

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. 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 (arrived 7:40 p.m.)

Officials: Mayor Barbara Carrier, Solicitor's Representative – Christopher Lovato, Secretary Diane Vierling, Treasurer Nancy Ersly

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 20, 2015

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. There being no changes, John Orndorff moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by James Cohen. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

We received a letter from PennDOT's Planning and Research Division. Starting March 2015 through June 2015 traffic counting will occur on randomly selected municipally owned roads. The data collected will be reported annually to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The data submitted to FHWA is used in a federal funding allocation formula which determines the amount of money the state receives from the Federal Government. The traffic counters are **not** being set for any road project or speed trap. The randomly selected location in Glen Osborne is along **Osborne Lane from McDonald Place to Beaver Road.**

John Orndorff's work, as director of the Ohio River Trail Council, was featured in an article that appeared in the Sewickley Herald on February 12, 2015. An engineering study will begin soon to determine how a 15 mile bike trail could travel from Moon Township to the Beaver County Jail site.

The Zoning Hearing Board met on February 12, 2015. Ronald Rojas and Amy Michalo requested a variance for a proposed addition and deck for their residence at 1438 Beaver Road. A continued public hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2015, so that Mr. Rojas and Ms. Michalo can request a special exception of Glen Osborne Borough Zoning Ordinance No. 400.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported there were several car accidents in Glen Osborne, most occurred along Ohio River Boulevard due to snow and icy road conditions. There also was an incident when the railroad crossing gates malfunctioned. Norfolk Southern resolved that problem.

On January 31st Glen Osborne hosted a meeting for the Mayors and Presidents from surrounding municipalities: Sewickley Heights, Sewickley, Aleppo, Edgeworth, and Bell Acres. (Leetsdale will be invited to future meetings.) Representative Mark Mustio was also in attendance. This provided an opportunity for the leaders to become familiar with each other and discuss interests and goals for their communities. A goal for the group is to meet in April and continue meeting on a quarterly basis. The future of Sycamore Road is a topic of interest shared by Glen Osborne and Aleppo.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Christopher Lovato, Solicitor Stone's representative, reported that the work for the condemnation of the sewer interconnect project has been completed. There remains one check that needs to be issued to Peter Hess, Jr. On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 6 – 0 to issue a \$500 check for the condemnation settlement to Peter Hess, Jr., contingent upon advice from Solicitor Stone regarding reduction of unpaid, delinquent taxes. President Huddleston stated this is the final step in the interconnect project.

Solicitor Stone received a \$1,038 check issued to his law firm, from the Wauro estate, which satisfies the lien for lawn maintenance performed by John Wick. A check will be reissued by the law firm and sent to Glen Osborne.

Christopher Lovato reported that Solicitor Stone has been working on a report regarding Sycamore Road traffic. Harlan Stone will present this report at the next Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen reviewed suggestions made by Chief Ersher to install electronic speed signs, and use VASCAR to curtail speeding in the School Safety Zone. Lines would need to be painted for VASCAR enforcement. Jim Cohen has obtained data on various types of electronic signs. The price of the electronic signs could range from \$8,000 to \$15,000. President Huddleston commended Councilman Cohen for the research he has done on speed monitoring and electronic speed signs in the School Safety Zone. President Huddleston recommended that Mr. Cohen review his data and present a formal proposal at a future Council meeting.

School Crossing Guard Margie Wakefield's current absence due to knee surgery prompted the need for Council to make alternate plans for her temporary replacement. President Huddleston reported that an agreement was made with Sewickley Police Chief Jim Ersher for an officer to be present at the peak times in the morning and the afternoon. We will receive a separate bill for the officer's hours. (The school district reimburses us for ½ of the cost for the crossing guard.)

President Huddleston stated there is a need for a follow-up discussion with Chief Ersher to address future needs for a School Crossing Guard when Margie Wakefield is not available.

Jim Cohen expressed concern about hunting in Glen Osborne. He described an occasion when hunters walked through his property while carrying guns. Ordinance No. 155, from 1940, prohibits the discharge of rifles or shotguns within the limits of the Borough. Questions arose as to the enforcement of hunting regulations. Christopher Lovato will ask Solicitor Stone to look into the roles of the municipality and the Game Commission for dealing with hunting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff reported that Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli notified the Borough about a new federal OSHA regulation that will become effective April 1, 2015. This regulation, Federal Regulation 1910.269, would require that an electrical safety plan with heat energy calculations be completed by April 1, 2015. This would only apply to Pump Station #2. The purpose is for personnel working in the facility with electrical equipment, to be properly suited with protective clothing. The estimated engineering costs to provide the calculations for our facility would be \$5,840. John Orndorff explained that we plan to discontinue the use of Pump Station #2 in the near future. Councilman Naugle pointed out that the Borough has not been notified by OSHA regarding this new regulation. Mr. Naugle suggested that we wait until we receive formal notification from OSHA before we act upon this new regulation. Christopher Lovato will ask Solicitor Stone to research the Borough's responsibility regarding the new federal OSHA regulation, noting that we do not have any employees.

Mr. Orndorff reported that he contacted Ray Antonelli regarding the Hare Lane Sewage Planning Module, which is the required form. Mr. Antonelli received one from Kevin Flannery, but it was incomplete and lacked the necessary engineering data. Mr. Antonelli contacted Sewickley's Borough Engineer John Mowry at KLM, and was told that the data was given to Kevin Flannery. Mr. Orndorff stated the need to contact Kevin Flannery and request that he provide the completed form as soon as possible. Louis Naugle suggested that Ray Antonelli should talk to Colin Hoelzel at KLM, and tell him if he wants information for his Municipal Wasteload Management Report, he needs to give us the information we need for our Hare Lane report. John Orndorff will contact Ray Antonelli and ask him to contact KLM and obtain the information we need.

John Orndorff reported that John Karney with Traffic Systems & Services performed the annual inspection of our signal system at the River Avenue and Railroad Crossing. The estimated cost to repair items requiring maintenance is \$1147.50. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 6 – 0, to hire Mr. Karney to perform \$1,200 of necessary repairs for our signal system at the River Avenue and Railroad Crossing.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

President Huddleston and Mayor Carrier requested that Mary Scalarcio and the Public Services Committee create a “Welcome Letter” for the new residents.

BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary