST loan documents in preparation for the closing scheduled on April 27, 2021.

The hearing date regarding the Haysville boundary dispute is scheduled on March 16, 2021 with Judge James. Tom Huddleston and John Orndorff will be included in the ZOOM hearing.

Solicitor Stone provided an update regarding the request about 1105 Ohio River Boulevard presented at the February 3, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. It was determined that the applicant will apply for a variance to use the property as a medical office, which would provide a beneficial use of the property and fit in with the community. An application will be submitted to the Zoning Hearing Board. The decision to grant a variance rests exclusively with the Zoning Hearing Board.

Solicitor Stone stated that Mr. Fitzgerald plans to submit a revised proposal for Watchword's subdivision plans. The Extension of Time Agreement runs through April 30, 2021. Solicitor Stone emphasized it is imperative that the Borough Engineer and the Planning Commission members have enough time to review the "soon to be submitted" plans carefully. At the latest, Council must be prepared to make a decision at the April 20, 2021, Council meeting

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff motioned approval of Resolution No. 2021- 01, authorizing Council President Tom Huddleston to sign the Route 65 PennDot resurfacing agreement. Bob Ryan seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

The bid openings for the Sycamore Road Storm Sewer Installation and the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Lining projects will be March 11, 2021 and awarded March 16, 2021. Borough Engineer Clint Reilly will be invited to attend the March 16, 2021, Council meeting and review the results of selection.

John Orndorff will ask Clint Reilly to obtain an estimate for the cost to repave Sycamore Road.

FINANCE

On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Bob Ryan, Council voted 7 – 0, to accept Jordan Tax Services' proposal for collection of current real estate taxes for the upcoming four-year term (2022 – 2025) at the same rate as the current (2017 – 2021) agreement of \$3.50 per tax bill.

BILLS

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor.

Jim Cohen motioned payment of the bills. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

QVCOG

Barbara Carrier reported that the QVCOG is considering a traveling glass recycling program. President Huddleston requested that the Public Services Committee explore options of this program. Bob Ryan is looking forward to attending QVCOG meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary