

**GLEN OSBORNE BOROUGH  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of Glen Osborne Borough Council was held in Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. President Thomas Huddleston called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance at the meeting:

Council: James Cohen, Thomas Huddleston, Holly Merriman, William Monski, John Orndorff

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

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2015 MINUTES**

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Jim Cohen moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by Bill Monski. Council voted 5 – 0, to approve the motion.

**VISITORS**

Representatives of Fern Hollow Nature Center Sam Capezuto and Claudia Pryor met with Council to provide an overview of the Nature Center and request support. Located at 1901 Glen Mitchell Road in Sewickley Heights, Fern Hollow Nature Center has been a valuable educational and environmental resource to the local communities since 1997. Ms. Capezuto described various levels of contribution for Council to consider.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

A tremendous number of complaints regarding poor service from Waste Management were received during the past month. The Borough Secretary reported this to Waste Management's Director of Operations Patrick DeSimone. Mr. DeSimone will assist the Borough with any future needs, so that situations can be resolved promptly.

Contractors working on Grandview Way projects were contacted and advised to avoid using Sycamore Road. An alternate route was provided using Glen Mitchell Road and Weber Road.

Two “Road Work Ahead” signs will be purchased at a cost of \$53 each.

On behalf of Mary Scalercio, who was absent due to illness, the Borough Secretary reported that John Wick sprayed the weeds on the stone wall located along Beaver Road at River Road near Route 65. He will power wash the arches at the bridge near Davis Lane. Approximately \$600 will be spent for planting in the Davis Lane/McKown Road area. Holly Merriman advised that the “Public Landscaping” account will be used to fund this beautification project.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Carrier reported that Aleppo Authority repaved the section of Sycamore Road that was damaged during their water main break.

Hare Lane was closed for six hours after a cement truck knocked down a pole and wires. Duquesne Light submitted a bill to the contractor for over \$30,000.

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Harlan Stone reported that he and Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli, Jr. visited Hare Lane, the site for the future pump station. Solicitor Stone reviewed options regarding property acquisitions. According to the Borough’s engineer, the pump station project should begin in 2016, thus allowing time to review costs for the various property acquisition options.

Solicitor Stone and Ray Antonelli, Jr. also visited Orchard Street and assessed the condition of the sidewalks. In accordance with Borough Code, it is the responsibility of each property owner to maintain the safety of their sidewalk. Roots from a large tree have lifted a section of the sidewalk along 409 Orchard Street, and made that section of the sidewalk very dangerous. The roots from this tree have also affected the curb and are protruding towards the street. On motion of Holly Merriman, seconded by Tom Huddleston, Council voted 5 – 0, to authorize Solicitor Stone to draft a letter notifying the homeowner(s) on Orchard Street that their sidewalk(s) needs to be repaired. This letter will be hand delivered by a member(s) of Council who will discuss the situation with the property owner(s).

Subject to Borough Engineer Ray Antonelli, Jr.’s approval, on motion of Jim Cohen, seconded by Holly Merriman, Council voted 2 – 1 – 2, to post a sign stating “No Truck Traffic” at the top and bottom of Sycamore Road. However, Solicitor Stone will need to review Borough Code Schedule XI (§ 145-52) of the Borough Code to see if this motion is permissible.

Solicitor Stone advised Council to continue enlisting Dan Cohen to handle negotiations of the Verizon contract which expires December 2017.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Jim Cohen reported that the Principal of Osborne Elementary School, Barbara Mellett, contacted him regarding concerns about bicycle safety for the elementary school students. Should they ride on the sidewalks or the streets? President Huddleston advised Councilman Cohen to ask Police Chief Ersher to contact Principal Mellett. Chief Ersher can explain the "Safety Policy for Children on Bicycles" to her, and she can notify the students and their parents.

Jim Cohen and Bill Monski will get data from the solar powered speed signs and provide this information to Council at the next meeting.

A resident requested installing a mirror across from her property to improve visibility of children riding bicycles. The Public Safety Committee will make a site visit to evaluate this request.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Council unanimously approved a letter written by John Orndorff, thanking John Wick for the exceptional work he has done while volunteering his services to maintain our portion of Route 65 Ohio River Boulevard corridor, as part of the "PA Adopt-a-Highway" program.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Holly Merriman reported that 90% of the Borough's taxes have been collected, revenues are higher than expected, and expenses are lower than expected so far this year.

A check for \$6,200 was received from Sewickley as the final payment for the sewer-interconnect project.

Holly Merriman does not recommend early repayment of our loan which has a current balance of \$64,000.

A proposed 2016 Budget will be presented at the October Council meeting.

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**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of John Orndorff, seconded by Jim Cohen. Council voted 5 – 0, to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

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Diane Vierling, Borough Secretary