

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in the Osborne Elementary School, on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Vice President John Orndorff called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: Jim Cohen, Anne Fruehauf, Bill Monski, Holly Merriman, John Orndorff

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

VISITORS

Jeremy McCoy, 314 Kilbuck Street, Sewickley, PA

Attorney Anna Hosack, Babst Calland, Two Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Vice President Orndorff welcomed Jeremy McCoy, owner of Jeremy's Landscape & Design. Jeremy responded to Council's questions and described how he planned to handle snow removal for the Borough's roads during the upcoming winter season. Mr. McCoy also stated he had accidentally billed the Borough using the 2022 hourly rate instead of the 2023 rate. Chair of the Finance Committee, Holly Merriman, stated that the Borough will pay the difference owed to Jeremy Landscape & Design. Going forward, Jeremy will bill the Borough using the contracted 2023 rate.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2023 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

On motion of Barbara Carrier, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 to formally request a \$223,125 grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) for Beaver Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, and designate Patrick Conners, Executive Director of QVCOG, as the official to file all applications between the Borough and RAAC.

Mayor Carrier reviewed the August Police report. During the month of August, the Police responded to three medical emergencies, including one involving her husband. Mayor Carrier commended the Police, Cochran Hose Volunteers, and numerous other first responders for their outstanding rescue of her husband after he had fallen and rolled down a steep hill.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Borough received a payment of \$288 from Magistrate Ford's District Court for the month of August.

\$3,172 real estate transfer tax was received from Allegheny County from the sale of 1206 Colonial Place.

Notification was received from PennDOT that the Borough's estimated Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2024 is \$20,691. The actual payment will be March 1, 2024. The amount is based on the Borough's 3.23 mileage and population of 590.

2023 Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation notification was received from the PA Auditor General. The Borough will receive a direct deposit of \$4,999.56 on September 21, 2023. As stated by Act 205, proceeds from this allocation **must be paid to the Volunteer Fire Company (Cochran Hose)** who provide fire service to the Borough's citizens **within 60 days of the receipt date**. The allocation was made in accordance with Act 205 which stipulates that 50% of the allocation is based on the Borough's population, and 50% is determined by the market value of real estate in the Borough compared to the state average.

Representative Gaydos and Senator Robinson sent letters of support to Allegheny County Economic Development Director Lance Chimka for a GEDTF grant application submitted through the QVCOG for Glen Osborne Sanitary Sewer Line Beaver Road Rehabilitation Project at a total cost requested of \$223,150.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Planning Commission will meet September 27, 2023, to review the final drafts from the Steering Committee of the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances. Solicitor

Stone reviewed the proposed timeline, tentatively advertising the Notice of Public Hearing to be held November 21, 2023. Solicitor Stone commended Anne Fruehauf's leadership, members of the Steering Committee and the Borough Engineer for their outstanding work on the arduous process, that takes place once every 12 years, updating the Zoning and SALDO Ordinances.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jim Cohen reported there have been parking issues across the railroad tracks in the vicinity of River Road, Center Street and Railroad Avenue. Jim Cohen and Clint Reilly plan to visit that area and evaluate the situation.

EMERGENCY MANAGERS REPORT

Bill Monski reported, through Allegheny County Emergency Services, a meeting with Norfolk Southern representatives is scheduled on October 11, 2023, to establish contacts and discuss what the railroad has available to assist residents along the corridor between the railroad tracks and the Ohio River, in the event of an emergency

PUBLIC WORKS

John Orndorff asked Solicitor Stone to contact Clint Reilly regarding updating our ordinance pertaining trees.

FINANCE

Holly Merriman advised Council Members to prepare to review the draft of the 2024 Budget at the October 3, 2023, Committee Meeting.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

A Planning Commission Special Meeting is advertised to meet September 27, 2023.

At the Planning Commission Special Meeting, Planning Commission members will consider and possibly recommend revisions to the planning and zoning ordinances and take such actions that may come before the board at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council reviewed the community letter drafted by President Huddleston. On motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Bill Monski, Council voted unanimously for Diane Vierling to mail the letter to the Borough's residents.

There being no further business, on motion of Anne Fruehauf, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.



Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary