

Borough of Glen Rock
Executive Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2015

This meeting is called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings 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 Statute. 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 Pazan -present

Council Member Orseck - present Council Member Surrago -present

Council Member Nogara - present Council Member Martin - present

Mayor van Keuren – present

Robert Garibaldi, Borough Attorney – present

Lenora Benjamin, Borough Administrator – present

Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk - present

Mayor – would like to bring up parking. Commuter parking central business district is getting more and more severe. People complaining they can't park, most parking almost all filled. We have the Schubert org coming in next year. I asked the borough engineer to explore the possibility of parking garages in the central business district to a degree, question is where how big, how to build and what do you do with them. Some involve low density housing, not necessarily saying that is what we are going to do, but I think we need to explore it and you guys decided. To put on the table for consideration. General needs are growing. Don't have a firm time table for something to consider but I hope it will be the next work session.

Council Member Nogara – details, I see we have to explore it. I think we have always been fair and willing to work with our store owners. We don't have meters in the downtown and I don't think that is an option at this point. Explore friendly options that would benefit all. Worth exploring.

Council Member Martin – consider this parking as a grander scope, maybe Christine and come and speak to us on way she thinks we can make this bigger.

Council Member Orseck – at the planning board meeting the Schubert organization will have 53 employees coming on a daily basis sometimes more.

Mayor – I think we are not putting too many details on the word grander plan, but we have had suggestions made to us before of things that could constitute a grander plan. It would also involve input and providing education to the public. The need is a little closer at hand than before. We've had people call in the morning that can't park.

Jim Leonard – asked how many parking passes do we sell?

Lenora Benjamin – like 550.

Bruce Packer – I enter the lot at 7:30 am probably 8 or 9 spots left at that time. Think Main line fills up after rush hour.

Mayor – patch work solution, and I think we are getting to the point where we need than just a patch work solution. We have to satisfy more than commuters. What we have now isn't going to stand up much longer. Hoping what our engineer brings us will give us more of a long range thing.

Next work session Glen Court and our pending ownership, we need to make a decision on how we are going to handle that. I made note that I feel we should maintain ownership, but there are a lot of aspects. We need to decision on what form we want to retain that ownership. Financial aspect and service aspect. I invited a group to talk about what they do for the service aspect. They will talk about ways Glen Court could be made more useful to the people that live there. I don't want them to talk about vs what I do. We have to know all of the aspect of Glen Rock and what we want in the future.

Jim Leonard – are there any borough owned properties in the county to use as a template?

Mayor – don't know what Ridgewood does with theirs but I will know by then.

Age Restricted Housing – prospect street. A lot of concerns expressed exactly what is involved, how to properly define the structural perimeters, adequate size, fire department can deal with issues that arrive there. And this will serve as a template for other areas in town. We need to see exactly what the developer is talking about. There is a question about the appearance. Asking for a visual rendering in the future from the developer.

Council Member Martin – the height and setbacks are major concerns.

Mayor – what is a reasonable height from the planners view and the view from a safety prospective maybe the same or different but we need to work that out?

Council Member O'Hagan – concern to have more sprinkler but think we are getting close with the height and setback. We can with the code allow for some of these things. Hopefully we will have something that is comfortable that everyone can agree on.

Mayor – want people to feel they are included.

Council Member Martin – people are concerned, but the more information we can get out would be great. There is a lot of miss communication out there and there is a big concern with the astatic.

Council Member Nogara – verbiage in the ordinance is critical, I need to be sure the fire chief is comfortable before I was able to sign off on anything.

Mayor- grand opening of the senior web page introduced tomorrow at 9 am.

Community show case on Wednesday evening 7 – 9 pm. Three glen rock police officers honored by 200 club in Bergen County.

Council Reports –

Council Member Pazan - batman, batboy and bat girl Sunday, Oct. 18 2pm. Successful turnout Halloween murder mystery Oct 30. Talk on Cuba Oct 22 7 pm.

Council Member O’Hagan – spoke a chief in Hawthorne in regard to the training facility in Hawthorne, made some adjustments to that more inclusive to the Ambulance department as well. Bob is working on the agreement with Hawthorne. Benjamin emailed the administrator today. Tremendous relationship with Fair Lawn and Hawthorne. Looking forward to keeping that moving forward.

Council Member Nogara – brief finance meeting tonight, more to follow. Amble notice of future meetings. Open meeting, today was a brief overview to get the ball rolling. Our charge is we need to keep our level of services up to par. Keep our tax bill fairly constant, it’s a juggling act. Health care we have explored other options.

Mayor – the solution we come up with parking hoping there will be a significant revenue increase with that that will help our taxes.

Council Member Orseck – we have always paid our share of the pension. Parks & Rec. Next meeting will be next Tuesday 8pm. Parks and Rec to have a table Wednesday night. Mark Sabow sent email that all present coaches were invited. Crosswalks I talked to the mayor Hawthorne does something different, they paint them much more with white paint. Nobody stops and notices.

Council Member Surrago – the on Hamilton worked, people would slow down.

Lenora Benjamin – the thermoplastic is different than paint.

Council Member Surrago – it may be worth it. To put someone the major roads.

Lenora Benjamin – some of them are county roads, and they should be providing them. But we are having some issues with the county. We will do somethings ourselves if we are allowed to them. I will looking to what we can do.

Gerald – Oxford – asked there is a fine that could be issued.

Council Member Surrago – nothing on public works tonight’s, and you mentioned about the launch of the senior website and the showcase. Working with Glen Rock TV on a special program filming on Saturday night.

Admin Report –

No report.

Public Comment –

Gerald – revenue items. Empty spaces shared work spaces. We work. Warby parker eye glass place. Large Indian population, maybe a parade. Triathlon wrap up down town with some type of band, there are ways to pursue this with revenue. Pie in the sky to build a fun to build a dome over the pool. They are a large number of people that would pay all year for a pool. Establish the triathlon to create the fund. Retractable roof.

Council Member Nogara – council member Pazan came up with the idea years ago and he got laughed at, but I have looked into this

Skip Huisking – asked about the Carver report.

Robert Garibaldi – a few grammar changes, and then going to the PBA then will be released to the public.

Jim Leonard – memorial field article and Article about Washington Township. Wondering if all this time put in is going anywhere with the fields.

Council Member Orseck – I really would like to see in next year's budget is a drainage system and I asked to have the borough engineers look at this.

Lenora Benjamin – it was \$1,000,000 for drainage. The need to remove more soil.

Jim – we went this whole things already, is there a subcommittee do we have a plan in place to make this work in 5 years.

Lenora Benjamin – a couple of other things have come in the same vein as this. We do have a new borough engineer so they are taking a look, the possibility of figuring out what we are doing with allocation, we talked about memorial field and the sprinkler system. Logical question why not just baseball there. Maybe move soccer and lacrosse. What do the lights at the high school mean to us?

Council Member Orseck – Mark did bring us a report on usage, but he will follow up more detail on the lights. But just to let you know it has not been forgotten.

Council Member O'Hagan – that is a difficult piece of property, we have been talking about that for approx. 18 yr. All the things we have done and talked about we made a decision to fix that field, and that process was turned down. We need to make sure on what kind of money we put down there. Talking about combo of turf and grass, it is what it is. Think we need to be cautious on what we do there,

Jim – if you had that committee, if they had suggestions, those could be taking and spin it the other way. You might get a difference response down the road if you put it out there again.

Mayor – that committee dealt with an array of uses but we still need to find the money. Housing facility to generate revenue to address needs.

Bruce Packer – the field is still in horrible shape, there is still an urgency. We talked about putting a million dollars in the budget for drainage. Agree we need to do the drainage, but what comes after that once you do the drainage.

Council Member Nogara – we are waiting on the report. We haven't discussed the fields at any meeting as of now.

Gerald – survey being conducted with lap swimmers.

Lenora Benjamin – he started with the group that goes. Not just the current people, but reaching out to other groups. That

Gerald – think it should be a ballot issue, to get the full group.

Council Member Martin – about the youth council to see if we can get that back up and going.

Mayor – to talk to the superintendent Wednesday night.

Motion made by Council Member Surrago to close the work session

Seconded by Council Member Orseck

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned 8:33 pm.