

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, February 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: James Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff

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

VISITOR

Linda & Eston Owens, 1306 Beaver Road, Sewickley, PA 15143
Cristin Wintermantel, 515 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

Linda and Eston Owens, residents of 1306 Beaver Road for over 30 years, attended the Council meeting. They are moving to Florida and have truly enjoyed being residents of Glen Osborne. John Orndorff and Barbara Carrier thanked Mr. Owens for volunteering his time and talents to the Borough. They commended him for his contributions to Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park including his stonework, benches, and trails.

Cristin Wintermantel, resident of 515 Glen Mitchell Road, expressed her concern regarding the blighted and dangerous conditions at 517 Glen Mitchell Road. She cited numerous examples of disrepair and showed photographs of the house which has become not only an eyesore, but also a safety concern. President Huddleston thanked Mrs. Wintermantel for apprising Council of this situation, and advised that Council would arrange to have a code official inspect this property.

Mrs. Wintermantel also expressed her thanks for ensuring that the foliage across the street from her house was not cut down and will remain in the future.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2018 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 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

Holly Merriman advised that it appears a bill may have been “over-paid” when Council approved invoice #97382 paid to Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP in December. Diane Vierling will contact their office and further investigate this matter.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Carrier and Jim Cohen met with Chief Manko. Jim will review their discussion in his Safety Committee report. Mayor Carrier reported that the police have been monitoring traffic at Beaver and McKown. During morning traffic, within a one-hour period, over 100 vehicles were observed, and all stopped at the stop sign at that intersection.

Mayor Carrier also noted that during the month of January the police received over ten calls to Critmore and to a residence at Center Street. All of the calls were false alarms. Mayor Carrier suggested that fees should be charged for police calls when there are excessive false alarms.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

On January 18th the Borough Secretary mailed the 2018 Waste Management schedule to the residents, along with a note regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks. Residents were advised that pursuant to Ordinance No. 302, property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks in order to prevent injury to pedestrians.

The Borough received over \$5,300 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of January from the sale of 1107 Beaver Road.

The Borough has received over \$5,400 for building permits issued for two new houses located at 408 McKown Lane and 709 Sycamore Road.

Jordan Tax Services obtained payment of \$2,200 for delinquent real estate taxes and liens.

As advised by Jordan Tax Services, among the bills to be approved tonight are checks issued refunding over-payment of 2017 Real Estate Tax to two property owners.

Diane Vierling completed all the reports required by the Commonwealth in order for the Borough to receive its Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2018 in March.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jim Cohen reviewed the discussion he and Mayor Carrier had with Chief Manko and a representative of a private company that sells special cameras to monitor traffic. Chief Manko highly recommended that the Borough purchase these cameras for the Haysville intersection. The cameras would cost approximately \$20,000 and would require additional monthly internet costs of at least \$100, plus future equipment and maintenance costs. On motion of Jim Cohen, seconded by Barbara Carrier, Council voted 3 – 2, to gather more information about these cameras in order to determine if Council would consider investing in the cameras. Jim Cohen will research this matter.

PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, approving \$4,200 for televising and cleaning the Sycamore Road sewers.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, approving \$12,000 for NIRA engineers to prepare schematics of the pipes under Sycamore Road prior to paving.

John Orndorff will continue to explore salt storage locations.

President Huddleston commended Bill Monski for going “above and beyond the call of duty.” During the recent heavy rain storms, as Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. Monski went door to door checking on residents living near the river. Mr. Monski borrowed a pump from Cochran hose and removed 9 inches of water from a resident’s flooded basement. Mayor Carrier and the entire Council thanked Bill Monski for his dedication and diligent service to the community.

BILLS

A check detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. Holly Merriman motioned payment of the bills. Jim Cohen seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

QVCOG

Mayor Carrier reviewed various services offered by the QVCOG, and reported that the QVCOG is in the process of revising its bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

Representatives from Aleppo, Sewickley, and Glen Osborne are scheduled to meet on March 14th with A.J. Schwartz (Environmental Planning & Design) to begin working on the ASO Comprehensive Plan Review.

President Huddleston reported that Jarod Stewart is preparing a synopsis of his background and qualifications to submit to Council for review in consideration of his appointment as a Council member.

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NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 – 0, to have the interim Code Enforcement Official/Zoning Officer, Bruce Graff, conduct a home inspection of two properties: 517 Glen Mitchell Road and 1426 Beaver Road, and report to Council any noted code violations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary