

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Executive Meeting Minutes **Monday, September 22, 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 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:

Mayor van Keuren – present

Council Member O’Hagan - present

Council Member Orseck – present

Council Member Biggs - present

Council Member Pazan - present

Council Member Surrago - absent

Council Member Nogara - present

Mayor – mentioned the two ordinances for final reading at October meeting.

Would like a special meeting on Monday 9/29 to talk about turf field project.

Will need to return after tonight’s public meeting for various items.

I met a couple at Starbucks regarding the lap swim at the pool, will be coming to next meeting.

Resident request backboards for basketball at Sycamore Park, what’s the council position if it has changed.

Lenora Benjamin – any comment on the A frame signs.

Farmers Market/Fall Street Fair

Lenora Benjamin – Request to have farmers market - are we interested?

Council Member Biggs - Usually runs from May to October, and they probably would like to have some type of answer to contact the vendors now for next year. Does the Chamber not want to participate? Maybe a meeting to clarify.

Council Member Surrago – suggested Saturday rather than Sunday.

Lenora Benjamin – Will find out more information and report back on Monday. Police evaluated some safety precautions for Sunday, we are going to be utilizing a different barricade system something filled with water. Borrowing the equipment from Fair Lawn but will come with a \$900.00 price tag for DPW labor to assemble barricades.

Council Member Nogara – Members of the Fire Department should be able to handle that.

Financial

Lenora Benjamin – The Borough would require a financial advisor to comment further on the financing of the turf field, due to the SEC regulations. Is that something you would like to do, would you like Phoenix Advisors to look at this? The state and federal government is telling us this is what we need to do. It seems to be a reasonable fee.

Council agreed to proceed on retention of Phoenix Advisors. Resolution to be added to the next public meeting.

Lenora Benjamin – Approval for change order for the tree work.

Mayor – After the business part of the agenda, have some professionals talk on turf field. Then open it up for anyone who would like to talk about this topic.

Public Comment

Irene Brown – Asked about the barricades filled with water, how would emergency personnel be able to get in if there was an issue?

Lenora Benjamin – They will be onsite already and have access to get out.

Council Member Orseck – No issues with the bathrooms this weekend.

Lenora Benjamin – The sports group need to be a little mindfull to check on them and call us. Working on getting quotes for the bathroom then will finish before winter.

Motion to suspend work session to be reconvened after the conclusion of the public meeting. Council Member Orseck

Seconded by Council Member Surrago.

All in favor – Unanimously approved.

Meeting suspended at 7:53 pm

Motion to reopen the suspended executive meeting Council Member Pazan.

Seconded by Council Member Nogara.

All in favor: Unanimously approved Meeting reconvened at 9:25 pm.

Composting

Council Member Surrago – composting container can't be within 10 feet of property line to conform to code that is existing with small structures. Limitation on size 36 sq. ft.

Turf Field

Council Member Surrago – Frequently asked questions by residents. Suggested that the Borough/Communications Coordinator post information on the Borough website.

Council Member Nogara – Would like tonight’s session be posted on front page of website. Post schedule of where they can get the information.

Councilmember Biggs – Agreed to have a schedule posted on the website.

9/29 finance meeting 10/15 & 10/29.

Policy

Council Member Biggs – General policy for a message to go on Borough sign for free event providing it is Glen Rock sponsored and open to residents for no cost. Once you get into fund raising, there would be the fee.

Lenora Benjamin – Confirmed that the Borough does not allow fundraising on Borough property (i.e., pool parking lot). An event sponsored by the Arboretum on Sunday October 5th. Not sure how they got permission.

No approval for the use of the parking lot due to liability, insurance and clean up.

Turf

Council Member Orseck – Sports group sent out letter to last graduating class on how to get an absentee ballot; distributing lawn signs to vote yes for improvement of Faber Field. Some very active women group seems to be growing, waiting on social media until sometime in October.

Mark Barone- Soft opening with their campaign this past weekend, and they will be having a hard opening with a table at the fall festival with information; tables at every game. Meeting here tomorrow night as well, they also meet last week.

Signs

Lenora Benjamin – “A” frame signs - questioning Borough policy on the form and size of the sign. Currently, they are prohibited but we have been allowing a few signs to be placed in the downtown area. Now we have the new barber shop that have the sign out on the corner.

Council Member Surrago – maybe we should update the ordinance.

Mayor – think right now we are a little afraid of offending the businesses.

Council Member Biggs – we have gotten comments about the property in the middle of town by Rock Ridge that turns out to be private property.

Council Member Surrago – do we want to make changes? Limit the time it’s allowed to be out. 4 times a year for example.

Council Member Nogara – we almost have to if we want to be business friendly.

Mayor – we can make the size of the sign and location. Asked Lenora to check with counter parts. Talk more about this on the work session on the 8th of October.

Calendar Request

Lenora Benjamin – Request from the Jaycees to put events on calendar.

Council agreed not to approve the request.

Public Comment

Bob Bourne – Is the field a safety issue? If so, it may open up the next law suit. If it is a safety issue, why not shut the field down today? Engineer question - how much will the system hold in storm water drainage. Cost of drainage system proposed by the Engineer?

Motion to Close Work Session Council Member Pazan

Seconded By Council Member Biggs

All in favor – Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 PM