

**OSBORNE BOROUGH
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Osborne Borough Council was held in the Large Group Room of the Osborne Elementary School on Tuesday, December 18, 2007. President John Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Council: President John Hayes, Barbara Carrier, Louis Naugle, John Orndorff, Richard Klixbull, Clare Westwood, Roger Wright

Officials: Solicitor for Harlan Stone, Secretary Maleet Gordon, Treasurer Sallie Adams

VISITORS

Doug Fowkes	8325 Ohio River Boulevard, Emsworth And 2 South Avenue, Haysville
William B. Carnahan	Verizon Cable, Vice President External Affairs
Josh Dillon	Verizon Cable, Franchise Managing Director
Ann E. Broeker, Esq.	Wiley Rein, LLP for Verizon, Franchise Agreement
Kristina Sarafini	Sewickley Herald

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007 MINUTES

The Minutes were not read as members received a copy in their packet. Richard Klixbull moved the Minutes be approved with the explanation he did not participate in the Executive session due to a conflict of interest. Roger Wright made a second to the motion. Council approved the motion by a vote of 7-0.

VISITORS

Doug Fowkes of Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. announced he is committed to improving the safety of the railroad crossing intersection. Mr. Fowkes reported on the meeting with Cathy Paff from Haysville, PennDOT Engineers, a signal maintenance representative from Traffic Systems and Services and the Osborne Borough Secretary to review the safety of the intersection. PennDOT is going to study the intersection to see if two advance turning arrows would improve the safety for those wanting to make a turn. PennDOT will facilitate the engineering of the signal and Traffic Systems would provide a price.

Osborne Borough received a letter from Haysville Borough committing to work on the railroad crossing Ad Hoc Committee. Richard Klixbull, Roger Wright and John Hayes (non-voting member) will be Osborne Borough's representatives to the Committee.

William Carnahan, Josh Dillon and Ann Broeker represented Verizon at the meeting to answer any questions about the Quaker Valley Council of Government (QVCOG) cable

franchise agreement that the Borough was considering signing. The Public Services Committee wanted to waive the Borough's share of a \$30,000 grant, \$545 to Osborne Borough, for executing the agreement by December 31, 2007. Verizon customers in Osborne would pay back this grant over a ten year period. Mr. Dillon noted Osborne's opting out of the grant would not affect the other QVCOG communities' share of the grant. Roger Wright moved Council waive the grant money associated with Osborne Borough executing the Franchise Agreement, with a second by Richard Klixbull. Council voted 7-0 to approve the motion. Barbara Carrier made a motion to accept the Franchise Agreement, as amended, with a second by Richard Klixbull. Council voted 7-0 to approve the motion. Verizon was asked to correct the words Borough Manager to Borough Secretary. Verizon offered a three percent franchise fee payable to the Borough as that is what Comcast pays the Borough. The Borough does have the right to raise the fee up to a limit of five percent anytime over the ten-year period of the agreement. This is a cost to Verizon that will be passed through to the Borough customers. There was no move to change the fee at this time.

Osborne Borough is served out of a wire center located in Sewickley. Service will probably be offered to residents early in January via direct mail, door-to-door marketing, and inserts in the bill. Most of Osborne cable wires have been overlaid with fiber optic; the rest will be finished the end of February.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Monday, January 7, 2008 is the date of the reorganization meeting for the Borough.

A truck hit a metal pole at the corner of River Road and Railroad Avenue on November 25. On December 8 the pole fell over. Attached to the pole were two red and two yellow flashing warning signals for the railroad tracks. A second pole was weakened by the fall. The Borough is waiting for a police report from the State Police. The question is whether any pole was located in Haysville and when were they erected. The State Police took over the accident scene; therefore, the accident may have taken place in Haysville.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Harlan Stone and Mayor Boswell met with Sewickley Police Chief Jim Ersher to discuss the Quaker Valley School District Mutual Aid Agreement. The Chief wanted to be sure there was an established chain of command if Sewickley Police responded to a situation at the Osborne Elementary School. There is a provision to opt out of the agreement with 60 days notice. Osborne cannot control who the School District hires as security.

