

PUBLIC MEETING – Monday, December 18, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock on Monday, December 18, 2017, 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**
- 2. FLAG SALUTE/ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

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

Mayor Packer introduced Gabriella and her team who initiated a fundraiser for Puerto Rico.

Gabriella along with team members Anthony, Morgan and Sophia are raising money for the Bethenny Frankel Foundation BStrong. All funds will go directly to the people of Puerto Rico, donation boxes will be placed around town. A Go Fund Me Page was also established with current amount of \$375 with a goal of \$1000. Their main goal is to collect money not goods. Gabriella was inspired personally by the situation in Puerto Rico because she has family there and feels the strong community of Glen Rock will be very helpful. Thanks Mayor and Council for their support.

Mayor Packer, the charity is rated a four-star charity on Charity Navigator to ensure all money is going to exactly what it is supposed to. There is a link to the Go Fund Me Page on borough's website. The team is doing a great job and offers continued support.

- 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.

Resolutions:

- 1. Resolution for Dedication by Rider**

Resolution No.: 258-17

Offered by Council Member: Morieko

Seconded by: Leonard

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.40A:5-29 provides for receipt of funds from gifts, bequests, and donations by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from Public Events Donations are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place gift funds received by the Borough of Glen Rock in a specific fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A.:4-39 for the Borough of Glen Rock, and then to be transferred to the Environmental Commission.**
- 2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Glen Rock, County of Bergen is hereby directed to forward two certified copies to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.**
- 3. This resolution shall not become effective until it is approved by the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services.**

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O’Hagan – absent	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Martin - yes	Council Member Huisking - yes
Council Member Morieko - yes	Council Member Leonard - yes

2. Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to place a Lien on property (property maintenance)

Resolution No. 259-17

Offered by Council Member Morieko

Seconded by Council Member Leonard

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL CHARGE AGAINST PROPERTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 162, ARTICLE 1 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock Property Maintenance Officer has contracted a third party to remediate property maintenance issues on the following properties: Block 71 Lot 11 also known as 655 Doremus Ave. in the amount of \$120.00 and Block 149 Lot 25 also known as 89 Ridge Rd in the amount of \$600.00 and Block 175 Lot 1.01 also known as 437 Harristown Rd. in the amount of \$250.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Tax Collector is authorized to place a municipal

lien on the foregoing properties in the amount of the maintenance charges which will accrue interest at the same rate as taxes.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O’Hagan – absent
Council Member Martin - yes
Council Member Morieko - yes

Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Huisking - yes
Council Member Leonard - yes

Motion to accept consent agenda by Council Member Morieko
Seconded by Council Member Leonard

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Gabel Associates – Read Separately

Mayor Packer, Resolution #3 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Gabel Associates. Gabel Associates is a consultant that has been selected to potentially to help lead the energy aggregation program. At last work session the Glen Rock Environmental Commission recommended to hire Gabel Associates after interviewing process and scoring system. To clarify all this resolution does is authorizes Gabel Associates to lead the charge for us as a consultant, no money is being paid. Gabel Associates will help educate about the program, if it moves forward they then will get part of cost that is paid through PSE&G bills. Their cost is built into electricity rates, as a result rates would go down. The borough isn’t paying any other fees. It may not happen, this is just to engage as a consultant to educate.

Resolution No. 260-17
Offered by Council Member Martin
Seconded by Council Member Huisking

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE GABEL ASSOCIATES CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock desires to appoint Gabel Associates as a provider of energy agent services to be utilized by Glen Rock in connection with the development and administration of energy procurement processes for a Government Energy Aggregation (“GEA”) program to be conducted on an on-line basis pursuant to P.L. 2001, c. 30; N.J.S.A. 48:3-50-51; and 48:3-92 et. al., more specifically, a Renewable Government Energy Aggregation (“R-GEA”) program; and

WHEREAS, the Glen Rock Environmental Commission engaged in a lengthy process researching companies which were qualified to engage in such services for the Borough, and made the recommendation of Gabel Associates to the Mayor and Council at a public Mayor and Council meeting wherein the public was also permitted to question and discuss said appointment.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the presentation and information provided by Gabel Associates, households in the Borough will have the option to “opt out” of the agreement with Gabel Associates,

and, the average household choosing to no “opt-out” of the agreement and remain with Gabel Associates will receive a minimum of \$75.00 per year in savings in their annual electric bill; and

WHEREAS, the “opt out” program will be simple and seamless for the residents who choose to “opt out”, and Gabel Associates will be responsible and accountable, with the failure of Gabel Associates on this issue to result in the termination of the agreement between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the parties shall include a “most-favored nation” clause, which will assure all residents that they will receive a lower price should pricing trigger such an occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed said contract that has been presented by Gabel Associates and deems the same acceptable with the amendments as indicated in same and which is annexed hereto as Exhibit “A”, and said services are not subject to public bidding as the contract will result in no expenditure by the Borough of Glen Rock; and

WHEREAS, the selection of Gabel Associates is deemed to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Glen Rock.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and hereby is permitted to execute the contract with Gabel Associates, which has been approved by the Borough Attorney.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O’Hagan - absent
Council Member Martin - yes
Council Member Morieko - yes

Council Member Pazan - abstain
Council Member Huisking - yes
Council Member Leonard – yes

4. Motions

Departmental Reports

Mayor Packer added Departmental Reports will be heard due to the cancellation of December 27th meeting, this is the last meeting of 2017.

Council member Morieko (*Library/Public Safety*) – Planning board, Self Storage of Glen Rock appeared again and almost completed their testimony, waiting on one more person. Application to be held until January 4th meeting but there are 3 objectors assuming decision will not be until February or March. Library now has 25 new Hindi language books in circulation, also have cake pans to loan for holiday season. Thank you to the library for their holiday party. Fire Department monthly totals for service hours not available until next week. Reminder Saturday December 23rd Santa goes around on firetruck leaving at dusk can also be followed on Santa tracker online. Participated in Glen Rock Moms random acts of kindness for December and choose Fire Department. Collected cards and treats for members which was met with overwhelming appreciation. Our Fire Department meets every Thursday night for regular meetings. Encourages more signs of gratitude for volunteers who donate their time and effort during holidays, pay it forward.

Council member Pazan (*Finance*) - Wishes all Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanza. Thanks to Jane at Kilroys for hosting the beautiful Menorah and the lighting, Rabbi Scholsberg at the Glen Rock Jewish Center for an outstanding Hanukkah celebration. Finance meeting today, police department explained their budget for 2018, very robust and very well explained by the Chief. Ambulance Corps. calls summarized for November for a total of 50 calls with volunteers contributing approximately 157 hours, doesn't include standby hours, meetings and training. As last official council meeting would like to thank all that came. Would like to thank wife Gail and four children their spouses and 3 grandchildren for giving for all their support during the 27 years to help serve the borough. The years of public service are so meaningful and now turning a page of life to something new and exciting. Will always remember the friends in public meetings and outside borough hall who are not with us now. Friends and residents that made a difference serving the community to make Glen Rock home. Always remember their service to the borough and our country. Had the opportunity to help make some significant changes in our community, borough hall renovation, cell towers, refurbished pool facilities, parks and playgrounds, provisions for televised events with Glen Rock Tv. In meetings help settle union contracts, Master Plan, underage drinking, anti-drug overdose education forums and lawsuit meetings. Marched in parades, attended part of Eagle Scout quarter reviews. Held countless meetings from finance, recreation, senior advisory, library, zoning and planning and closed sessions on legal issues in borough. Picked up trash at pool for fun, crushed bottles at recycling center and listened to hundreds of residents inside and outside of Glen Rock. For past 7 years rekindled passion for music playing in 2 bands. Served past 12 years proudly as councilman with different Mayors crossed party lines to make our borough a better place and now time to sit back, play music and spend more time with family. Would like to thank the residents of borough for elections. Personal thanks to running mates and colleagues on the council always blessed to have support. Thanks to volunteers who serve emergency services, Ambulance Corps., Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management. Recognizes all the hardworking members of our Police Department and Department of Public Works. Volunteers who are appointed to committees, friends on the Library board, zoning board and planning board. Always want to recognize all friends that work at borough hall, in administration past and present clerks, AFO, QPA, court judges, borough attorneys, building department, historical society, friends of the Arboretum and all sports organizations and board of education. Met many dignitaries during service as an elected official, learned that each elected official served public with a passion, first appointed as finance chair because interest in how money is being spent. Will continue to vote in every election and hold all elected officials to have residents right to transparency and honesty. May borough and residents be blessed with good health during holiday season and thank you for the opportunity to represent residents for last 12 years as councilman and will hold all memories very close.

