

# **BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK**

## **Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 25, 2016 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 - present**  
**Council Member Surrago – present**  
**Council Member Huisking - present**

**Council Member Pazan - present**  
**Council Member Martin - present**  
**Council Member Morieko – present**

**Mayor Packer– present**  
**Anthony Suarez, Borough Attorney – present**  
**Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – present**  
**Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk – present**

Dean Ackermann – update on new bail reform, showed mayor & council video. The entire system is something that should have been phased in over 10 yrs., what we are looking at is very costly, tremendous burden on the municipality across the state. Standards will be different in January. We are not permitted to call Superior Judges after 11 pm or before 6 am then we would need to have them stay overnight and we don't have someone here which will requires us to call someone in for overtime, increased administrative burden on police and court personnel. Central judicial processing began on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional paperwork burden on the arresting agency. IF we bring a prisoner to the county we have to bring all the paperwork along with us. In January when they go to the bail reform currently the municipal judge sets bail, beginning January 1 in the central judicial processing judge can set bail. We are going to be bringing more people to jail then before.

Council member Surrago – will that lessen the burden on the Judge's work load?

Kim McWilliams – our officers go once a week to take all the warrants down to the prosecutor if they are downgraded they come to the municipality.

Dean – our prosecutor's office and the courts cannot handle the number of cases and they handed them back to municipal court that we never expected to be handed back. Enhanced computer system interface with the computer system, told that the system will be online by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will require a higher level of security upgrades and possible a new server which will be mandatory. We have backup with Ridgewood where we can log a prisoner in at Ridgewood and

vice versa, booking time will be double, increased burden with transporting officers' county willing to help. 190 criminal complaints of that 43 were placed on warrants, 147 were on summons 90% posted right here in Glen Rock all will now have to go to the County. Also need to include training. Read email. Upfront we will spent a tremendous amount in overtime. This will hit us like a ton of brick, we will keep you posted.

Kim – computer systems 4 different system are now to be combined into one that will make less work for the municipal judge. ECDR system training full force in July and August all will need to.

Council member O'Hagan – the county is going to try to formulate a system to have 4 system work together.

Dean – all our officers will need to have the training. Passaic County is one of the pilot programs and I was told nothing operates as intended. Don't know the legal constraints.

Kim – on vacation and weekends I will be required to issue warrants at all times.

Dean – they are tells us Judges will be sitting in on Saturdays. What they are trying to accomplish is to be fair to all, they want to get the cases through the system. Will cost a tremendous amount of money all across the board. Every time you bring a prisoner to headquarters it's a ticking time bomb.

Lenora Benjamin – what does that mean for central?

Dean – nothing really other than maybe getting someone to scramble to answer a call if we don't have someone on the road.

Things may change with the computer laptops in the cars.

Lenora Benjamin – is something going to change in January than we should wait until January.

Dean – if the state tells us to go online and we can't then we have an emergent issue. You really can't budget for this when they don't know what they are doing.

Recommends that the people come in made an assessment and see what we have and what we will need to replace.

Council member O'Hagan – where was the Rodgers group on this assessment?

Mayor – we would ask that someone in the police dept. that has admin permission.

Dean – think that should be Trover.

Council member Surrago – in the article it's a pilot in some areas of the state.

Mr. Suarez – they would have to repeal the amendment.

Lenora Benjamin – the 4 county are they testing for 2017.

Dean – that is why we are coming to you to bring this up.

Lenora Benjamin – now a little bit of over time.

Dean – CJP means fresh arrest we arrest someone for heroin and we are holding them for bail for other issues pending we call our judge he sets bail and they can't make the bail if on heroin need to Bergen regional for clearance before taking them to the county.

Myself, two detectives and the sergeants went to training along with Kim have a plan in place, we had in house training where the sergeants trained the officers.

I predict there will be many changes,

Kim – at least 55% downgrades will be sent back to us.

Mayor – we will need to talk n=more about this moving forward.

May 9<sup>th</sup> shared meeting with the BOE sent email on some of the things we could work together on. Looking at ways to maybe save money, that are feasible on both sides, spoke about possibility of a shared bus, maybe use our dpw guys for snow plowing. Work session for us as scheduled find a way to make it work.

AR-1 Zone possible some interest in sending it back to the planning board, Ed & Gary will both be here on Wednesday to give us an over view

Arboretum lease for all of us to look over, if all agree will do an ordinance. Unfunded green acres site, DEP does not need to approve the lease, by we will send to the Green Acres program just to cross our I & t's.

Affordable housing resolutions Anthony prepared.

Mr. Suarez – spoke with DEP on the water ordinance as well. To have the lease as an exhibit

Council member Huisling – hearing from a lot of people, when the mayor & council said it was ok to raise the funds was there something in writing resolution, or letter of intent.

Mayor – it was at a work session in the minutes

Council member O'Hagan – it was approved as a concept, they were to raise the money, and then we would build. It would have to have some type of educational purpose.

Mayor – others can use the facility and the fees would roll back into the friends that would go to fund improvements. They would be the ones managing it as they would be the ones that are they, it would raise funds for the 501c3, we are the landlord and they are the tenant.

