

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff, Mary Scalercio

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

**VISITOR**

Brennen Hydzyk, 1315 Linden Street, Sewickley, PA 15143

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2017 MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Bill Monski moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Jim Cohen. Council voted 4 – 0, to approve the motion.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Carrier read a proclamation honoring John F. Hayes for his years of service on Glen Osborne Borough's Council from 1993 to 2009 and his dedication and service to the community. As a gift to the Borough, his family donated a bench located at the corner of Beaver and Glen Mitchell Roads.

Mayor Carrier reported that she received a letter from Bill Boswell, President of the Osborne Trail and Park Association, requesting the second installment of the Borough's 2017 grant to the OTPA. On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted 4 – 0, to approve a payment of \$3,500 to the OPTA.

The Borough's Coat of Arms is displayed in the showcase in the lobby of Osborne Elementary, and it was included in Council's packet. It is also displayed on the Borough's flag and on the Borough's stationary. Mayor Carrier described what it represents: The blue wavy line is the Ohio River. The white in the center is for the sterling quality of the Borough's citizens. The green is for the green hills. The three plates are from William Penn's Coat of Arms. The wagon wheel represents the Conestoga wagons of the people who settled here. The rays above the wheel make it look like the morning sun. The motto "CONSILIO NON IMPETU" means "wisdom not impulse." The word "Osborne" means divine bear. The Borough's flower is the red marigold. Therefore, a bear is holding the Borough's flower.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Borough Secretary reported that the QVCOG and the PA Resources Council will be sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling event September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Avalon Community Park, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. One TV per vehicle will be accepted free of charge.

A prospective buyer has expressed interest in purchasing Lot D of the Dr. Ferris' property on Sycamore Road and building a house on the lot.

The Borough did not receive any Real Estate Transfer Tax from Allegheny County for the month of August, as no sales occurred.

The Borough Secretary spoke with Magistrate Ford regarding Council's concern about the increasing number of accidents along Ohio River Boulevard, especially at the Haysville traffic light crossing. Sewickley police officers now have an area for their police cars where they will be monitoring the traffic flow and issuing tickets for speeding and driving through red lights.

The Borough Secretary reported that within the next week the Borough should be receiving a reimbursement check of \$22,000 from our insurance carrier for the most recent accident that occurred at the Haysville crossing on July 7, 2017.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council discussed financial responsibility and ownership of the traffic lights at the Haysville crossing. It appears that the traffic lights are located in Haysville. However, Glen Osborne is responsible for maintaining and paying all expenses for the traffic lights. On motion of Jim Cohen, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 4 – 0, to approve up to \$1,000 for a survey to be performed to determine the exact division line between Glen Osborne and Haysville.

Council reviewed various options for the recent request from residents concerning limited vision at the corner of Orchard Street and Beaver Road. Some residents requested repainting a yellow curb line that had been removed. Installing a 3 way stop sign was suggested as another possible option. Council agreed that the Safety Committee would discuss this topic in further detail at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting. Solicitor Stone advised that **if** there are any changes for amending the sign Ordinance, Council would need to advertise and proceed through the same process as when the “Chicken Ordinance” was amended.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Bill Monski was happy to report that the DEP finally completed its project and restoration of the hillside along Glen Mitchell Road. John Orndorff thanked Bill Monski for the outstanding job he did monitoring the project on behalf of the Borough.

It was determined that more time was needed to determine if a permanent natural gas line or a large 300-gallon refillable liquid propane gas tank should be installed as the auxiliary power source for the Hare Lane pump station. It would cost approximately \$10,000 to extend the gas pipe line. The Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli expressed concern about the close proximity of such a large propane tank to Ohio River Boulevard. John Orndorff and Bill Monski plan to meet with the company that could provide and refill the large propane tank.

## **PUBLIC SERVICES**

Mary Scalercio reported that the order of “Glen Osborne” flags arrived, and the flags have been hung. An American flag was also included with the order from Quality Flags, Inc. Mary Scalercio is going to inquire if Robinson’s Home & Garden will match Quality Flags, Inc.’s price for future American flag orders.

## **FINANCE**

Holly Merriman reported that Jordan Tax Service is doing an excellent job and most of the taxes have been received. The earned income tax revenue is greater than expected.

Holly Merriman advised that the Borough still owes \$15,250 for the Sycamore Road retaining wall project. John Orndorff stated we are not required to send the final payment of \$15,250 (10% of the original contract) to GeoStabilization International, LLC until one year after the completion date of the retaining wall.

## **BILLS**

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

## **QVCOG**

Council will consider utilizing Act 172 which would offer a real estate tax credit of \$300 to active members of volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical service agencies through a volunteer service credit program.

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At the request of John Orndorff, at 8:50 p.m. Council recessed into Executive Session. Council reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Mary Scalercio, Council voted 4 – 0, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

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Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary