

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 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 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 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

Mayor – long list on the agenda I did visit the Sigh Temple over the weekend, very nice place. Also have two Gold Awards for Wednesday. One ordinance we will introduce on Wednesday is videotaping, anyone can tape any meeting but we can set some guidelines.

Council member Surrago – asked for clarification on item 2 change public meeting to executive session.

Council member O'Hagan – what about the tapes being docks, I would like to have an official tape by the borough so we can defend.

Mr. Suarez – the official record is the tape that the clerk keeps.

Mayor – you can't tape the seal in the back, copyright things can't be put on a tape.

Anthony – you are protected by law, but you can include in the ordinance.

Mayor – signs on borough property, the ordinance was reviewed and pretty strong, going forward will have a form that would need to be filled out, needs to be approved and we can work out the details. We will take some time to go through the signs that are currently there, just to have some control on what people put on our property, just to formalize the process.

Resolution opposing the pension and Health benefits. Most towns are doing this, most pensions are fully funded and the state wants to merge with the ones that aren't funded. We are joining may other towns and saying it's unfair.

AR -1 – the planning board approved some changes, it will be on our agenda next meeting. Side set back 30 feet with a formula it added a little extra space impervious coverage is 6%, one reason no rush, we do the first reading then it will go back to the planning board to make sure it is within the master plan.

Council Report –

Council member Surrago – water conservation ordinance maybe going from the environmental commission. Request from the Ambulance Corp, help to boost our membership.

Mayor – three request from Diane Herrlett, asked to have the new members introduced to the council, asked to use the reverse 911 to look for volunteers, all are in favor.

Council member Surrago – two weeks ago got the consensus on the changing the circle. Anthony will have for Wednesday.

Council member Pazan – shade tree meeting tomorrow they will be discussing tree planting, more about the tree trust, and the type of trees to be offered. The Gold Award was Ed Delessios daughter. Glen Rock Educational Alliance, very nice to help raise money. Historical society went and donated some stuff that use to be in the display case in the old bough hall. Finance we are on green paper with the budget, thanked Lenora and the council that helped make the process flow, we tried to make as open as transparent as possible. If you recycle you might be able to reduce the household garbage you have. Unleaded fuel much cheaper than at the pumps. Recommend that the liaisons sign the bills in your box.

Council member Huisking – Police chief vacancy position posted us already hired the police chiefs associations, meeting again this week to finalize, two months to 10 for the studying and then the testing, hopefully then we will have a Chief that we all agree on and move forward with the next phase. 6 of the officers drafted a new ordinance for hiring new police officers, they did an outstanding job and they were part of the process.

Resident Michael shelter, concerned with the negative press, so he built a website to show all the great things about glen rock, we wants to beautify glen rock so he is distributing seeds for sunflowers and having the girl scouts giving them out.

Mayor – thanked public safety committee doing such a great job, moving along at such as smart and amazing pace.

Council member Martin – talk about our water I did attend a meeting last week, the new staff at Ridgewood water is extremely helpful. Will be working with the environmental commission on a water conservation ordinance. Few things I wanted to point out, some things I think are pertinent, the report that comes out annuals in the mail is hard to read, Ridgewood will put on their website how to simplify the report the new data on the lead won't be out until 2017, frustrating but that is the time. Over the next six year Ridgewood water will be implementing a \$6 million capital plan. The big figures that stick out on a normal day they pump out 5 million gallons a day in the summer they pump out 15 million gallons a month, the idea is what we can do to preserve our water. I'm encouraged by our residents and I think we need to be a little stick.

One way to get people on board is education. Moisture detectors, people that are grandfather have then no longer grandfathered need to upgrade system. That will be on our table pretty soon.

Redevelopment and development will take on a lot more water.

Council member Huisking – school system tested and found all the water to be below the standards.

Council member O'Hagan – parks 7 acre went over a few things in the budget. Thanked art for the budget, in sports baseball, lacrosse are in the practice mode, a lot of kids playing, a busy kids is a good kid. That time of year it's getting nice out. Wish everyone luck have a happy and safe year. Moving forward with making some changes at Upper Faber continue to stay on top of that. Congrats to GR Hockey team that made it to the state, And Girls Basketball great job. Thanked this body with April being Autism month, I would like to thank Kristina Peck, who is spear heading this she is dynamite, we are going to put together a few things. Perry's will provide blue ribbons to go up on the light post from APRIL 1ST TO May 1ST. Blue Spots lights that will be avail be for the month of April, more information on where they will be available. Will ask all our employees, ask to wear a multi-color ribbon. It effect 1 in 68 children, if caught early it's something that can be helped.

Council member Surrago – would like to have Ashley put something out on the website. Use our communication vehicles.

Council member O'Hagan – more information will be going home with the kids from school, more coming for a resolution on this, would like to also include the police fire and ambulance with this as well.

Council member Morieko – meeting with Betsy on Thursday, March 19th, maker's day statewide event to make culture. I was there for the tribute to Ray. March 31 to April 3 to support the book sale. Still collecting books on the 26th. Also help sorting the books.

Admin report –

No report

Mayor – thanked Lenora and Art with all the time you put in on the budget. Thank you all with the 18 meeting, great job done by everyone.

Public Comment –

Doris Ciarmella – senior advisory committee would like to set up meeting to get together with you the sooner the better, June will be here before you know it. As long as some of us are available. Skip will work out a few dates.

Daphna – elderly people don't like change, why is it taking so long to reach this point, we were told we don't know yet, who on this committee is representing us.

Doris – phone call last week, from public service she gave me my address and name and information and she asked for my bill, that is terrible.

Mayor – this happened to my parents, with said my son was in trouble at college and they had my sons name and everything.

PSEG will be at meeting next meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Morieko to close the work session

Seconded by Council Member Huisking

All in favor

Meeting Adjourned 8:39 pm.