

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen (8:35 p.m.), Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff , Mary Scalercio (8:20 p.m.)

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

Note: Maleet Gordon and Megan Amoroso filled in for Diane Vierling who was on medical leave.

**VISITORS**

Gayle Davis 405 Lantern Lane  
F. Mark Malick 1436 Beaver Road  
Richard Wagner 1445 Beaver Road  
Police Chief Jim Ersher

Harlan Stone is working to amend the current zoning ordinance for farm animals, specifically chickens, on residential property. The existing ordinance is based on nuisance laws to regulate the keeping of animals, which must be a continuous course of behavior. Allegheny County has suggested a whole new ordinance be written, which would require a hearing, a court reporter, and advertising, and voting, which will take a couple of months. Richard Wagner proposed that any coop and chicken enclosure would have to be 100 yards from property lines because of the noise and smell generated by the animals. Mr. Wagner also noted that chickens attract wild predators. Gayle Davis would like a definite location of the coop and enclosure in a specific lot. She suggests no free range and none near the property line or in the front yard. Davis also suggests that there should be a limit on lot size, and unusable acreage on a lot should not be included in the measurement of a lot size, when considering chickens. Council recommended all issues back to the committee for revision of the ordinance.

Police Chief Jim Ersher was asked to comment on speeding along Beaver Road around Osborne Elementary, both in the morning and afternoon. He was also asked about police presence in the school zone in both the morning and afternoon, noting that the lack of presence in the afternoon may be due to the police shift change at 3pm. The chief suggested flashing school speed limit signs and vascar lines painted on Beaver Road to enforce speed limits.

The Chief was asked to comment on the idea of Boundary Street becoming a one way street and/or making it a right turn only. This will create difficult traffic conditions for Glen Osborne residents who want to make a left turn onto Route 65. One problem that may arise is traffic cutting through the Critmore Medical Center to McKown Street in order to make the left turn onto Route 65. Ersher said a traffic study was done by PennDot but was unsure if the study included impacts on Glen Osborne Borough. PennDot's traffic study is usually a sightline study.

Bill Monski noted that the generator at the Hayesville light was incorrectly wired, however, he has fixed the problem.

Mary Scalercio arrived.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

There was no report, as the Secretary was not in attendance.

James Cohen arrived.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Harlan Stone brought up the dedication of Hare Lane. He asked for any objections to the dedication. There being none, Bill Monski motioned to adopt, Holly Merriman seconded and the council unanimously voted to approve the ordinance.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

James Cohen announced there was no report.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Mary Scalercio announced that Glen Osborne is getting a car for the Mayor to drive in Sewickley's Memorial Day Parade.

The borough would like to install a bench in memory of former Council President John Hayes. Mr. Hayes' family would prefer the bench to be along Beaver Road and not in a public park.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

John Orndorff reported that Nancy Watts is waiting for rain to determine the drainage problems on Park Lane.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's oil well project on Glen Mitchel Road is becoming more active. The council has questioned the liability of the borough if something were to go wrong. The company has provided two safety reports on the project, one with a safety rating of 1.2 and the other with a rating of 1.4. There is a \$40,000 difference in the two reports given; the higher bid has the higher safety rating.

NIRA is taking bids on the Hare Lane Pump Station and Force Main project, and will make a recommendation in June.

Sycamore Road stabilization project is seeking specifications to prepare a bid.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Holly Merriman noted that the insurance premium is going down to \$5071. She moved to renew the insurance with the terrorism rider. Mary Scalercio seconded the motion and council unanimously approved the renewal.

Council approved that Megan Amoroso fill in for Diane Vierling who is on medical leave.

### **BILLS**

Nancy Ersly submitted a report of the bills to council. Council then voted to pay all of the bills submitted, totaling \$39,000.

### **QVCOG**

Bill Monski reported that QVCOG is working on the garbage and recycling contract at their monthly meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was a discussion about traffic flow through Sewickley and Glen Osborne. The police force contacted PennDot for a traffic study to address concerns about numerous accidents on Route 65. Council entertained the idea of a joint traffic study with Sewickley Borough, or suggested coordination with the Sewickley Police Force to study traffic patterns instead of doing a formal study. Barbara Carrier was asked to contact the Sewickley Committee of the Whole, and Critmore Medical Center to discuss left turns onto Route 65.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

June, July, and August Council and Committee meetings will be held in the Sewickley Public Library Conference Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

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Maleet Gordon and Megan Amoroso