

**OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Osborne Borough Council was held in the Large Group Room of the Quaker Valley Middle School on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. President John Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Council: John Hayes, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff, Clare Westwood, Roger Wright

Officials: Mayor William Boswell, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Secretary Maleet Gordon, Treasurer Sallie Adams

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2007 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packets. Roger Wright moved the Minutes be approved, with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 5-0 to approve the Minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A resident at 509 Glen Mitchell Road requested reimbursement for a portable gate that was run over in her driveway by people turning in her driveway at the beginning of the Beaver Road construction project. Council suggested the property owner contact her insurance company for reimbursement.

A resident at 1438 Beaver Road wanted replacement of grass killed by winter salting on Lantern Lane. The salt spreader is set for road widths not narrow lanes, according to John Wick. Council suggested the resident contact the other property owners on the lane and decide if they do not want the lane salted.

Ray Wolfgang told me the Water Authority's engineers plan to pave the street openings in Osborne in two weeks.

Lamar Advertising will be reviewing the bus stops in Osborne for the possibility of erecting a bus passenger shelter. Lamar will maintain the shelter(s) weekly and will have small advertisements in the shelter. Harlan Stone will check the Zoning Ordinance on this subject.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A tour of the Osborne Elementary School is scheduled for the Osborne Council members at 6:30 p.m. before the Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 18.

The Osborne Trail and Park Picnic will take place on Sunday, September 16th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the park next to Osborne Elementary School. The Dominion Foundation will sponsor the food and entertainment.

Twenty-four flags with the Borough logo have been ordered for the Borough's 125th Anniversary in 2008. The cost will be covered by the Public Services budget and the Mayor's discretionary fund. Roger Wright made a motion to purchase the flags at a cost of \$6,000, with a second by Clare Westwood. Council voted 4-1 to approve the motion, with Louis Naugle voting against the motion. Barbara Carrier and Mayor Boswell are working on other ideas for the celebration.

In 2008 Osborne Borough plans to repave Beaver Road. Sewickley Borough is planning to repave their portion of Beaver Road from at least Nevin Avenue to Academy Avenue in 2008. The timing for Osborne may depend on the utilities that want to replace pipes before the paving is done and the condition of the base under the road. The Finance and Public Works Committees are working on a new ordinance governing street openings where there will be a penalty for opening a newly paved road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Louis Naugle and Mayor Boswell have talked to Harlan Stone about a new street opening ordinance and how to enforce it.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Roger Wright reported on the July 25th meeting with representatives from PennDOT, Norfolk Southern, Senator Pippy's and Representative Mustio's office, and Haysville Borough regarding the study on alternatives to the railroad crossing. Discussions at the meeting led to the next step which is to investigate moving the crossing north along Route 65 to where there is more room for turning lanes. To provide turning lanes at the present sight a railroad track would have to be moved, and the railroad would have to give up some of its land. Norfolk Southern does not want to do this. It would cost around \$250,000 to \$300,000 to move the crossing

Before moving the crossing the following four studies would be required by PennDOT:

1. Feasibility study of moving the crossing,
2. A traffic count at the present intersection and crossing,
3. A traffic signal study at the location of the proposed intersection,
4. Study of the local road for vehicle and tractor trailer capacity.

PennDOT advised Osborne Borough that for any expenditure of the 1.72 million dollars the Borough would have to pay 20 percent of the cost. If the project is proven feasible and Osborne does not act upon moving the intersection, it would have to reimburse the Federal Government's 80 percent. Norfolk Southern and PennDOT will not help with the cost of this project.

Roger Wright moved the Borough pass a Resolution to go forward with the four required studies, with a second by John Orndorff. Council voted 4-1 to approve the Resolution. Louis Naugle voted no.

The Sewickley Police Chief has hired Kevin Tobin to be the school crossing guard at Glen Mitchell and Beaver Roads. Mr. Tobin will be at the crossing from 7:45-8:45 a.m. and 1:45-2:45 p.m. each school day.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Louis Naugle reported the Borough will be paying \$3,600 to join the Quaker Valley Council of Governments in the negotiation of a contract with Verizon regarding their cable franchise.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no report.

BILLS

The Check Detail was mailed in the packet to members of Council, the Mayor and the Solicitor. Sallie Adams reported a check for \$15,500 is written to AAA Piping for relining the storm sewer on Center Street as the Borough has accepted their warranty for the workmanship. A check is written to Joe Lofaro for \$123,000 out of the \$168,000 contracted for the 2007 Beaver road storm sewer and curb project. NIRA Consulting Engineers charged \$8,300 to oversee the project. John Hayes moved the bills be paid, with a second duly made. The Council was polled and voted 5-0 the pay the bills.

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NEW BUSINESS

John Orndorff is going to take the New Elected Official Course. Harlan Stone recommends the course and recommends the Borough pay the fee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Roger Wright moved the meeting be adjourned, with a second by John Orndorff. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary