

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 13, 2015 7:30 pm

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ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - present
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Council Member Nogara - present

Council Member Pazan - present
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Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – present
Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk – absent

Presentation from Carmine De Falcons – Property Tax Reward Program Program is underway in 11 towns in NJ, part of the shop local program. Cards are issued to residents, at the expense of the town or through sponsorship. Participating businesses offer discounts on products or services; 75% of discount is applied to resident's tax bill, 25% goes to processing company. Merchant cost for card reader is \$10/month; with 15 to 20 businesses required to participate to make program work. Towns participating include Glassboro, West Orange, Pequannock, Voorhees, Bayonne, Hillsboro. The proposal will be looked into by the Administrator.

Presentation from Tom Scerbo on Arboretum Project Request Committee raised \$400,000 toward arboretum educational building project and was disappointed that the Council Monday night did not commit to providing or lending additional \$200,000 to the arboretum to finish the project. Council commented that every project must be reviewed and not every request is granted every year. This was the first time that the option of "lending" the funding was discussed. The time frame was deemed important by the arboretum committee as the momentum is slowing and volunteers are discouraged. Questions were raised as to additional costs of the project that may not have been factored into the \$600,000 estimate, including utility connections, additional engineering, building maintenance and upkeep costs. Commitment to continue fundraising to repay \$200,000 request from the council – similar to what was done with the library project years ago. A complete set of specifications and plans are ready to go to bid. Council to review project status and expenses to date and discuss options.

Power Point Presentation from Bob Van Langen on Fields (attached) First of two presentations; next will discuss costs and options.

GRTV Ted Burke is moving out of town this summer; recommends a paid person to take over GRTV. Suggested to involve Board Of Ed and media classes. Mary Jane and Lenora to discuss with Ted.

COAH New term is now just Affordable Housing. Regulations remain, but not defined; obligations remain, but not defined. Mayor to speak with Borough planner.

Council Reports:

Pazan – Bridges of Manhattan 4/23/15 7:30 pm
Rudyard Kipling NJ Symphony 4/25/15 2 & 3 pm
Historical Society-GR Nazi Spy discussion 4/29/15 7 pm
If teens need community service, see the library director

Nogara - Budget hearing Wednesday night

Orseck - Recreation Advisory meeting tomorrow night at 8 pm
GRBSA Parade 9 am

Surrago - DPW working on fields, potholes
6/6/15 Shredding event at Recycling Center

Public Comment:

Irene Brown: Auto calls for Seniors
Limit on paper shredding
Police car in the train/bus area at midnight/1 am

Mayor read resolution for closed session

Motion and second for Closed Session O'Hagan/Pazan; all in favor

Adjourn to closed session 9:20 pm

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PARKING

Council Member Martin – if people want to use the trains here for out of town why not charge them to park at Main line?

Council Member Nogara – asked if that money were to go away that would cost residents an additional \$30 per household.

Lenora Benjamin – it's not like we are overwhelming catering to the nonresident, could we move 20 yes. So what happens when we move them and the problem is still there? These people pay \$1,000 vs \$100

Council Member Martin – what's the ratio of residents to nonresidents?

Lenora Benjamin – triple.

Council Member Martin – they said they were willing to pay more per year.

Council Member O'Hagan – asked how many people have complained?

Mayor – approx. 20

Council Member O'Hagan – so we are going to lose the revenue for 20 people.

Council Member Nogara – there is always going to be someone that isn't going to be happy. The argument I did find valid, was I drop my kids off at school, then I can't make it.

Rob Bourne – it wouldn't be good to change now, when you already started to collect money. If you do anything you will probably put your foot into the trap with the Schubert organization.

Mayor – create a new train station in the Harristown and Lincoln area.

Council Member Pazan – the root cause of the problem is insufficient parking, if you find a few more spots you appease the residents, if you open up memorial.

Mayor – the idea of commuters crossing Maple Ave. and the traffic is intense scares me. Trying to address the points the residents made.

