

**PUBLIC MEETING – Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.**

**There will be a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 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 December, 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 Surrago – absent  
Council Member Huisking – present**

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

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Council member Pazan led the Council and audience in the flag salute.**

**Mayor Packer introduced Mr. Tom Toronto who is the President of United Way, Bergen County chapter. Mr. Toronto gave an update on the Bradford Street house. Mr. Toronto recapped that a condemned home on Bradford Street has been purchased, which will be demolished and a four-bedroom shared home will be built. Unfortunately, two issues have needed to be addressed prior to the demolition of the home; one, an underground storage tank needed to be removed and secondly, a \$6,000 unpaid water bill from a previous owner needed to be resolved. Once these two issues are resolved progress will continue. All of the utilities have been turned off and the house has been fumigated.**

**Mike Skro who is the architect for this project was introduced. Mr. Skro is a practicing, licensed architect in the State of New Jersey and has appeared before Glen Rock Boards as an expert in his field. Mr. Skro stated the goal here was to integrate a group home in an existing neighborhood. The proposed footprint will be nearly the same size as the existing home. The home will be approximately 2,200 square feet with a maximum height of 23’. The home will contain four bedrooms, a common gathering area and ADA compliant bathrooms.**

**Mr. Skro commented this lot could have easily handled a larger home; however they found that “sweet spot” where the rooms as comfortable and spacious enough without becoming unnecessarily large.**

**Mr. Huisking clarified that there would be four bedrooms, equating to four residents, which is considerably lower than earlier estimates.**

Mayor Packer asked once the demolition is approved how long before construction begins and what would be its duration.

Mr. Toronto replied they hope to begin during the summer taking advantage of the weather with the duration lasting 6-8 months. The Glen Rock community will be notified when the application process is open making sure Glen Rock residents have an opportunity to reside here.

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This Saturday is Relay for Life to be held at Hamilton School from 3pm on Saturday until 7am Sunday.

We had a joint meeting with the Planning Board earlier this evening to discuss concerns about the AR-1 zone.

Mayor Packer read a resolution from the Religious Communities concerning Winter Wonderland, which the Council will take under advisement when planning this year's celebration.

Mayor Packer read the following proclamation supporting Gun Violence Awareness Day:

*Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 2, 2016*

Whereas: 30,000 Americans across the country are killed every year as a result of gun violence – including 12,000 who are murdered – destroying families and communities in big cities and small towns; and

Whereas: As Mayors, we are duty-bound to do everything in our power to protect our residents, especially our children, from harm, and there is no greater threat to public safety than the threat of illegal guns;

Now, therefore, we resolve to work together to find innovative new ways to advance the following principles:

- Punish to the maximum extent of the law criminals who possess, use, and traffic in illegal guns.
- Target and hold accountable irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by knowingly selling guns to straw purchasers.
- Extend background check requirements to all gun sales, including the private sales that take place online and at gun shows.
- Oppose all federal efforts to restrict cities' right to access, use, and share trace data that is so essential to effective enforcement, or to interfere with the ability of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to combat illegal gun trafficking.
- Work to develop and use technologies that aid in the detection and tracing of illegal guns.
- Support all local state and federal legislation that targets illegal guns; coordinate legislative, enforcement and litigation strategies; and share information and best practices.

Further, I Bruce Packer, Mayor of the Borough of Glen Rock, NJ, declare June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Gun Violence Awareness Day and encourage all residents to Wear Orange to honor the victims and survivors of gun violence.

### 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.

### 4. Resolutions:

1. Resolution for Approval of Minutes

#### **Resolution No. 130-16**

**Offered by Council Member Morieko**

**Seconded by Council Member O'Hagan**

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

**Public Meeting – 4/7/16**

**Be accepted as submitted.**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

<b>Council Member O'Hagan – yes</b>	<b>Council Member Pazan - yes</b>
<b>Council Member Surrago – absent</b>	<b>Council Member Martin - yes</b>
<b>Council Member Huisking - yes</b>	<b>Council Member Morieko – yes</b>

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**Motion to accept consent agenda by Council Member Morieko**  
**Seconded by Council Member O'Hagan**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

<b>Council Member O'Hagan – yes</b>	<b>Council Member Pazan - yes</b>
<b>Council Member Surrago – absent</b>	<b>Council Member Martin - yes</b>
<b>Council Member Huisking - yes</b>	<b>Council Member Morieko – yes</b>

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### 5. ORDINANCES

**Ordinance Procedure # 1742 (No left turn onto Glen Avenue)**

**Date of Introduction: May 11, 2016**

**Council Resolution #131-16**

**Introduced by Council Member Huisking**

**Seconded by Council Member Martin**

**Be It Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Rock that of AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK, CHAPTER 216-39 SCHEDULE XI ENTITLED “VEHICLES & TRAFFIC; SCHEDULE XI, TRAFFIC CONTROL**

**Heretofore introduced and does now pass on first reading, and that the said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on May 25, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Glen Rock, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Bergen Record according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Member O’Hagan – yes  
Council Member Surrago – absent  
Council Member Huisking - yes**

