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**Glendale Investigates Railroad Quiet Zones**

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Now that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has approved Quiet Zone regulations, the Village of Glendale will investigate the elimination or reduction of train horn noise at the three railroad crossings; Sharon, Albion and Oak Avenues. It is possible that safety measures can be installed to either prevent the sounding of horns or reduce the intensity of the horn soundings at these three different crossings.

Glendale has hired a consulting engineer that specializes in these matters; Railroad Controls Limited of Benbrook, Texas. This engineer will work in conjunction with our local engineer, CDS Associates, in analyzing each crossing and providing recommendations. The recommendations will include (1) what devices can work at our street crossing and be approved by the FRA, and (2) Their estimated costs.

Obviously there is much to do and study concerning this matter. Mayor Tom Todd announced the need and approved the expenditure to have this analysis done at the October Council meeting and Councilperson Debbie Grueninger, Chairman of the Police Committee and Councilman Ephriam Swafford, Chairman of the Streets Committee, will conduct joint Committee meetings to keep the public informed and to make final recommendation to the Council and Mayor. Their first meeting was held November 14th and a well prepared PowerPoint handout, prepared by Councilperson Debbie Grueninger, was provided to approximately 25 attendees. You may access this presentation by visiting [www.glendaleohio.org](http://www.glendaleohio.org). Walter Cordes, Village Administrator and Police Chief Matt Fruchey will provide the administrative work in this ongoing analysis.

Notices of future meeting will be posted on our web page, e-notice system and public bulletin boards. If you have an opinion on the matter and you would like to share it with us, please do so by emailing any of the four officials involved in this study; [Debgru@aol.com](mailto:Debgru@aol.com), [swafford@glendaleohio.org](mailto:swafford@glendaleohio.org), [mfruchey@glendaleohio.org](mailto:mfruchey@glendaleohio.org) or [wcordes@glendaleohio.org](mailto:wcordes@glendaleohio.org)

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