

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

Work Session Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2018 7:30 pm

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, 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.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan - absent
Council Member Huisking – present
Council Member Leonard – present

Council Member Martin - absent
Council Member Morieko - present
Council Member Kreibich– present

Mayor – introduced Bob Chilton from Gabel Associates.

Bob Chilton – discussed the program, introduce ordinance, then sign an agreement with PSE&G. Submit E-Bidding Plan to DCA, need to submit bid documents to BPU 30 days prior for comments not for approval. We build in enough time from comments from the supplier for possible addendum. Bid is usually out for 3-4 weeks. Two stage process qualification and then we will do a rating of the suppliers and submit that to you. Set up opening around council meeting. Market rate changes quickly. If award is made agreement executed within a few days. Our professional option on the supplier when the bids are received. The award letter and draft agreement. Make request to PSE&G for opt out clause and that needs to be approved by the BPU for comments. A one-page FAQ will be prepared. In the end final call is the boroughs. Mailing list from PSE&G the letter goes out and that will the 30 days opt out period. Need to schedule a public information session once the opt out period ends enrollments are submitted to by the awarded supplier to PSE&G. We will supply contact numbers for us as well as the supplier for the opt out period. Front end and back end would be where we would receive the most calls.

Mayor – Feb 14th may be tough for a final reading. I worry a little about that. Maybe consider the first reading for the January 28th and final reading last meeting in February. Then in September do the award.

Mr. Chilton- Electricity is driven by natural gas market, get out to bid in September before the winter is best. Big spike June 1 to May 31 is the big spike. September would be fine. We could take bids in May or June and have the opt out time in September.

Council member Kreibich – if we don't award the first go around.

Mr. Chilton - If we do not we write the bid specs or the rfp that it will remain open. It's not unheard of that you don't award.

Council member Morieko – who handles the mailings for the opt out.

Mr. Chilton- the supplier does the mailing. It's designed to keep it off your plate.

Council member Morieko – asked the typical time frame

Mr. Chilton – 6-7 months.

Council member Huisking - if someone doesn't opt out originally will they still have an opportunity to opt out.

Mr. Chilton – yes. Solar customers wouldn't benefit from this so they would be pulled out. 5% tend to opt out. Then PSE&G will send a notice and we will see about another 5% opt out. Some account won't get accepted if 120 days in arrears.

Council member Huisking – asked is any revenue streams will you be getting from this

Mr. Chilton- plus or minus \$20,000.

The contract should have a clause to protect you so I like to bid both way with the risk and a friendlier bid.

Mayor – indefinite opt out period.

Mr. Chilton -we can talk about that we call it the initial period, bpu rules talk about the opt out period. The ordinance the only need is to allow you to form a program. Very general in natural details to come later.

Worked close with sustainable Jersey.

Mayor – resolution drafted by Anthony on Green Infrastructure for Wednesday.

Mr. Suarez – spoke with Rutgers, take 2 projects during the course of the agreement. Rain garden, and rain barrel program, exposure up to \$10,000.

Council member Morieko – I thought if we supplied them with a list that would be good enough

Council member Kreibich – need to clarify the intent of the 24 months.

Mr. Suarez – the indemnification clause would like to narrow that down.

Mayor – they said they didn't want to take out money, think we are in good shape. Add for Wednesday if Anthony is ok.

Mayor – are we all good with putting the 2% cap resolution back on. Yes.

Admin –

Lenora Benjamin– 1/10 at 6 pm 1/22 6 pm 2/10 at 9am 2/12 at 6pm 2/26 at 6pm 3/12 at 6pm

Public Comments

Tim Larkin (143 Forest Rd.) – Arboretum starting planting has anyone seen the plans. Anything on the shade? Asked about the Finance meeting agenda. Asked about the taxes and the changes in the tax law.

Mr. Suarez – mentioned that the tax law would still need to be passed.

Mayor – nothing has been decided yet, the press conference might have applied a little more I think if we could do it we will.

Robert McCue (60 Grandview Ave.)– there is a legal limit on charitable deductions. Calculations are more than they look like.

Laura Occhipinti (22 Fairview Ave.)– asked if Fair Lawn has taken any steps on this.

Council member Kreibich – the League has no position on this all in the same boat.

Eugene Kim (170 Berkley Pl.) – Air Pollution ordinance are you going to put this on the agenda?

Council member Huisking – very valid point I believe there are ways to rewrite an ordinance for recreational fire pits. Our ordinances are not clear. I think we should be looking at it.

Mayor – asked public safety to make recommendation to the council.

Mr. Kim – It's clear that you're not allowed to burn plant material. Parking is another concern, Harristown Road police block it down to one lane by the Jewish Center.

Motion made by Council member Huisking to suspend the work session

Seconded by Council member Morieko

All in favor

Meeting suspended: 9:11 pm