

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalarcio

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

VISITORS

Tara Hoover, 920 Elmhurst Way, Sewickley, PA 15143
Brian Jeffe, Sewickley Mayor, 365 Backbone Road, Sewickley, PA 15143
Richard Manko, Sewickley Police Chief, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143

Vice President Orndorff welcomed the visitors. Tara Hoover expressed her support of no left turns at Route 65 and Boundary Street, because she has witnessed numerous accidents at that intersection from her residence at 920 Elmhurst Way. Mayor Carrier stated that Glen Osborne Borough and Sewickley Borough are working together to improve the dangerous conditions along Route 65.

Mayor Jeffe advised that PennDOT has agreed to begin a \$2.9 million project in 2018 to extend the median barrier along Route 65, south of the Haysville traffic light, where the fatal accident occurred in August 2015.

At the current time, Haysville and Glenfield Boroughs rely upon the Pennsylvania State Police for police coverage. When accidents occur at the Haysville light, the State Police are usually unavailable for immediate assistance, so the Sewickley Police are called upon. Chief Manko stated there is a tremendous need for Haysville and Glenfield Boroughs to participate in contracting the Sewickley Police in order

to maximize service in this dangerous Haysville light corridor of Route 65.

Sewickley Police Chief Richard Manko, Sewickley Mayor Brian Jeffe, Glen Osborne Mayor Barbara Carrier and Glen Osborne Council members discussed the current traffic situation and numerous accidents that have occurred along Route 65 in the Sewickley and Glen Osborne corridor. Various opinions were expressed regarding the need to restrict left turns. Sewickley Mayor Jeffe stated that PennDOT advised that a left turn restriction from Route 65 to Boundary Street is warranted, and Sewickley Council is considering following PennDOT's advisement due to the legal liability.

The Borough Secretary contacted PennDOT regarding the history of the signs for a left turn restriction from Route 65 to McKown Street. PennDOT does not have any records pertaining to the origin of the signs. However, for legal liability purposes, PennDOT would not recommend removal of the signs, because they have been posted for so many years.

Sewickley Mayor Jeffe commended Glen Osborne for installing the solar speed signs along Beaver Road. He requested vendor information so that Sewickley Borough can look into purchasing solar speeds signs.

Mayor Carrier and Chair of the Safety Committee, Jim Cohen, thanked Chief Manko for the excellent police presence in the school zone during recent months. With Council's support, random speed checks will be conducted along Beaver Road and Glen Mitchell Road.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2017 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Holly Merriman moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Bill Monski. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

On motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Mary Scalarcio, Council voted 5 – 0, to adopt a proclamation designating April 2017 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.”

Vice President Orndoff commended Mayor Carrier for her dedication to the Borough and appointment as Emergency Management Coordinator for Glen Osborne Borough.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This is an extremely busy time of the year in the Borough office. Mark Turnely's staff has begun our annual audit. On the morning of February 10, 2017, there was a six-car accident on Route 65 near the Osborne Plaza office complex. Traffic was tied up for many hours. The Borough Secretary promptly submitted reports to the Borough's insurance carrier, and spent the next several days coordinating repairs with the police, Duquesne Light Company, Pittsburgh Drain Services, Ray Antonelli, and John Wick. The accident report is included in Council's February packet.

Borough Secretary-Treasurer Diane Vierling successfully completed and submitted the annual Liquid Fuels reports to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. In March, the Borough will be receiving the Liquid Fuels payment of \$20,371.88 which reflects an increase of nearly \$600 of the original allocation. This is due to Ms. Vierling's request to PennDOT for the addition of Hare Lane to the Liquid Fuels list.

Earlier today Richard Quillen delivered his resignation letter to the Borough office, officially resigning as Glen Osborne's Tax Collector, February 21, 2017.

2016 Statement of Financial Interest forms were distributed, and completed by the Mayor, Solicitor and all Council members present. Packets containing election information, instructions, and petitions were distributed to those whose terms are

expiring December 31, 2017: Mayor Carrier, Jim Cohen, Holly Merriman, and John Orndorff. Petitions must be delivered in person to the Elections Division, 601 County Office Building, 542 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Questions should be directed to the Elections Division: 412-350-4539. The last day to personally deliver and file notarized petitions is March 7, 2017.

Earlier today the Borough Secretary received a call from Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli who reported that Geotech Stabilization International missed the February 14, 2017 deadline for submission of their design plan to Joe Boward. Joe Boward received and reviewed it February 20, 2017, and returned it to Geotech Stabilization citing ten items which need clarification before Mr. Boward can approve the design plan for the Sycamore Road Retaining Wall Stabilization Project. Therefore, this project will be behind schedule.

At no charge to the Borough, Ray Antonelli completed an Allegheny County Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund (CIT) 2017 Grant Application for \$137,201.20 for Sycamore Road Improvements. On motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 2017 – 02 for submission of the 2017 CIT Grant Application for \$137,201.20 for Sycamore Road Improvements.

On motion of Jim Cohen, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve Resolution No. 2017 – 03 for submission of the 2017 CIT Grant Application for \$172,836.50 for Sycamore Road Retaining Wall Soil Nail Wall Remediation. Vice President thanked Councilman Monski for the work he did completing this grant application.

The closing for the sale of Sara Jezo's property at 1501 Beaver Road is scheduled for February 24, 2017. The Borough Secretary will notify the Borough Engineer as soon as the deed transfer occurs, so that a new "Sycamore Road Right-of-Way Dedication Plan" can be created including the new owner information for 1501 Beaver Road.

The "Allegheny County Real Estate Transfer Tax Issued" report for Glen Osborne for the month of January 2017 was included in the February Council packet. Two properties were sold in January.

The Borough's Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PGLIT) Public Landscaping Fund account was closed and the entire balance of \$754.81 was transferred into the Borough's PLGIT Temporary Cash Investment account.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

On motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Mary Scalarcio, Council voted 5 – 0, adopting and approving the Garvin Boward Bietko Geotechnical Engineering Consulting Contract, in its final form, as recommended by Solicitor Stone. President Huddleston will sign the contract.

PUBLIC WORKS

Bill Monski reported that the PA DEP's Glen Mitchell Road project is not progressing because they continue having difficulty trying to remove the push rods out of the casing (the push rods are 800 feet long).

The Borough Secretary notified PA DEP Oil & Gas Inspector Mark Barnes of the dangerous condition on Glen Mitchell Road caused by the workmen leaving mud and rocks all over the road. The PA DEP has contracted John Wick to monitor and clean up this situation. The PA DEP is also paying for the salt that John Wick uses to maintain roadway safety in the work area along Glen Mitchell Road.

John Orndorff reported that the Hare Lane Pump Station is now operational. He will contact Ray Antonelli to find out when we can have electrical power discontinued at Pump Station #2.

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

John Orndorff attended the most recent QVCOG meeting and reported that the QVCOG can provide representation at the UCC Board of Appeals, if the need ever arises. Mr. Orndorff suggested having the QVCOG assist with approaching Haysville and Glenfield regarding police coverage. Bill Monski plans to apply for a 904 Solid Waste Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Carrier reviewed a letter from Sewickley's Memorial Day Committee. Council unanimously approved a \$250 donation to the 2017 Memorial Day Fund.

At the request of Vice President Orndorff, at 9:23 p.m. Council recessed into Executive Session to address traffic liability concerns and the Tax Collector's retirement.

Council reconvened at 9:55 p.m. appointing Diane Vierling as the Tax Collector for the Borough of Glen Osborne, and advised Ms. Vierling to deputize Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as the Borough's Deputy Tax Collector.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary