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments has proposed a mutual aid agreement among the member municipalities' police departments. This agreement is very similar to the one

proposed by the School District. This agreement is a requirement of National Incident Management System (NIMS). Mayor Boswell will be asked to research this.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Louis Naugle thanked everyone for their participation in crafting the 2008 Budget. The Budget was properly advertised. The increase of one mill will help the Borough maintain a surplus as opposed to a negative Budget with no increase. Mr. Naugle moved the Council adopt Resolution 09-07, which approves the 2008 Budget. Roger Wright made a second to the motion. Council voted 7-0 to approve the motion.

Mr. Naugle noted Ordinance No. 384 provides for a millage rate of 6.1 on each dollar of 2008 assessed valuation. Out of the 6.1 mills, a sum of .47 mills of each dollar will be used for the Borough debt service purposes. The rate of 5.63 mills will be used for general purposes. Mr. Naugle moved Council approve Ordinance No. 384, setting the millage rate at 6.1, with a second by Richard Klixbull. Council was polled and voted 7-0 to approve the motion.

Ordinance No. 383 changes the Emergency Municipal Services Tax to the Local Services Tax. Louis Naugle moved Council pass Ordinance No. 383, with a second by Richard Klixbull. Council was polled and voted 7-0 to approve the motion.

Richard Klixbull left at 8:35 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Roger Wright reported he had contacted Victor DeFazio who was assigned to work with the Borough by Cheryl Moon-Sirianni of PennDOT on the possibility of moving the railroad crossing. Harrisburg did approve Osborne Borough's Resolution 06-07, which allows the Borough to hire consulting engineers for a traffic study, to satisfy PennDOT requirements for using money allocated by the Federal Government. Now the Borough has to work with PennDOT on the wording of the advertisement for a consultant. Mr. Wright was told to contact John Krajovic, which he has done.

John Orndorff has been working on parking on Osborne Lane between Beaver Road and the dead end at Route 65. Fire Chief Jeff Neff drove a fire truck on Osborne Lane and Orchard Road to check turning clearances. Orchard Lane needs one additional yellow curb line on Linden. On Osborne Lane the yellow line is to be moved from the Pittsburgh side to the Sewickley side. A few yellow lines will remain to allow fire truck turning. A petition advocating the change of the yellow curb line was passed around for residents to sign. Roger moved Council approve the change in curb marking according to the schematic by Chief Jeff Neff, with a second by John Orndorff. If the Borough puts the marking into the Ordinance on Parking, "no parking" signs would have to be put up.

Some residents want “no parking” signs so the yellow curb lines can be enforced by the police while other residents do not want signs of any kind. Until a decision is made the motion is tabled.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Louis Naugle reported the Committee is working on a revised street opening ordinance.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Carrier reported the Osborne Planning Commission had attended the Committee meeting in order to review the Joint Municipal Comprehensive Plan, which council had recently passed, and to review the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Implementing the Aleppo Sewickley Osborne Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission’s suggestions were sent the Environmental Planning & Design, the consultants for this project.

BILLS

The Check Detail was included in the packet sent to Council, the Mayor, the Solicitor and the Treasurer. There being no questions, John Hayes made a motion to pay the bills, with a second duly made. Council was polled and voted 6-0 to approve the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

The Borough Manager of Sewickley and John Hayes and Richard Klixbull of Osborne Borough met to discuss “next steps” following KLH Engineers, Inc. review of Osborne’s Lift Stations and sewer system. There was no discussion of the sale or purchase of the system. The discussion did revolve around what kind of combined municipal sewage system would work for the watershed as the state will probably enforce joint cooperation. A joint authority got no support. The Sewickley Wastewater Treatment Plant is operating at less than 50 percent capacity; therefore, could probably take sewage from Aleppo, Glenfield and Haysville. An Ad Hoc committee will probably be set up to work on the issues.

Executive Session 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Roger Wright moved the meeting be adjourned, with a second by Barbara Carrier. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Maleet Gordon, Borough Secretary