

Borough of Glen Rock

Executive Session

Monday, August 18, 2014

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 in December, 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:

Mayor van Keuren - present

Council Member O'Hagan - absent

Council Member Orseck – present

Council Member Biggs - present

Council Member Pazan - present

Council Member Surrago - present

Council Member Nogara – present

Mayor - Idea of pilot program for replacement of trees, distributed a draft proposal. Would like to start with picking two streets give a choice of trees, cost to be split with resident. From Sept to Oct.

Noise Ordinance

Mayor – Ordinance comes into effect at 10 pm and was told that is in conflict with state regulations. Suggested Bob Garibaldi and Chief Stahman review and report back.

Mayor – It appears we need to do some improvements in the parking lot behind the Glen Rock Inn and several stores, we did some investigating.

Lenora Benjamin – Met with the planner and engineer, looking to possibly obtain some property to reconstruct the parking lot for flow, replacing the fence, to develop a plan to make that area more appealing.

Mayor – Subject from last public meeting and Attorney ready to speak on.

Robert Garibaldi – As per the complaint from Mr. & Mrs. Crevina the Borough health offer went out to revisit the South Highwood property, as well as the DPW Director. The health officer found no violation on the leaves and no indication of rats. Mr. Tirserio's report reflected that most of the claims don't fall under his jurisdiction and he feels there is no violation. A letter to the Crevinas stating no future action to be taken by the Borough.

Council Member Surrago – The ordinance section 184 wording resident must take yard waste, not that the Borough will remove from property.

Mayor – Borough attorney looking for approval to send letter.

Council Member O'Hagan – Walked the property again, but have to go with the professionals, my offer still stands but will not over step the professionals.

Council Member Pazan made a motion to send a letter.
Seconded by Council Member Biggs.
All in favor.

Council Reports

Council Member Nogara – No report.

Council Member Pazan – Summer reading program

Council Member Orseck – Shack and the pool have had successful seasons so far in 2014. Outdoor movie next Tuesday is Disney's *Frozen*. Sports quiet for the month of August.

Council Member Surrigo – Environmental Commission working on recertification of Glen Rock's Sustainable Jersey for 2015; pretty detailed plan, few requests from the Borough - energy audit of the municipal building, possibly changing our practice with leaf collection in the Borough. Elaine Silverstein detailed instructions on composting, looking to post on the website, think we need to revise the ordinances. Would Council be in favor of this, maybe educate the people on mulching?

Council Member Biggs – 2015 Calendar picture of the volunteers was taken this evening. Staff picture for some time in September. We are going to the smaller size calendar only would be a saving of approximately \$500 on a \$12,000 total cost. Borough has previously received \$4600 in advertising revenue. All agree to go with the smaller size and no advertising.

Council Member O'Hagan – Police department very busy this summer, referred from Hawthorne PD incident last Sunday where a lady was killer, our PD was called in and did a tremendous job.

Mayor – sometimes I think what the police do is drive around on patrol and that's their job, and from time to time I hear the different issues that they are asked to do and they do a tremendous job.

Administrator's Report

Lenora Benjamin – moving forward with Disclosure Initiative

Paving very successful program, big improvement at Wilde Park.

Tree work started at Hazlehurst and Glen.

Children's park bathroom – little issue there; meeting with Mike DeSena on Wednesday.

Tax Bills – went out late; everyone should have received them by now, grace period now extended.

Verizon was here to put in additional lines down the other end of the hallway for better internet reception.

Mayor – what is a stigma free zone?

Public Comment –

Ted Burke – IT room knocked GRTV off the air. Very successful with broad casting live Council meeting. Antenna installed at high school so come September we should be able to broadcast live events from the fields. Idea to have a show on Glen Rock TV with people pro and con on the turf field referendum. Happy to except three panelist that are pro and three that are con to try to influence the people before a vote.

Council Member Surrigo – Asked how you would pick three from each side?

Ted – Leave it up to the people to decide who they would be to speak. Format for each speaker time of three minutes, opportunity to question the other side. Ted is asking permission to do so.

Doris Ciaramella – What about league of women voters?

Council Member Orseck – Agree with the last statement.

Carol Knapp – Town meeting on the air and have the pro and con. Excellent idea.

Ted Burke – Not sure I would even invite an audience. This issue would be very specific for this issue and highly moderated.

Council Member O’Hagan – One issue we have, but the league of women voters be separate.

Council Member Pazan – Suggest we not make a decision tonight, and think about this and make a decision for Wednesday night.

Mr. Crevina – 136 Central Ave. Over two months requesting that Mr. Berninger on why he is not replying to the ordinances which are mandatory. The leaves should be taken to the recycling center. Haven’t received any response to either of the questions. Why haven’t we had the curiosity on why we haven’t been invited to show what we feel is a violation? It’s been over two months, and we should be entitled to that, and we should have been invited to point out our questions, and concerns, and we haven’t been given an opportunity to be heard and ask the questions directly. I think we were initial to be there, and the ordinance has clearly been in enforced on others in this town. The longer an answer is not provided, it just raises questions with the other residents, and again why haven’t we been given the opportunity to be heard? There are leaves about three inches thick along the fence line. Why haven’t I been provided with the answer to the violation? Or where Mr. Berninger finds the exception to the ordinance? It will still be pursued.

Mr. Garibaldi - I will be sending you a letter with a copy of the health inspector’s report as well as the DPW director’s report.

Mrs. Crevina – Why was this done without us being present.

Mr. Garibaldi – The report I have is there are no violations.

Mrs. Crevina – Then I want the ordinance applied that the leaves be removed to the 10 foot setback.

Resolution No. 173-14

Offered by Council Member Surrago

Seconded by Council Member Biggs

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock has certain pending litigation/personnel matters to discuss; and

WHEREAS, the same constitutes matters which are specifically excepted from the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all matters shall be discussed in private session from which the public will be specifically excluded on August 18/20, 2014 at 6:45 p.m. or soon thereafter in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject matter to be discussed at said private session of the Borough Council may be disclosed to the public at such future time as determination has been reached on said matter.

Motion to close the open Council Member Surrago

Seconded by Council Member Biggs

All in favor