Art's Council

Georgene Betterbed – arts council was very activity until 2007, events took a lot of volunteers and settled down to one event a year, then we moved to the library and that was great. Now there are only two people left with the organization myself and Diane Schelgel we would like to dissolve the arts council. We have money in the checking account and money in the money market. The money is to go into an arts organization and that the money be given to the Glen Rock Pops. There is about \$4,000 in the account and that would help the Pops a great deal. We are registered with the IRS and Consumer affairs. It would get us through two years.

Council Member Nogara – looked everything over and it looks fine.

Georgene – I bet people would be interested in taking it if they could to the Library once a week. Think a shuttle bus would be a great asset to the town.

Motion made by Council Member O'Hagan take the money that is left from Glen Rock Arts Council and transfer to the Glen Rock Pops.

Seconded by Council Member Pazan

All in favor.

Council Reports –

Council Member Surrago – green purchasing environmental commission looking for this as part of their certification, think it would be about 25% more, and staff to recommend changes.

Motion made by Council Member Surrago that we adopt this green purchasing policy.

Seconded by Council Member O'Hagan

All in favor.

Council Member Orseck – the cost is not prohibited at all.

Council Member Nogara – could be publicize that.

Council Member Surrago – sustainable land use pledge originated from the environmental commission went to the planning board and now at council level.

Motion made by Council Member Surrago to adopt the sustainable Land Use Pledge.

Seconded by Council Member Orseck

Council Member Surrago – natural resource protection the borough to identify and maintain open space planning.

Council Member O'Hagan – what if the commission designated the land open space.

Mayor – asked if they have the power to veto

Council Member Nogara – I don't want to tie our hands, anything we do can this group come out and say we can't do.

Council Member Surrago – withdraw motion attorney to looking this a little more with the planning bd.

Council Member Pazan – library was here thanked them for being kind. Have a meeting set up with Mark and Brian on Thursday at 5:30 to discuss the permits looking at the reports we are doing great. UCC codes set by the state. For the month of January they did 104 inspections.

Council Member O'Hagan – thanked the fire dept. and ambulance, for the fire on Sunday. Question with the two new officer asked about hire date?

Council Member Orseck – mentioned that there is a fund for that family on Facebook.

Council Member Martin – things are going well with permits.

Council Member Nogara – the ambulance corp does a tremendous job. They are right there in the mix. Finance we met on Saturday, again tonight and again on Wednesday.

Council Member Surrago – we are continuing with front yard garbage pickup.

Admin report –

Lenora Benjamin – we have a request from the LOSAP administrator to increase LOSAP by state allotted amount of 1.6% increase plus the resolution for the qualified members for 2014 on the agenda for Wednesday hung for 30 days then process the payment.

Motion Made by Council Member O'Hagan to approve the LOSAP by percentage

Seconded by Council Member Martin

Council Member Pazan- asked about the accounting of hours if done by both organizations.

Council Member Nogara – they have to meet certain averages.

Council Member Surrago – point system with Ambulance at least 1 weekend shift per month.

Lenora Benjamin – we didn't increase for a number of years.

All in favor - Council Member Nogara & Surrago abstain

Lenora Benjamin – comment on ordinance

Council Member O'Hagan – take off the table 100%, I want it dug out but if we try to impose now without discussion I rather us get through this winter and talk about this in spring.

Council Member Nogara – disagree respectfully Oakland and Franklin Lakes, if that's an issue we can put into effect April 1st. Would still like to get this on our books. I witnesses first hand. These are long shots but that what the hydrants are there for. I don't see our police going up to the seniors and fine them. How could we give notice to all the people with hydrants?

Mayor – if law or no law some people won't shovel out. So maybe that should be the first message to come out. And stress the house on Rodney that the hydrant was shoveled out. And that the state is proposing a similar ordinance.

Council Member Nogara – I still want it on the books now.

Council Members Surrago and Orseck both agree.

Council Member Pazan – the chief told us the hydrants aren't shoveled so what do we do?

Council Member O'Hagan – I do it all the time, but just telling you what's going to happen.

Council Member Surrago – would like to make a motion to put on the agenda

Bob Bourne – you would need to enforce.

Motion made by Council Member Surrago to suspend the work session

Seconded by Council Member Orseck

All in favor

Adjourned 8:44 pm