

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2024  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Sewickley Borough Building, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. President Tom Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Jim Cohen, Tom Huddleston, Josh Lambert, Bill Monski, John Orndorff

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

**VISITORS** David & Liz LaLomia, 413 Orchard Street, Sewickley, PA 15143  
Jeremy McCoy, Jeremy's Landscape & Design  
Sewickley Police Chief Dave Mazza

President Huddleston welcomed Mr. & Mrs. LaLomia, Glen Osborne residents at 413 Orchard Lane. Mr. & Mrs. LaLomia expressed interest in clearing the overgrown foliage behind their backyard which abuts the end of Colonial Place. Mr. LaLomia recently removed five trees behind their backyard and encountered a dispute with the Greenses who live at 1207 Colonial Place. The Greenses claimed that the five trees Mr. LaLomia removed were on the Greenses' property. The Greenses proceeded to have a survey of their property which showed that only one of the trees removed by Mr. LaLomia was on their property. Mr. LaLomia did not know who owned the other four trees he removed. Mr. & Mrs. LaLomia do not want to pay to have a survey of their property. However, they want to know where the boundary is between their backyard and the end of Colonial Place and who should be responsible for maintaining that area. Mr. & Mrs. LaLomia did not want to proceed with clearing excessive growth in the area bordering their backyard, if it was the Borough's property. Council agreed to consider having a survey of the overgrown area at the end of Colonial Place and the LaLomia's backyard.

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President Huddleston welcomed Jeremy McCoy. Mr. McCoy is responsible for servicing the needs of Glen Osborne's public works. Jeremy was not aware of the crosswalk painting project recently completed by Parking Lot Painting Company. He requested better communication with the Borough, so that he can schedule his work more efficiently and suggested using a Google Calendar. Council agreed with his suggestion and Josh Lambert will create a Google Calendar.

Jeremy notified Council that more potholes have developed since he submitted his quote for repairing potholes. John Orndorff advised Jeremy not to repair any potholes along Boundary Street, because Sewickley Water Authority will be performing major work along Boundary Street and repaving portions afterwards.

On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council vote 5 - 0, to authorize Jeremy McCoy to repair the lamphole along Sycamore Road at a cost of \$1196.

Jim Cohen asked Jeremy to be more cautious about traffic control when spraying and removing weeds along the big block retaining wall, along Beaver Road at the intersection of River Road.

President Huddleston welcomed Sewickley Police Chief Dave Mazza. Jim Cohen requested discussion of serious traffic issues during "Pick-Up in the School Zone" at Osborne Elementary School especially between 3:05 pm and 4:00 pm caused by numerous parents waiting in cars on both sides of Beaver Road. Chief Mazza has had discussions with the school's principal. It is hopeful a positive solution will be agreed upon before the school year begins. Chief Mazza advised, citations will be issued if waiting cars interfere with the flow of traffic.

Jim Cohen thanked Chief Mazza and his officers for issuing tickets for speeding along Beaver Road. Chief Mazza reported that during a 24-hour period there were over 80 traffic stops at the stop signs at Beaver and Boundary Street. All violations are recorded on video.

Police Chief Dave Mazza commented on the proposed amendment to the parking ordinance. While police cars can navigate Colonial Place, he pointed out that in the event of an emergency, when cars are parked on both sides of Colonial Place, fire trucks and ambulances are too large and would need to push parked cars out of the way. This would delay responding to the emergency. In so doing, Chief Mazza also pointed out considerable financial expenses would occur due to damage to fire trucks, ambulances and emergency vehicles.

Chief Mazza also commented on suggestions made in an email received from a Colonial Place resident, sent on behalf of all Colonial Place residents. Their suggestion to allow staggered parking on both sides of Colonial Place would not eliminate the inability of fire trucks and ambulances to navigate without incurring damage to vehicles and delaying response time during an emergency.

Chief Mazza stated that Cochran Hose Fire Chief Shayne Quinn was unable to attend tonight's meeting. However, the Fire Chief asked the Police Chief to inform Council that he shares the same concerns as Chief Mazza, especially the potential financial expenses Cochran Hose Volunteer Fire Department would incur if a fire truck had to push parked cars out of the way when responding to an emergency at Colonial Place.

President Huddleston thanked Chief Mazza for attending the meeting and sharing his thoughts regarding the proposed amendment to the Parking Ordinance.

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Cohen, seconded by Bill Monski, to approve the Council Meeting Minutes. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the Minutes.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Carrier reported that the June police report only included thirteen incidents. She described an incident where a tractor trailer was stuck on Sycamore Road, resulting in four citations issued to the driver of the tractor trailer.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Borough received a payment of \$227 for fines from Magistrate's Rosselli's office for the month of June.

After recent storms numerous calls were received from residents regarding downed trees and large limbs on their properties. The Borough Secretary had to remind residents that it is their responsibility to handle tree incidents that occur on their property, caused by their own trees.

Complaints were received about political signs posted in the Borough's public right of way, so far in advance of the November 5, 2024 election day. Solicitor Stone and Zoning Officer Clint Reilly addressed the issue, and the signs were removed. (The Borough's zoning ordinance allows "Signs announcing candidacy for public office" in the public right of way not more than 60 days before the election and must be removed within 5 days after the election.)

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

President Huddleston and Council reviewed the email message received from Colonial Place resident Amanda Span, on behalf of the residents of 1203, 1204, 1206 and 1207 Colonial Place, with their suggestions for parking on Colonial Place.

President Huddleston opened the public hearing for discussion of the proposed ordinance amending the Parking Ordinance. Seeing no one in attendance, President Huddleston motioned to continue the hearing at September's Council meeting. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council voted 4 – 1 to approve the motion (Jim Cohen voted No). President Huddleston motioned to incorporate the comments made by Police Chief Mazza. Josh Lambert seconded the motion. Council voted 5 - 0 to approve the motion. President Huddleston motioned to table the motion to consider adoption of the proposed amendment to the Parking Ordinance until the September Council meeting. Bill Monski seconded the motion. Council voted 4 -1 to approve the motion (Jim Cohen voted No).

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

John Orndorff motioned to accept a bid of \$6,640 from Penn Line Service to replace a section of the guiderail along Sycamore Road. Jim Cohen seconded the motion. Council voted 4 – 1 to approve the motion (Tom Huddleston voted No). Prior to installation of the guiderail, Borough Engineer Clint Reilly will contact Joe Bower and have the soil nails located.

Tom Huddleston apprised Council of his recent conversation with Mark Brooks, Manager of Sewickley Water Authority. Although the Water Authority will not reimburse the Borough for the \$800 Lantern Lane paving expense, Mark Brooks agreed to repave the top of Lantern Lane and a larger section of the lower portion of Lantern Lane.

## **FINANCE & BILLS**

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

At the request of Tom Huddleston, at 8:25 pm Council recessed into Executive Session to seek legal advice on matters affecting the Borough. Council reconvened at 8:43 pm

## **QVCOG**

Barbara Carrier reported that the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference will be held in Pittsburgh September 21 – 25, 2024. It will provide an opportunity for local government professionals around the world to connect and learn from peers.

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.