

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2015 7:30 pm

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. This Meeting was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Bergen Record and advertised in said newspaper, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statue. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - absent
Council Member Orseck – present
Council Member Nogara - present

Council Member Pazan - present
Council Member Surrago - absent
Council Member Martin – present

Mayor van Keuren – present
Robert Garibaldi, Borough Attorney – present
Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – absent
Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk – present

Mayor – few small things first, at the reorg meeting I said something like leaf bagging no plan or plan to have a plan to bag leaves. Article in the Gazette. This is not even on the back burner.

We have an immediate situation and a long term situation, we had request to make available more spots that in effect means we would cut back on nonresident spots, this is more than just in a change in service, it a change in finances as well. Residents have approx. 400 spots and nonresidents approx. 80.

Think the problem is more complex than numbers, some residents said it's tough to find a spot after 7:30 am so seeking comments.

Public Comments

Lisa ? – Great solution would be to move the nonresidents to main line.

Mike White - 361 Highwood Ave. – it has gotten worse in the past year, last year 7:44 am train you were guaranteed a spot, now you need to get there before 7:24 am to get a spot. If the trend continues

Denley Chew - 138 Chadwick Place – echo that, the situation is getting worse. The 7:44am train is outright dangerous, though time because you're dropping off your kids, then a race to the train station. If you are there 7:32 am you're ok if your there at 7:35 am you may find a spot. The solution proposed in the letter that came out in the Gazette, non-residents parking in Main Line and hopefully the commuters would buy something.

Kevin Davitt - 153 Glen Ave. – can you have a shuttle from the Main Line to the Bergen Line.

Mayor – that would be something to look into

Jim Mc Kenna – 16 Cumberland Rd. – how many non-resident spaces do we have (81 Bergen Line) (37 Main Line)

Council Member Martin – asked if residents can pay a premium price to get a spot?

Mr. White – part of the reason we move into this town is for schools and commuting.

Mr. Davitt – is every spot allotted for down at Main Line.

Lenora Benjamin – we could sell 130 permits for 118 spots,

Mr. White – asked to have the detail on the 81 spots. How many spots are at Bergen Line and how many permits are sold?

Mr. Chew – if we switched would we lose money or would they switch.

Lisa – if they park at Main Line its actually closer for residents from Hawthorne.

Mayor – think everyone is aware that the Schubert organization purchased the Galleria and we are going to have to arrange to have those car park, so we have a greater problem looming in the background as well, so there may be a long term solution to address the two. The possible implementations of the two we need to start thinking about. But at the time, I still aware of a comment that came up that things come up and push senior housing out of the way and I haven't forgotten about that. But we have solutions and we need to think seriously about the solution in a positive way to make thing better for all.

Noel Siong 126 Lowell Rd. – who is in charge of driving the recommendation and coming up with options and solutions? I'm happy to come up with options and a plan.

Mr. Chew – do you need expressions of support? I think we could probably get that.

Council Member Martin – I think me being the newest one on the council, I can say we are very aware of the situation. Think this the opportunity for some creativity.

Mayor – I don't mind your counter parts going and say what you said.

Mr. Chew – this is a problem for us. I know people will sign the petitions if it were put out there. Past 7:25 am it's rough out there.

Lisa – across the street by the park maybe some type of seasonal alternative use some of those spots to help the short term problem.

Mr. White – it's actually Monday – Thursday Friday and summer is usually better.

Mr. Davitt – maybe even shuttle from home.

Lisa – if you could park at Wilde it would help with the bus commuters.

Ms. Brown – Lincoln Ave. – asked when social security was in the Galleria where did those people park?

Mayor – at Main Line.

Ms. Brown – would some of them take the train.

Lenora Benjamin – they came from Hackensack, so I'm not sure you would get that many commuting.

Mayor – I think for the moment we are pretty good with defining the issue and coming up with some possible solutions.

Mayor – put out a reverse call the caller ID isn't particularly helpful. It doesn't make us look good. I put out a message that the landfill will be closed January – March and we are working on solution to help the people that may need help.

Mayor – H.S.A. wants my involvement in a raffle, so the opportunity to march with the Council in the parade, first one down the slide and mayor for the week.

Council Reports –

Council Member Orseck – nothing really other than rec advisory meeting tomorrow at 8 pm

Council Member Nogara – budget meeting tonight some ideas to increase revenue, met with the Fire Dept. tonight. Next meeting 1/26 at 5pm, we will be meeting with several groups and have a better idea of where we are for 2015. February 7th at 9am Saturday.

Council Member Martin – nothing to report on Licenses and Franchise, glad to hear about the Schubert Organization.

Council Member Pazan – remind all about rabies clinic tomorrow at Ambulance Corp. 350 anniversary of New Jersey and 120 of Glen Rock make a donation to the Library. Meditation Monday at Library 7pm. January 15th 7pm Finances Basic Cider Making 1/26 7:30 pm. Library going more toward digital age, increased digital. Thanked Lenora power outage in my area, and she made a call to PSE&G and lights were restored within the hour.

Admin Report –

Ceil power extension, request from the environmental commission to extend to 2015 based on the contract signed last year, if all is ok resolution for Wednesday.

Public Comment –

Mr. Mc Kenna – asked if the town have insurance for wrongful dismissal and whistle blower.

Mr. Bourne – 114 Thornbury Ave. – been observing parking at Main Line that lot isn't empty anymore like you think so something has transpired in the past few months, so that may not be a total solution.

Mr. White – there are some spots, but the spouse pulls in the spot then when the train pulls away the spots open. Maybe have a designated drop off area.

Matthew Verbarq - 185 Pinelynn Rd. – echo the comments from the rest of the resident here tonight.

Motion made by Council Member Nogara to adjourn the work session and open the closed session

Seconded by Council Member Orseck

All in favor

8:12 pm