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

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK  
ORDINANCE # 1742**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK, CHAPTER 216-39 SCHEDULE XI ENTITLED “VEHICLES & TRAFFIC; SCHEDULE XI, TRAFFIC CONTROL”**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock recognize the need to amend the Chapter 216-39 Schedule XI of the Borough Ordinance as follows:**

**Now, therefore, be it ordained as follows:**

**SECTION 1.**

**Chapter 216-39 Schedule XI is amended and supplemented as set forth below.**

- a. 216-39 Schedule XI, “Glen Avenue” is added under the subheading, “Location”.**
- b. 216-39 Schedule XI, “Left turn from north on Glen Avenue to west on Maple Avenue” is added under the subheading, “Turn Prohibited”.**

**SECTION 2.**

**All other parts, portions and provisions of the Borough Code of the Borough of Glen**

Rock, be and the same, are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms thereof. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms of this Ordinance shall be deemed to govern.

### **SECTION 3.**

The terms of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; should any part, portion or provision hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, said finding shall not affect any other part, portion or provision thereof.

### **SECTION 4.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

**6. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** (Before speaking at the meeting, each person must state their name and address. 3 minute limit)

**Gabe Bullaro, Doremus Avenue - Mr. Bullaro distributed a “packet” to members of the Council. Mr. Bullaro asked if any discussions have taken place regarding the Arboretum lease. Mayor Packer replied FOGRA gave the Council a proposed lease to which the Council has met in closed session to discuss. After this Mr. Suarez, myself and a small group met with FOGRA expressing our concerns to which they came back with a revised proposal. This is where we stand in this ongoing process. Mr. Bullaro believes we should immediately suspend any negotiations with FOGRA concerning this lease. Mr. Bullaro has requested from FOGRA an independent financial audit to see how healthy this non-profit organization is; however, to this day he has not received anything. Legally they are required to file with the State; however, upon Mr. Bullaro contacting the Department of Consumer Affairs he discovered FOGRA has been non-compliant since 2006. Mr. Bullaro also commented FOGRA received \$115,000 from Minolta; however they reported to the IRS that they collected under \$50,000. Mr. Bullaro asked if this is correct what is/will the Council do about it? A non-profit organization is not permitted to fundraise. Mr. Bullaro reiterated his belief that we should suspend all negotiations as we don’t know who we are dealing with. It is the obligation of the Mayor and Council to protect the residents of Glen Rock.**

**John Gunther, 54 Glen Boulevard - Mr. Gunther commented all details, including tax filings, need to be “ironed” out before a lease is signed. On a different subject, Mr. Gunther believes any policy that Glen Rock puts into place regarding water conservation will only conserve water for the other towns that use Ridgewood Water. Mr. Gunther suggested all the towns that use Ridgewood Water should get together and establish a policy that all towns agree with and will ultimately conserve water. Doing it independently without the other towns will put the burden on Glen Rock and have no benefit.**

**Council member Martin replied they have reached out to the other towns and are working with them. Glen Rock is taking a leadership position on this with Wyckoff and Ridgewood saying they will follow suit.**

**Jim Seaton, Ferndale Avenue - Mr. Seaton is concerned with the traffic congestion on Doremus Avenue. Mr. Seaton asked if a traffic study has been done.**

Mayor Packer commented this question has come up before, noting that the relatively small capacity of the building and number of people using the building there would not be a situation where a lot of traffic or parking spots are created.

Mr. Seaton argued with an educational building being built we're turning the Arboretum into something it was never meant to be.

Alan Deaett, 174 Harding Road - Mr. Deaett believes to put a building at the Arboretum it is ecologically and environmentally unsound. Mr. Deaett read a short excerpt from the history of the Arboretum which stated that the purpose for the purchase in 1954 was to stop the development of apartments and/or housing. How ironic that the original purpose of the purchase of this property was to stop development. Mr. Deaett believes to build a building would be a mistake.

Tom Vielbig, 21 Hillview Terrace - (representative for FOGRA) - Mr. Vielbig commented many of the questions that have been raised (i.e. traffic, parking, size) have been posted on the Arboretum website under FAQ for over six months. There is a requirement to have a student/docent ratio of 8:1 which would not allow large groups as we do not have enough docents to accommodate. Parking would predominately be in the pool parking lot, not on Doremus Avenue. The floor space of the proposed building and the environmental impact would be quite small. The whole point of this project is to allow, promote and encourage education in an area where students are under cover and not in the rain or snow. The financial disclosure forms which were requested by Mr. Bullaro, were handed to him six months ago, the same time that the Council received them. The IRS forms (990 form) were filed in March 2016, which detail the \$115,000 donation from Minolta.

Alan Bronner, Doremus Avenue - Mr. Bronner commented the Council has until Friday to look into the financial filings of FOGRA as a formal complaint will be filed with the State.

Bob Burslem, 426 Rock Road - Mr. Burslem also commented on the numbers just not adding up with FOGRA. It is impossible to come up \$450,000 and yet claim that no more than \$50,000 was received in the previous years.

Council member O'Hagan commented before any conclusions are jumped into, he requested the Borough Attorney look into this. All Council members agreed.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council member Huisking

Seconded by Council member Morieko

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.