

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Sewickley Public Library on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, Thomas Huddleston (by phone), Holly Merriman, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff, and Mary Scalercio (arrived 7:10 p.m.)

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

Visitor: Donna McMullen Court Stenographer

**PUBLIC HEARING: REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FLOODPLAIN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Harlan Stone chaired the Public Hearing which was duly advertised in the Tribune Review, for consideration and adoption of Ordinance 405 amending Zoning Ordinance 400, with respect to Article VII, Section 708, pertaining to floodplain regulations. Ordinance 405 requires all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction or development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the Borough of Glen Osborne which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with the requirements of provisions of the ordinance.

No members of the public attended the Public Hearing. Thus, no one was sworn in or gave testimony for or against the proposed ordinance. There were no views or comments exchanged from members of Council. Solicitor Stone closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. and the regular Council Meeting resumed.

APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2014 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. There being no changes, James Cohen moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Louis Naugle. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the past month we had the occasion to address our Soliciting Ordinance 274 when several people with questionable identification applied for soliciting permits.

Currently our ordinance only requires two current 2 ½” x 3” photos and a completed application which is submitted to the Police for review. Our application requires a copy of a driver’s license. By law, the Police are only permitted to check a driver’s license or a government issued I.D. card. The Police cannot perform any other background checks unless there is criminal activity.

We charge \$5 per month for a soliciting permit. In comparison, Sewickley charges \$200 per month and Sewickley Heights charges \$800 per month for a soliciting permit.

We were unable to issue soliciting permits last month because only one of the applicants had a driver’s license and it was expired.

Solicitor Stone will review his records to see if our Soliciting Ordinance 274 has been updated since 1978. Council will consider updating the ordinance and increasing the fee charged for the soliciting permit.

In September our Council and Committee meetings will resume being held in Osborne Elementary School.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Carrier reported that she and Jim Cohen met with Dr. Barbara Mellett, Principal of Osborne Elementary School, Dr. Heidi Ondek, Superintendent of Quaker Valley School District, and Dr. Joseph Marrone, Director of Administrative Services for Quaker Valley School District. They discussed various safety concerns in Glen Osborne. In order to prevent parking issues along Glen Mitchell Road, Dr. Mellett provided dates for evening meetings that will take place in Osborne Elementary School during the 2014/2015 school year. Mayor Carrier stated that she gave this information to Police Chief Jim Ersher, and the police will place cones and post “No Parking” signs along both sides of Glen Mitchell Road during those dates.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Stone reviewed state law (The Borough Code) and the Borough’s Ordinance regarding curbs and sidewalks. State law, (The Borough Code) allows for the Borough to place the responsibility for curbs and sidewalks on the property owner. Glen Osborne’s Ordinance requires the property owners to be responsible for the sidewalks along the sides of streets next to their property, but not the curbs.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Jim Cohen reported that the police placed their electronic speed sign along Beaver Road next to Sycamore Road. This sign will provide data that will be used in consideration for purchasing and installing permanent electronic speed signs for Beaver Road.

Jim Cohen reported that the school district will contact parents and bus drivers via letters and email blasts throughout the school year advising them to slow down in the school zone.

There will be strong police presence in the school zone during the first week of school. Patrol cars will be present to monitor vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

John Orndorff reviewed the “Road Salt Services Contract for 2014/2015.” Based upon a 4-year history of road salt used in Glen Osborne, the yearly average was **137** tons of salt. The price of road salt for 2014 has risen 35% to \$82.31 per ton (\$79.29 per ton, plus \$3.02 per ton for storage). And all road salt ordered above 125% of the “ordered tonnage” will cost \$90.23 per ton (\$87.21 per ton plus, \$3.02 for storage).

On motion of Louis Naugle, seconded by Jim Cohen, Council voted 6 – 0, to accept the “Road Salt Services 2014/2015 Contract” and directed Diane Vierling to sign the “Acknowledgement” and order **137** tons of salt at **\$82.31** per ton (guaranteeing payment of 80%); and on line 2 of the Acknowledgement change “at” to “**above**” – agreeing to pay 125% (**\$90.23** per ton) for all salt ordered above **137** tons.

On motion of Mary Scalercio seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 5 -1, (Jim Cohen voted no) for John Wick to purchase 17 “replacement” safety cones at a cost of \$464. These cones are exclusively for Borough use and will be labeled “Borough of Glen Osborne.”

Council discussed removal and replacement of the curbs along Glen Mitchell Road. Work has not yet begun. John Wick submitted the lowest bid of \$9,870 which was approved by Council at the May 20, 2014 Council Meeting.

Council also discussed the condition of the sidewalks along Glen Mitchell Road. Council reviewed Glen Osborne’s Ordinance that requires property owners to be responsible for the sidewalks along the sides of the streets next to their property, but not the curbs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Holly Merriman reported that we are waiting for an update on the delinquent taxes from our Tax Collector, Richard Quillen.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mary Scalercio advised that a group photo of Council for the website is scheduled to be taken at the September Council meeting.

At 8:21 p.m. Council recessed to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal issue. The meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m. into regular session.

BILLS

A Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, Mayor, and the Solicitor. John Orndorff motioned payment of the bills. Holly Merriman seconded the motion. Council was polled, and all voted yes to approve the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Jim Cohen, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 6 – 0, to adopt Ordinance 405, the Floodplain Management Regulations. This is part of a statewide requirement for all municipalities to adopt new regulations for floodplain management. This action also allows properties in the floodplain to qualify for national flood insurance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Barbara Carrier, seconded by Louis Naugle, Council voted 6 – 0, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary