

# **BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK**

## **Executive Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 8, 2014, 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 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 - absent**  
**Council Member Orseck – present**  
**Council Member Biggs - present**

**Council Member Pazan - present**  
**Council Member Surrago - present**  
**Council Member Nogara – present**

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

Nogara – Finance committee met with Chief Stahman & Captain Miller and they presented their list of needs for the upcoming year. Another finance committee meeting will be held on Wednesday at 5 pm.

Pazan – Friends of Library: as tax season approaches, they will be excepting many donations. Farewell party for Mrs. Fishelman; visit library website to see what's new.

Orseck – No Recreation Advisory Board meeting this month. Recreation basketball started this Saturday, met with Bob Van Langen regarding Faber Field; thanked Mark and Lenora for a great job with Winter Wonderland.

Council Member Surrago – Great feedback for the Winter Wonderland. The event was successful and enjoyed by all who attended. From DPW leaf pick-up - we were going to do overtime this past Saturday, but we need a full crew; scheduled for Saturday 12/13.

Lenora Benjamin – Leaf crew did come in early this morning (12/8) to pick-up over by the high school.

Council Member Nogara – On Belmont & Harristown the leaves were in huge piles and the cars were having trouble getting out.

Council Member Orseck – Would love to see us bag leaves someday. So many towns do it and it gets them off the street.

Lenora Benjamin – We haven't done it in a few years but we did do a volunteer bagging program and we provided the bags and some type of incentive for the ones that do bag.

Council Member Surrago – We got some negative feedback when he handed out bags a few years ago and some felt discriminated against with asking the resident on main roads to bag. And we provided bags at the time. We may want to start that up again at some point, but Bobby feels at some point it will most likely become mandatory.

Lenora Benjamin – Spoke with Bobby in regard to the tree planting. The contractor feels it the right time to plant as long as the ground isn't frozen; the contract called for 50% to be planted by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Biggs – Sent Lenora a note about the Glen Rock Hardware Store sign. Been brought to our attention by numerous people. Received a called from Cindy Andrade working on a project on downtowns; I gave her contacts for Pam Wolak and Walter Perry; trying to gather information from other towns.

Council Member O'Hagan – Someone brought up the activity level with the police department. I will make that information available to the public shortly moving forward. Thanked Lenora and Mark for the great success of Winter Wonderland.

### **Administrator's Report:**

Lenora Benjamin – Park Mobile contract renewal is on the agenda, it has been successful for the Borough.

Verizon proposal to install cellular receivers in the clock tower. Need to go out to bid.

Dates for the street fair and the four day fun fair.

Council Member Pazan – Do we have a calculation on the overtime for these events?

Lenora Benjamin – Not a tremendous amount of DPW, but police I will ask Jonathan for the amount.

Council Member Surrago – It's also a strain on the volunteer organizations.

Council Member Biggs – Also the new barrier will be an additional overtime expense, this year the fire department took care of that, thanks to Carmine.

Council Member O'Hagan – If that is a real concern then maybe we tell them to increase the rental of the spaces to generate more money toward the cost of overtime.

Council Member Surrago – It's not just a money issue it's a volunteer and time issue.

Amy Martin – The vendor's cover up the entire town, so no one really goes into the establishments.

Doris Ciarmella – Think that's a good point.

Bob Bourne – It's a positive thing for the town, not negating any of the issue brought up.

Irene Brown – I don't see the reason for two events.

Council Member Surrago – We did talk about a Farmers Market, and that would bring people into town that the establishments might benefit from.

Council Member Biggs- The problem is that no one wants to step up and organize it, and the insurance is an issue.

Lenora Benjamin – We came to the conclusion of manpower and who is going to be onsite for this every weekend, and who is going to take on the responsibility.

Amy Martin – A Farmer Market would be extremely successful here, and I would take that on.

Lenora Benjamin – Just a note about the adopt-a-family – if anyone would like to participate.

Mayor – As you know I asked Bob Van Langen to look into the assessment of the field needs; my only request is that you will allow him to do his thing.

Central Business District - With the Schubert organization coming into town, I suggest we look into our parking situation and see what we have and what we need, and from I see what they will put a strain on our downtown. In the same area, some concerns have been expressed about a modification to our signage ordinance; some stores with really bright signs; not sure what we can do about that but modify the ordinance to include the brightness.

Central School – In speaking with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes a couple of students commented on speeding in their neighborhood. I believe we have money in the budget for some additional signage.

First work session of January - talk about Senior Housing; pick up where we left off on our last conversation, something new that we haven't considered before.

Bob Bourne – On senior housing, there are a few paths you can take. Do you put up a seconded building, is there sufficient need; easily make a case for a second building. This should have something to help the Borough with economic needs; what to do the original building that you inherit in 2016 - either create an organization to run it, or sell it. The Council could consider to extend the right to have Glen Courts to continue to run the building - Glen Courts will create a cash flow of roughly \$500,000 that can revert back to the Borough, and then use that for a second building mortgage. Or the Borough can take the cash in now. Extend the right to use the property and how it supports the Borough. Only mentioned the potential to sell the building; the Borough need assets to create income. Inspections are finished and there is a lot of work to be done, Glen Courts generates enough revenue to cover that.

Mayor – Planning to unveil a sign under the Tom Egan tree on Saturday, Noreen doesn't know yet.

Council Member Pazan – sign on Harristown Rd. - don't block the driveway - but the driveway doesn't exist anymore.

### **Public Comment –**

Bob Bourne – leaf pickup in my section district 5 - they came around and picked up quickly.

**Motion made by Council Member Nogara to close the work session**  
**Seconded by Council Member Pazan**  
**All in favor**  
**Meeting Adjourned 8:19 pm**