

PUBLIC MEETING – Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 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 Nogara – present**

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council member Orseck led the Council and audience in the flag salute.

Mayor van Keuren commented on the passing of Maria Tishman, longtime resident and 1948 Olympic participant in fencing. She was an enormous credit to the Borough and will be missed.

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:

1. Letter from Sue Tryforos - Our fantastic DPW

Resolutions:

1. Resolution for Approval of Minutes - Public Meeting 12/10/14 and 12/29/14
Executive Session - 12/8/14 Closed Session 12/8/14, 12/10/14 and 12/29/14

Resolution No. 49-15

Offered by Council Member O’Hagan

Seconded by Council Member Nogara

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of:

**Public Meetings – 12/10/14, 12/29/14
Executive Session – 12/8/14,
Closed Session – 12/8/14, 12/10/14, 12/29/14**

Be accepted as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

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

2. Resolution for Payment of Bills

Resolution No. 50-15

Offered by Council Member O’Hagan

Seconded by Council Member Nogara

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bills of the Borough of Glen Rock be paid in the amount of \$ 4,912,476.83.

GR BOE	\$ 1,688,411.00
GR Payroll	574,025.31
NJSHBP	196,923.19
BCMJIF	109,651.86
Chase/DTC	799,281.25
PVSC	137,968.52
Garibaldi	14,191.70
BCUA	43,340.12
Iron Mtn. Mulch	15,744.00
PSE&G	28,923.92
SUBTOTAL	\$ 3,608,460.87
Miscellaneous	65,123.99
Total Current Fund	\$ 3,673,584.86
General Capital	\$ 608,840.02
DDEF	165.00
Animal Control	2,201.20
Trust/Other	44,437.98
Developer’s Fees	.32
Off Duty Police Officers	24,886.10
GR Payroll	558,361.35

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that there is a need for the hiring of a police officer for the Borough of Glen Rock Police Department; and

WHEREAS, after interview and reviews of applicants, the Glen Rock Public Safety Committee, with the concurrence of the Police Chief, has recommended that John Tarantino be ultimately appointed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Rock, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough of Glen Rock hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to John Tarantino, as a full time police officer with the Borough of Glen Rock Police Department.
2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall have a commencement of employ on February 11, 2015, subject to the satisfaction of all conditions/requirements set forth in this Resolution.
3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical and psychological examinations as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.
4. John Tarantino shall be compensated in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and PBA Local 110 with an annual salary of \$38,668.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Borough Administration be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to John Tarantino, the Personnel Department of the Borough of Glen Rock and the Glen Rock Police Department.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - yes
Council Member Orseck - yes
Council Member Nogara - yes

Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Martin - yes

5. Resolution for Condition Letter of Employment Hire New Police Officer

Resolution No. 53-15
Offered by Council Member: O'Hagan
Seconded by: Nogara

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONDITIONAL
OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO RYAN BURKE**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined, after consultation with the Chief of Police, that there is a need for the hiring of a police officer for the Borough of Glen Rock Police Department; and

WHEREAS, after interview and reviews of applicants, the Glen Rock Public Safety Committee, with the concurrence of the Police Chief, has recommended that Ryan Burke be ultimately appointed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Rock, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Glen Rock hereby authorizes a conditional offer of employment to Ryan Burke, as a full time police officer with the Borough of Glen Rock Police Department.**
- 2. The offer of employment set forth herein shall have a commencement of employ on February 11, 2015, subject to the satisfaction of all conditions/requirements set forth in this Resolution.**
- 3. The appointment set forth herein shall be contingent and conditional upon completion and approval of a satisfactory background check, physical and psychological examinations as well as any other examinations and evaluations recommended by the Chief of Police.**
- 4. Ryan Burke shall be compensated in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and PBA Local 110 with an annual salary of \$38,668.00.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Borough Administration be and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Ryan Burke, the Personnel Department of the Borough of Glen Rock and the Glen Rock Police Department.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - yes

Council Member Orseck - yes

Council Member Nogara - yes

Council Member Pazan - yes

Council Member Surrago - yes

Council Member Martin - yes

- 6. Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Glen Rock to enter into Shared Service Agreement with Glen Rock Board of Education**

Resolution No: 54-15

Offered by Councilman O'Hagan

Seconded by Councilman Nogara

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE**

GLEN ROCK BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock (“Borough”) and Glen Rock Board of Education (“BOE”) seek to enter into a Shared Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007, c.63 (C:40A:65-1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007, c.63 (C:40A:65-1, et seq.) promotes the broad use of shared services as a technique to reduce local expenses funded by property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007, c.63 (C:40A:65-1, et seq.) allows for any local unit to enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any services that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction for a period of up to ten (10) years as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7(4); and

WHEREAS, the participating contracting units recognize the need for the utilization of the Borough engineer for certain defined future projects as defined in the Shared Services Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Stantec, Inc. and the Borough Construction Code Official have approved the proposed shared services to be provided with/to the BOE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock hereby authorizes the following:

- 1. The Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement with the Glen Rock Board of Education for the review and oversight of future BOE projects by the Borough Engineer, Construction Code Official in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 65-1 et seq.**

