

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES **DRAFT**
JUNE 16, 2020
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held through electronic means, on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance remotely through electronic means:

Council: Jim Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

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

VISITORS

Michele Knoll introduced herself to Council as a Democratic candidate running for the position as Representative in the 44th Legislative District. She provided an overview of her background and desire to serve the community.

APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

The Council Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. On motion of Bill Monski, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 6 – 0, to approve the Minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported that there were only a few incidents reported in the May police report. However, there was another false alarm call from Critmore.

Mayor Carrier reported that Mary Roberts Rhinehart Nature Park has obtained enough donations to begin the ornamental ironwork and repair of the park's fence.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A notice has been posted on the Borough's website announcing that the Sewickley Bridge will be closed 24 consecutive days, around-the-clock, July 17 through August 10, while PennDOT begins preservation work on the bridge. The project is anticipated to conclude in late November 2020.

The Borough received \$240 Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of May from the sale of parcel 422-J-269 on Glen Mitchell Road.

A payment of \$110 was received from Magistrate Ford's District Court, and \$157 was received from the Commonwealth for the June Allocation of State Police Fines.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reported that a status conference has been scheduled to appear before Judge James with Haysville's solicitor to discuss the boundary dispute.

Solicitor Stone will mail the revised contract with Code.Sys Code Consulting, Inc. for building permit and inspection services, approved by Council, to the Borough office, for signature.

PUBLIC SAFETY & SERVICES

Jim Cohen requested that Council review his email and notes and be prepared to review the police contract at the July 6th Committee Meeting. It was announced that an executive session will be held prior to the regular committee meeting.

Jim Cohen reported that Kathy Moyer, who lives at 609 Sycamore Road, contacted the Borough and stated that some drivers, when coming up Sycamore Road, become confused about which way the road goes at the bend near their driveway, and the drivers turn into the Moyers' driveway in error. Jim Cohen and Bill Monski agreed to contact the Moyers and discuss possible signage options to alleviate the confusion.

Mary Scalercio reported that she received compliments about the appearance of Sparks' bench since it had been reconditioned and thanked Jim Cohen for obtaining the services of Denis Furness.

President Huddleston reported that he has not yet received a design plan from Colin Carrier for the damaged lantern at Davis Lane.

PUBLIC WORKS

Several manhole covers have deteriorated and must be repaired. In the interim, a metal plate will be placed over the manhole at the corner of Beaver Road and Davis Lane. Clint Reilly will be consulted to determine if the manholes are the property of Sewickley Borough or Glen Osborne. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 6 – 0, for payment of up to \$5,000 to repair the manholes that are the property of Glen Osborne.

Clint Reilly has arranged for a surveyor to determine the ownership of the stone wall below Beaver Road.

At the request of President Huddleston, at 8:33 p.m. Council recessed into Executive Session to seek legal advice on issues affecting the Borough. Council reconvened at 9.05 p.m.

FINANCE

Holly Merriman provided an overview of the budget and current revenue.

On June 10, 2020, Holly Merriman, Tom Huddleston, John Orndorff and Diane Vierling participated on a conference call with attorney Ronald Brown, who has handled numerous municipal loans at Dickie, McCamey and Chilcote. Loan options were discussed. Mr. Brown cautioned that the application process for Federal USDA loans not only requires expensive environmental studies, it is also extremely time consuming and requires a number of extensive, detailed reports, which add to the expense of the application process. It usually takes at least 18 months to obtain a USDA loan. Mr. Brown suggested it would be far easier to obtain a loan through a bank or PENNVEST.

Through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, PENNVEST administers the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Effective July 1, 2020, PENNVEST (Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority) will offer a “Small Project Initiative” (SPI) program that can provide long term, low interest loans up to \$500,000 for small projects serving communities with a population of 12,000 or less. The application procedure does not require an environmental study. A decision is rendered within two (2) weeks of submittal. However, complete engineering plans must be submitted with the application.

The Borough recently paid off a \$150,000 loan with FNB (First National Bank). Loan options with FNB are being explored and additional banks will be consulted.

BILLS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Carrier reported that the ASO Steering Committee is in the final stage of reviewing the ASO Comprehensive Plan. Upon completion of the plan, it will be submitted to Council for review.

Mayor Carrier reported that the Planning Commission will work with EPD on the Riverfront Overlay and collaborate with Sewickley.

QVCOG

Mayor Carrier reported that the QVCOG is exploring options for glass recycling.

OLD BUSINESS

Glen Osborne's July meetings will continue being held via ZOOM.

NEW BUSINESS

President Huddleston reported that John Wick approached him and asked that the Borough consider renting storage space for the Borough's materials at the rental facility on Railroad Street. At Council's request, John Orndorff will ask John Wick to submit a formal proposal and identify the items that will be stored in the unit.

Barbara Carrier reported that Mary Roberts Rinehart Nature Park's rock garden has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Mary Scalercio, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.