

**PUBLIC MEETING – Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.**

**There will be a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.**

**Agenda: (May be subject to change)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL**

**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 January, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statue. 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.**

**In accordance with the New Jersey State Fire & Safety Code I call your attention to the lighted exit signs. In the event the alarm sounds, move in an orderly manner toward the exit nearest you and leave the building.**

**Council Member O’Hagan – present  
Council Member Orseck – present  
Council Member Biggs – present**

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Council President O’Hagan asked the GRHS Girls Basketball Captains and Team to lead the council and audience in the flag salute. Council President O’Hagan introduced the team and Manager and noted their many achievements.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so request it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies adoption of all resolutions, received and filed letters, correspondence, reports and approval of applications and minutes.**

**Correspondence: (attached)**

- 1. Letter from PK Environmental–NJDEP Ltr of Interpretation (B127 L2, 3&4)**
- 2. Email Re: Eagle Scout Service Project**
- 3. Email Re: Geeseland**
- 4. Email Re: Boro Hall Train Station**
- 5. Email Re: Sidewalks on Rock Road**
- 6. Email Re: Question for Smoothie King on Rock Road**
- 7. Email Re: More Question from Residents**
- 8. Email Re: Contact request**
- 9. Email Re: Winter – we’re not done yet!**

**Resolutions:**

**1. Resolution for Approval of Minutes (1/29/14)**

**Resolution No. 74-14**

**Offered by Council Member Biggs**

**Seconded by Council Member Orseck**

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**BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of:**

**Public Meeting – January 29, 2014**

**Be accepted as submitted.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Member O’Hagan –yes**

**Council Member Orseck – yes**

**Council Member Biggs – yes**

**Council Member Pazan - yes**

**Council Member Surrago - abstain**

**Council Member Nogara – yes**

**2. Resolution for Payment of Bills**

**Resolution No. 75-14**

**Offered by Council Member Biggs**

**Seconded by Council Member Orseck**

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**BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bills of the Borough of Glen Rock be paid in the amount of \$ 8,726,766.54.**

<b>GRBOE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,004,186.00</b>
<b>GR Payroll</b>		<b>586,574.32</b>
<b>NJSHBP</b>		<b>185,308.03</b>
<b>Chase DTC</b>		<b>530,245.63</b>
<b>PVSC</b>		<b>130,321.72</b>
<b>County of Bergen</b>		<b>1,401,000.00</b>
<b>County Open Space</b>		<b>15,500.00</b>
<b>P.S.E.&amp;G.</b>		<b>46,479.36</b>
<b>Rachele’s/Michele’s</b>		<b>23,968.92</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,923,583.98</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		<b>216,901.87</b>
<b>General Capital</b>		<b>27,041.77</b>
<b>Dog Trust</b>		<b>2,719.00</b>
<b>Payroll</b>		<b>572,085.69</b>
<b>Developer’s Escrow</b>		<b>11,476.00</b>
<b>Total Payment of Bills</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,726,766.54</b>

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O'Hagan - yes  
Council Member Orseck – yes  
Council Member Biggs - yes

Council Member Pazan - yes  
Council Member Surrago - yes  
Council Member Nogara - yes

**3. Resolution for Tax Overpayment Refund (B47 L2)**

**Resolution No 76-14**

**Offered by Council Member Biggs**

**Seconded by Council Member Orseck**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that through a State Tax Court Appeal on Block 47 Lot 2, located at 291 Dunham Place., there was a Settlement agreed to for the assessed value in the amount of \$825,000.00 valid for 2012 and for 2013,**

**THEREFORE, the amount of taxes paid by 291 Dunham Place in 2012 was \$22,434.89 and with the approved change in assessment the amount should have been \$21,821.25 so there is an over payment of \$613.64 and in the year 2013 taxes paid was \$22,731.76 and with the approved change should have been \$22,110.00 so that there is an over payment of \$621.76,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Glen Rock hereby reimburses William S. Winters, Esq. for the home owner Ricky Kaming Leung a total check for \$1,235.40 (\$613.64 for 2012 and \$621.76 for 2013).**

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O'Hagan - yes  
Council Member Orseck – yes  
Council Member Biggs - yes

Council Member Pazan - yes  
Council Member Surrago - yes  
Council Member Nogara - yes

**4. Resolution for Tax Overpayment Refund (B218 L6)**

**Resolution No 77-14**

**Offered by Council Member Biggs**

**Seconded by Council Member Orseck**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND**

**WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that through a State Tax Court Appeal on Block 218 Lot 6, located at 14 Gibson Place., there was a Settlement agreed to for the assessed value in the amount of \$350,000 valid for 2012 and for 2013 an assessed value in the amount of \$340,000.00,**

**THEREFORE, the amount of taxes paid by 14 Gibson Place in 2012 was \$10,979.40 and with the approved change in assessment the amount should have been \$9,257.50 so there is an over payment of \$1,721.90 and in the year 2013 taxes paid was \$11,124.68 and with the approved change should have been \$9,112.00 so that there is an over payment of \$2,012.68,**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Glen Rock hereby reimburses Steven D. Muhlstock, Esq. for the home owners Justin & Cheryl Moss a total check for \$3,734.58 (\$1,721.90 for 2012 and \$2, 012.68 for 2013).

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O’Hagan - yes	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Orseck – yes	Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Biggs - yes	Council Member Nogara - yes

**5. Resolution for Transfer of Funds (2013 Budget)**

Resolution No. 78-14  
 Offered by Council Member Biggs  
 Seconded by Council Member Orseck

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the following transfers be made within the 2013 Municipal Budget:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
32-4652 Dumping Fees	25-2401 Police S&W	\$10,000.00
31-4372 Water	25-2401 Police S&W	\$10,000.00
31-4303 Natural Gas	25-2401 Police S&W	\$10,000.00
31-4301 Electricity	25-2401 Police S&W	\$ 3,900.00
27-3302 Board of Health OE	20-1552 Legal	\$ 4,800.00
28-3752 Pool OE	20-1552 Legal	\$ 3,000.00
31-4301 Electricity	20-1552 Legal	\$ 1,700.00
25-2602 First Aid	20-3102 Building & Grounds OE	\$ 2,600.00
21-1801 Planning Bd S&W	20-1452 Tax OE	\$ 383.00
21-1802 Planning Bd OE	20-1451 Tax S&W	\$ 720.00
21-1802 Planning Bd OE	20-2522 OEM OE	\$ 20.00
21-1802 Planning Bd OE	25-2681 Fire Prevention S&W	\$ 176.00
25-2682 Fire Prevention OE	25-2681 Fire Prevention S&W	\$ 745.00
26-3302 DPW OE	26-3301 DPW S&W	\$ 8,900.00
26-3302 DPW OE	26-3051 Sanitation S&W	\$ 3,500.00
26-3062 Recycling OE	26-3061 Recycling S&W	\$ 2,650.00
26-3062 Recycling OE	31-4352 Street Lighting	\$ 9,156.00
23-2252 Employees Group Ins	31-4352 Street Lighting	\$ 4,550.00
28-3772 Shuttle Bus OE	28-3771 Shuttle Bus S&W	\$ 341.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$77,141.00</b>

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O’Hagan - yes	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Orseck – yes	Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Biggs – yes	Council Member Nogara - yes

**6. Resolution for Tax Appeal Settlement (B130 L3)**

**Resolution No. 79-14**

**Offered by Council Member Biggs**

**Seconded by Council Member Orseck**

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT  
(B 130, L 3)**

WHEREAS, there is pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey, the matter Phyllis Mirenberg-Simon and Steven Simon v. Glen Rock bearing Docket No. 015059-2013;

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor, has recommended a modification to the 2013 assessment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of discussions between the Tax Assessor, the Plaintiffs' attorney, and the Borough Attorney, it is the recommendation of the Tax Assessor that the Mayor and Council ratify and approve the settlement of this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council having reviewed the recommendation for reduction in the assessment of the following Tax Court of New Jersey appeal do hereby ratify the following settlement:

<u>PROPERTY OWNER</u>	<u>BLOCK/ LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ORIGINAL ASS'MENT</u>	<u>SETTLEMENT</u>
Mirenberg-Simon & Simon	130/3	2013	\$475,000.00	\$450,000.00

2. Taxpayer agrees to waive prejudgment interest provided that the tax refund is paid within sixty (60) days of the judgment.

3. The Tax Assessor shall reduce the 2014 tax assessment to a total assessment of not more than \$400,000.00.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O'Hagan - yes  
Council Member Orseck – yes  
Council Member Biggs – yes

Council Member Pazan - yes  
Council Member Surrago - yes  
Council Member Nogara - yes

Motion to accept consent agenda by Council Member Biggs  
Seconded by Council Member Orseck

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O'Hagan - yes  
Council Member Orseck – yes  
Council Member Biggs – yes

Council Member Pazan - yes  
Council Member Surrago - yes  
Council Member Nogara - yes

**4. MOTIONS**

**Departmental Reports**

Council member Biggs (*Communications*) – A collection receptacle has been placed at the Main Line Station for collection of worn and tattered flags. Juliana Lesso has taken this project on for her Gold Award. Secondly, a lot of information has been dispersed to residents over the past few weeks. We continue to receive comments from residents stating they do not receive the

communications. Council member Biggs noted there will be a letter in the Gazette this week depicting the various methods residents can sign up to receive the communications. The best way is to visit the borough website, [www.glenrocknj.net](http://www.glenrocknj.net). Additionally, e-mails and reverse 9-1-1 calls are made (this too requires signing up through GRINS on the website), there is a Facebook page, a twitter account, the borough electronic sign is used as well as GRTV and the Gazette. Library personnel are willing to help you sign-up or simply call Borough Hall. Residents are strongly, strongly urged to sign-up.

Council member Nogara (*Finance*) – Finance Committee has been meeting and hope to have a final 2014 budget meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Council member Pazan (*Library*) – March 1<sup>st</sup> the Library will be sponsoring a program entitled “Beatles and Bubble Gum”. All are invited to attend and twist and shout while learning about the music of the 50’s and 60’s. The Friends of the Library will be collecting gently used books through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Book Sale will be March 27-30, 2014.

Council member O’Hagan (*Public Safety*) – Reminded residents to help the Fire Department and clear any fire hydrant that may be on or near your property. Additionally, sidewalks and walkways need to be clear in case there is an emergency. Please remember vehicle line of site is compromised with the snow banks at corners and intersections.

Council member Surrago (*Public Works*) – Please remember there is a method for DPW to handle the snow removal from the streets with safety being first and foremost. Our Public Works employees have been working 12+ hour days. Manhours for the six storms occurring between January 2 and February 14 were 1701 of which 1,065 were overtime hours equating to \$56,591. However, since we plow some county roads located in Glen Rock we will be reimbursed for nearly \$22,000 of that overtime cost. The Borough will continue with front yard/curb trash pick-up until it is determined it is appropriate to go back to rear yard pick. 90% of the potholes in town are located on County roads. Please e-mail or call DPW if there is a pothole on your street that needs to be patched. Our recycling vendors will no longer accept plastic bags so the public will need to be reeducated when placing recyclables at the curb. Eventually there will be a cut-off date when recyclables will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags. Residents are reminded when putting out cardboard to please breakdown the boxes and insert into one of the larger boxes or simply tie them together.

At this time Environmental Commission member Chris Leishear updated everyone on the Home Energy Audit to be conducted by Ciel Power. There will be an article in the Gazette explaining the program. Given the high energy bills this program may provide some answers and hopefully some relief.

Scott Fisher, Ciel Power – Commented their objective is to promote the Home Energy Star Program to the homeowner. There is \$15,000/home available of incentives to help homeowners make their homes more energy efficient. Ciel Power is an accredited provider for this program.

Council member Nogara asked if there is a cost to the homeowner and if there is any obligation from the homeowner.

Mr. Fisher replied a home energy assessment is available to Glen Rock residents for a discounted rate of \$49 (normally \$99).

Council member Orseck (*Parks & Recreation*) – Basketball and indoor soccer is ongoing, as is registration for spring sports. Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Opening Day Parade for baseball. Additionally, the Arboretum is always looking for volunteers and after the winter we’ve had they’re going to need a lot of help this year.

Motion to accept reports as filed:  
Motion by Council Member Nogara  
Seconded by Council Member Pazan

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O’Hagan - yes	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Orseck – yes	Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Biggs – yes	Council Member Nogara - yes

**5. ORDINANCES**

**Ord. # 1695 – Final Reading - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK ENTITLED “ZONING”, TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA IN THE A-1 AND A-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICTS**

A motion to carry this ordinance until April 16<sup>th</sup> so the Planning Board can review was made by Council member Pazan and seconded by Council member O’Hagan.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Member O’Hagan - yes	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Orseck – yes	Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Biggs – yes	Council Member Nogara - yes

**6. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Before speaking at the meeting, each person must state their name and address. 5 minute limit)**

Matt Zilveti – Matt is an Eagle Award candidate and proposed to the Council building two scoreboards for Memorial Field as his Eagle project.

Council member Orseck commented she would need further detailed information to discuss.

Matt stated he does have a basic diagram and possible location. Matt also had a few questions and needs some additional information.

Council member Orseck stated the next Council meeting is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> as well as the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. After these two meetings Council member Orseck will contact Matt.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Council member Biggs  
Seconded by Council member Nogara  
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.