ROLL CALL:

**Council Member O’Hagan - yes
Council Member Orseck - yes
Council Member Nogara - yes**

**Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Martin - yes**

**Motion to accept consent agenda by Council Member O’Hagan
Seconded by Council Member Nogara**

ROLL CALL:

**Council Member O’Hagan - yes
Council Member Orseck – yes
Council Member Nogara - yes**

**Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Martin – yes**

4. MOTIONS

Departmental Reports

Council member Surrago (*Public Works*) - Clean up from the last storm was very fast and efficient. Household garbage is to be put at the curb until further notice, this is for the safety of our sanitation crew. A dumpster will be located at the Recycling Center for vegetative waste. The Environmental Commission continues to work on the Borough's recertification for sustainable New Jersey.

Council member Nogara (*Finance*) - The next Finance Committee meeting will be Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 a.m. as well as Monday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Council member Orseck (*Parks & Recreation*) - The Recreation Advisory Board meets monthly with the next meeting being held Tuesday, February 10th at 8:00 p.m. Registration is open for spring sports. The Arboretum Building fund will be discussed in detail at a later date.

Council member Pazan (*Library/Zoning & Planning*) - The Library continues to have a plethora of programs available for all ages and interests. The Library Board elected a new president, Judy Silver. New patrons and readership percentages have all increased. The Zoning Office is open M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Zoning office is responsible for the enforcement of the zoning ordinances.

Council member O'Hagan (*Public Safety*) - Unfortunately, we have had several active house fires in town. The Fire, Ambulance and Police work extremely well together and need to be commended. Council member O'Hagan thanked Joanne Perry and Noreen Egan, OEM as well as Ambulance and Fire who were available around the clock in anticipation of the storm, which fortunately missed us.

Council member Martin (*Licenses & Franchises*) - No report at this time.

Motion to accept reports as filed:
Motion by Council Member Surrago
Seconded by Council Member Martin

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - yes	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Orseck - yes	Council Member Surrago - yes
Council Member Nogara - yes	Council Member Martin - yes

5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Before speaking at the meeting, each person must state their name and address. 2 minute limit)

Mike Donoghue, 28 Ferndale - Mr. Donoghue believes in Officers McInerney and Scott and requests their pay and benefits be reinstated until this suit is adjudicated.

Neil Sullivan, 39 Birchwood - Mr. Sullivan expressed confusion in the Mayor's comments of the Council being unaware of the exact charges against the police officers. Mayor van Keuren stated the Council has been strongly advised not to discuss these proceedings. Mr. Sullivan noted that in order for the Council to perform their duties you should be aware of the charges. The penalty has been given, yet we don't know the charges.

Phil Caffrey, 43 Oxford Place - No one knows what is going on. These police officers have done nothing but stellar work and yet they are in a position with no pay or health benefits. This isn't going away so please make a decision soon.

Mayor van Keuren stated the charges are with the Hearing Officer and he has been encouraged to handle this as expeditiously as possible.

Skip Huisking, Andover Terrace - Mr. Huisking encouraged the Council to exercise leadership and take an approach to open communication. Comments on social media are tearing this town apart. Mr. Huisking sees the search for a sacrificial lamb beginning to grow. Mr. Huisking believes the recent sexual harassment suit has created a situation of revenge and knee-jerk reactions.

Kevin Davitt, 153 Glen Avenue - Mr. Davitt asked if there was a Council vote when the officers were suspended without pay. Mr. Garibaldi replied that was the decision of the Police Chief, no vote was taken by the Council. Mr. Davitt had some clarifying questions about Thomas Hanrahan (Special Prosecutor/Labor Counsel).

Jim McKenna, 16 Cumberland - Mr. McKenna asked if Mr. Hanrahan and the Hearing Judge ever worked together for the Borough. Mr. Garibaldi replied they did work together on the last suit which is subject to civil litigation. Mr. McKenna asked what the deductible and cap is on our insurance (JIF).

Jim Wallace, Valley Road - Mr. Wallace expressed that there seems to be a general concern from the residents, specifically management issues and how they reflect on the Council and the town. It appears that the Council is out of touch with the residents, as well as municipal personnel issues. Where is the checks and balance with the municipality? The Council has not acted properly in order to protect the residents as well as the protection of two employees.

Mayor van Keuren replied this was a personnel issue within the Police Department where the Chief did his job. He brought it to the Council to which the Council replied we need to have a hearing.

Mr. Wallace rebuked the Mayor's response stating he is just giving the people more legal fog.

Dan McInerney, 86 Concord Avenue - Mr. McInerney expressed his total disgust with the lack of action that has occurred over the last month. The Council has the authority to restore pay to these two police officers and because they have not Mr. McInerney is embarrassed.

Joan Carbone, 43 Godfrey - Mrs. Carbone thought it was simply a mistake that these two officers were suspended without pay or benefits. Residents are confused by the slow action of the Council. Mrs. Carbone is hopeful that a decision will be made in the next few days concerning these officers and it will restore a bit of faith in the community.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Council member Surrago
Seconded by Council member Orseck
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.**