Council member Morieko – in here I have a lot of concerns number 14 fire we would have to repair the damage, we as the borough if we decide not to rebuild it and got the insurance money we would have to hand it over to them.

Council member Huisling – the money came from the donors. Would like a clause that we have the option to take it, it's our land. A clause that we have some rights that we the ability to change members and take over.

Mr. Suarez – long term lease the building will be turned over. If you want to talk about this type of stuff then we should move into closed session.

Council member O'Hagan – would like a little more time on this.

Council Member Huisking – have they indicated that they have enough money for this?

Council member O'Hagan – there are people that have come forward and we should have this out there before moving forward. I'm for this project but also willing to hear the ones that aren't in favor before moving forward.

Mayor – talk about this in closed in two weeks.

Mr. Suarez – Affordable Housing contacted the consortium and they told me Glen Rock was not part of the consortium, you have the two resolutions the initial resolution had an expert and he is unable to be an expert so an amendment was done. Total amount you will be paying is \$4,000.00 it was initially \$2,000. I recommend you get into the consortium. More in closed. I don't know anyone that isn't in it.

Mayor – talk on Wednesday about Eagle Scout. GRBSA parade good time, LAX day Harristown Road things went really well, a lot of people reached out to thank me, but thanks should go to Lenora,

### **Council Reports**

Council member Surrago – in anticipation of the ordinance for Wednesday already looking for ways to educate the public, created a flyer.

Getting ready for National EMS week send an ad to the Gazette, asking residents to help keep us strong.

Police had the new app up and within a day 150 applicants, thanked all for your support.

Change in parking configuration, both resident and nonresident at borough hall, going forward May 1<sup>st</sup> will residents only. Residents are happy, but heard from some of the nonresidents are not happy. At this point we lost three people that asked for refunds. We also added a little employee spots, right now we have an employee's parking issue. Will keep an eye on that.

Council member Pazan – Jewish Center Passover season, bills need to signed, reviewed some of the bills.

Council member Huisking – moving along with the time line written and oral interview from the chief's association in May.

Council member Martin – spring cleanup came and went, haven't heard much response back on how it went. Like to go ahead to work on the recycling video, Ridgewood water just the ordinance on Wednesday. Rec and baseball so much better all the kids we so happy, and LAX days both were great.

Council member O'Hagan – question about the ordinance for Wednesday asking if that passing it that it will be for a year from now.

Council member Surrago – we don't want to fine for this year,

Council member O'Hagan – few people that have a big problem with the ordinance.

Council member Surrago – that is the big think we are trying to get across, we are going to run out of water.

Council member Martin – if you follow the ordinance you won't get fined.

Council member O'Hagan – people feel this over steps our authority, they are not looking at the bigger picture, and they are saying we are intruding on a person's needs or want to have a green lawn.

Council member Martin – this is education, you only need to water 2days a week even in the hot summer.

Council member O'Hagan – all I am trying to say is be prepared for them to show up Wednesday night.

Mayor – it's a limited resource is the point we want to get across. Its education.

Council member O'Hagan – baseball and lacrosse, thanked both mayor & Amy, it was great, wanted to thank the mayor & council for autism awareness month, tremendous outcome. Thanked the dpw for the fields. Lap swimming and the Wyckoff Y negotiate better rate and came up with a way to get the residents the access in the morning that they wanted.

Mayor – great job on Autism Awareness month, Relay for Life would like to jump on board.

Council member Morieko – met with Georgene gross from book sale \$11,000 not certain the book sale will happen next year, the new plan going forward is trying mini golf. Family day and then and adults only day. Less work for them. Plans for the renovation, May 2<sup>nd</sup> or beyond on the same page things are progressing wonderfully.

### **Admin Report**

Harristown Road paving went well, still some striping.

May 9<sup>th</sup> propose the have meeting at 7:00 pm to have the auditor come in review the audit.

### **Public Comment –**

Doris Ciaramella – calls on the water ordinance, glad you will have discussion on that Wednesday.

Irene Brown - are you still going to have the \$1.00 parking at Main line. When opening the pool remember to have the pool heated to 82 degree.

Marie Shuck – Harding Rd. Thanked for the clean up the message got out, my neighborhood really took advantage,

Gabe Bullaro – AR-1 Zone, would like to speak about the Arboretum lease could I get a copy. We speak about the water about a natural resource we should protect as much as we can, Natural Park we should keep it open space, our master plan says we should keep it open, our environmental resource inventory says we should keep open space. It's a valuable commodity. I don't think FOGRSA has any rights that is our property. You have to consider this strongly, I disagree that you think the state doesn't need to be involved, I will check it out again. After they review they have strict regulations. Misconception that this was approved, it was a 30 minute meeting. You have to show that you had a special meeting and sent them transcripts. Don't you think the right thing to do is get the public involved?

Mayor – I feel that we are doing all of those things.

Gabe Bullaro – you have to have a special session on park land.

Mayor – we are not required to do anything with the DEP, but we are including them.

Mr. Suarez – executive session for Arboretum and Affordable housing.

***Motion made by Council member Surrago to suspend the work session***

***Seconded by Council member O'Hagan***

***All in favor***

***Meeting Adjourned: 9:32 pm.***