

## **BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK**

### **Executive Session**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2014**

**This meeting is called pursuant to 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 January, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statutes. 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 Biggs – present, Council Member Nogara - present. Mayor van Keuren – present.**

Review of Public Agenda

#### **Trees**

Mayor – Handed out a plan for the pilot tree replacement program. Would like all to review for discussion at our next work session in September.

Council Member Orseck – Asked if we have any money in budget for the tree program?

Mayor – Yes we do.

Council Member Surrago – Asked if there will be any money left over from Hazlehurst and Glen project?

Council Member Biggs – Suggested that we set a cap on this to start with.

Council Member Surrago – Asked how big are these tree?

Lenora Benjamin – The Borough should be able to take most of them down. We will need to check to see if there are any wire issues.

Mayor – Suggest talking with Bobby Tirserio about this first.

Council Member Orseck – Concerned that this will set a precedence.

#### **Turf Debate**

Council Member Pazan – We need to get back to Ted about the moderator, and would like to know what the qualifications are.

Council Member Surrago – I trust his judgment, will he be looking for an answer tonight.

Mayor – I think he is looking for a yes or no and I believe we are all ok with this.

Council Member Orseck – Suggested having some ground rules.

Mayor – Mentioned at a previous meeting I would make some remarks about the budget, so I will be making them tonight.

Council Member Nogara – Still waiting on increases per household, 3 -5 years of our portions of health care premium.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Crevina – When I was here Monday night a vote was taken to send a letter to us, did any of the members speak to the official ahead of time on how was the decision reached?

Robert Garibaldi – The Council relied on my presentation to them.

Mrs. Crevina – Asked did the Council review the letter back in July? The letter limits his position; no one said that there was a violation because the town wouldn't remove the leaves. We asked that the property owner remove the leaves. No one has responded.

Robert Garibaldi – If you read Mr. Tirserio letter his interpretation is there are no violations. Three separate individuals were on the property and found no violations. You have three separate statements that represent there is no issue.

Mrs. Crevina – Both Councilmember O'Hagan and Councilmember Surrago were both at the property and said they saw leaves.

Robert Garibaldi – There is nothing that is chargeable against the Borough. You have the right to take this to court if you like.

Mr. Crevina – Why are you accepting this when you know that is not the fact and he is not supporting the ordinance.

Robert Garibaldi – If there were any issues, Mr. Berninger would have removed himself from this situation. That aside, you have two other officials saying the same thing.

Mr. Crevina – Can I get a straight written response that there are no leaves on the property? We have leaves inches thick from our side of the property that you can see.

Robert Garibaldi – They went on the actual site.

**Motion to Close the Work Session made by Council Member Orseck**

**Seconded by Council Member Biggs**

**All in Favor**

**Adjourned 7:58 pm**