

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. President Tom Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, William Monski, John Orndorff , Mary Scalercio (8:10 p.m.)

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

VISITORS

Gayle Davis, 405 Lantern Lane

APPROVAL OF MARCH 15, 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 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reviewed a copy of a letter received from Chief Ersher regarding a PennDOT traffic study performed to determine if left turn restrictions are warranted at the intersection of Ohio River Boulevard at Boundary Street and Ohio River Boulevard at Graham Street.

Mayor Carrier reported that she received a letter from Bill Boswell, President of the Osborne Trail and Park Association, requesting \$3,500 of the \$7,000 allocated in our budget for Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park. This money will be used for new park benches, enlargement of the butterfly trail, and other improvements to the park.

On motion of Tom Huddleston, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 5 – 0, to approve a \$3,500 payment, as budgeted, to the Osborne Trail and Park Association.

On May 14, 2016, Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park will hold the fourth annual “Fairy House” building event. A guest speaker will discuss fairy houses. This event is open to the public and will include a fairy house contest.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

April’s “Unpaid 2015 Property Tax” report shows a reduction of nearly 50% since last month. The total balance due from five property owners is \$2,377.74.

Jordan’s “Delinquent Real Estate Tax” report remains the same as last month: \$6,351.07 is due from four property owners.

Finance Committee Chairperson Holly Merriman contacted our Tax Collector Richard Quillen. At the end of April, he will send the list of the property owners who have not paid their 2015 Property Tax to Jordan Tax Services. Jordan Tax Services will send final notices of impending liens to the property owners on this list. If payment of their 2015 Property Tax is not received, Jordan will charge a filing fee to the property owner, and liens will be processed. Jordan Tax Services then will proceed with collecting these unpaid delinquent taxes.

At tomorrow’s QVCOG Managers and Secretaries meeting, bid requests will be reviewed for the 2017 – 2021 refuse contract. Glen Osborne has requested the Borough’s current collection status and options (this list is included in Council’s April Meeting Packet), along with the following new options:

- Weekly waste collection, with weekly recycling/ with & without Hazardous Waste collection
- Bi-weekly waste collection with weekly recycling/ with & without Hazardous Waste collection

The Borough Secretary clarified that Waste Management will collect TV’s for our residents. Residents must first call Waste Management’s “Hazardous Household Waste” division (800-449-7587) and arrange a date for pick up.

Police Captain Richard Manko contacted the Borough Secretary regarding the need for the Borough to provide a generator powerful enough to continuously supply power to regulate the traffic signals during power outages. During a recent power outage the police had to borrow Cochrane Hose's generator in order to operate the traffic signals at the Haysville light. In the past the Borough's 3,800 watt generator has not been dependable. (Glen Osborne March 2011 Minutes reported a similar incident when the State Police advised the Borough to provide a generator powerful enough to handle power outages.) Bill Monski will contact John Wick and follow up on resolving this issue with the borough's generator.

The Borough Secretary reported that the citation issued to Elizabeth Evans has been withdrawn by Code Enforcement Officer Nancy Watts. Gayle Davis contacted Nancy Watts and said a chicken coup was built and the matter has been resolved.

A resident called the Borough inquiring if "Bed and Breakfasts" are permitted in Glen Osborne. The Borough's Zoning Ordinance #400 permits "Bed and Breakfasts."

Visitor Gayle Evans, resident of 405 Davis Lane, arrived during the Secretary's report. Ms. Evans asked the Borough to thank John Wick for repairing the damaged portion of Lantern Lane. John Orndorff reported that John Wick advised Mr. Okey, a resident of Lantern Lane, that due to the poor condition of Lantern Lane, it will continue to deteriorate in the future. Gayle Davis agreed that Lantern Lane (a private road) is deteriorating and needs to be repaved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reported that the Chicken Ordinance has been sent to the County for a 30 day review period, because it will change our Zoning Ordinance. The Chicken Ordinance will be presented to Council at next month's Council meeting.

Upon motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0 to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the proposed ordinance "Dedicating Hare Lane to the Borough," for consideration and adoption. This ordinance will allow for the Hare Lane Pump Station and Force Main project to proceed. Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli is preparing bid specs for this project and will advertise for bids.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen expressed concern about the lack of police presence in the school zone. The Borough Secretary will ask Chief Jim Ersher to attend the May Council meeting. Tom Huddleston will contact Chief Ersher to discuss safety concerns about McKown Lane and Boundary Street.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Mary Scalercio reported that John Wick will put up the American flags in May.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to spend \$25,000 for NIRA and Garvin, Boward, Beitko to prepare the bid specs for identifying the highest risk areas and stabilizing Sycamore Road.

FIANANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Holly Merriman, John Orndorff reported that Jordan Tax Services will handle liens on Glen Osborne properties with Unpaid 2015 Property Taxes. This will cost less than using our Solicitor. Tax Collector Richard Quillen will send the list of Unpaid 2015 Property Tax owners to Jordan Tax Services at the end of April. Jordan Tax Services will notify them of the impending liens, giving them an opportunity to pay their taxes before the lien is processed.

Quaker Valley School District voted to appeal property assessments for 2015 on properties where the difference between the adjusted 2015 sales price and the current assessed value would result in an increase of \$1,000 in revenue to the School District. This is a change in policy from a \$1,500 threshold.

Tom Huddleston reported that the Zoning Hearing Board's Solicitor, Timothy Bish, responded to Holly Merriman's letter requesting an adjustment for the fees charged for the Spencers' Variance Hearing, and reduced his bill by \$750.

BILLS

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

QVCOG

Bill Monski reported that the QVCOG is close to hiring a new executive director, and they desire to have more municipalities join the QVCOG.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Huddleston reported that he received a call from attorney Scott Thistle who represented Glen Osborne during the Interconnect DEP litigation. According to Mr. Thistle a settlement is near, and Glen Osborne should be receiving reimbursement for the costs we incurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Huddleston received a request from Peter Hayes. Peter would like to honor his father, John Hayes, for his many years of service to Glen Osborne Borough Council. President Huddleston requested that Council provide ideas for something that will provide a lasting memory, such as a fountain, or benches with plaques honoring John Hayes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.