Council member Leonard (*Licenses/Franchises*) – Appreciation to Councilman Pazan for his years of service, mentoring and advice. Central business district will have a pop-up shop from December 27th-30th at Bagel Gourmet, will continue to business as usual from 6pm to 1am it will be called Fat Newbs will serve specialized sandwiches. Thanks to Chamber of Commerce for all the holiday events over last couple of weeks along with Council member O'Hagan for playing Santa Clause, Kilroys for their holiday event. All events make holidays special for all residents.

Council member Martin (*Public Works*) – Honors given to Council member Pazan for his years of service, pleasure to serve with on council, wish the very best. Update on DPW leaf removal will end after this week. Arboretum has planted trees as ordered worked very hard to get planting done before new year, Jean Epiphan resident ecologist will monitor trees through winter. Shade Trade Advisory chairman Paul Rosengren will step down and be greatly missed as a great asset to town. Annual summary, over the past year they have educated the borough regarding attack beetles on Ash trees, have done Ash tree inventory and have found 250 Ash trees decided with council their recommendation is to wait and see approach hoping for resistance. Evaluated and recommended trees that would grow underneath electrical wires, 4 beautiful trees recommended. Continue to

monitor the impact of tree removals during home demolitions and construction, ordinance previously passed regarding new construction and clear cutting. For fourth year continue tree give away, received 500 bare root trees this year from the NJ Tree Foundation and distributed to Glen Rock residents. The Glen Rock Tree Trust was able to plant 12 trees - 2 at Library, 1 at Veterans Memorial, 1 in honor of Hal Knapp, 3 at Byrd School, 1 at Central School, 2 High School Middle School and 2 at Coleman. Very proud in 2016 borough once again recognized as Tree City USA for the 26th year in a row. Future goals are to monitor effectiveness of demolition ordinance, finalize general tree ordinance, educate public on tree planting, solicit donations, encourage close working relationship with borough council, Arboretum, environmental commission, board of education, students and the community to maintain Tree City USA status and if possible continue with tree give away. Shade Tree is made up of wonderful volunteers that make town beautiful and we are grateful. Please note the recycling schedule will be changing, please refer to the new calendar there will be one more added recycling day. Follow calendar for recycling pickup by section.

Council member Huisling (*Public Safety*) – Thanks offered to Council member Art Pazan for all he has done for town, worked with him for 2 years on finance committee very well prepared and deserves credit. Also worked this year on public safety and he was instrumental in the new organization structure. Over the years we have voted similar on things and not so similar, always will have great respect for him and he will be missed. Glen Rock TV acknowledged for all their work broadcasting holiday events. Public safety, on December 6th there was a Drug Forum held here with the Prosecutor, Chief and speakers and well attended. It can be viewed on GRTV, important points can be viewed at council member site which is only 25 minutes, encourages public to view to and become educated on what is being done and what public can do about this very serious situation. With the proposed new income and property tax changes depending on situation it may be beneficial to consider paying some of your property tax this year.

Lenora Benjamin as proxy for Council member O’Hagan, express apologies to Council member Pazan for not attending meeting, acknowledges many dedicated years even before being on council, your tireless devotion to the citizens of Glen Rock as council member. It has been an honor to serve, even bigger honor to call you my friend. All the best to you and Gail and your family and thanks again for all you do for Glen Rock.

Lenora Benjamin, Pleasure working with Council member Pazan as administrator and finance officer, attended a lot of meetings together it has been a pleasure and thank you very much for your service.

Council member Morieko, Council member Pazan has one more meeting to attend so not going to say goodbye tonight.

Mayor Packer, Council member Pazan our job is not to agree on everything but we have an incredible amount of respect, time and dedication you have contributed over 27 years of service. There is a relatively small percentage of community that really devotes time, your passion and dedication is truly appreciated, thank you.

Mayor Packer, news from local reporter on Ridgewood water situation. A judge asked Ridgewood for hire a consultant to figure out what rates should have been as opposed to what was charged. Not having seen the report submitted to judge today it states we were under charged for 2010-11. Our municipalities have proven our case in court that we were overcharged, looking forward to reading report. Without reservation disagree with consultant that we were under charged for years 2010-2011 and will continue to monitor further. Would like to wish all those who celebrate Happy Hanukah, thank you to all local groups including Chamber, and Kilroys for Menorah lighting. Wonderful to see all the lights downtown, sorry could not attend tree lighting it was a success.

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

ROLL CALL:

Council Member O'Hagan – absent	Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Martin - yes	Council Member Huisking - yes
Council Member Morieko - yes	Council Member Leonard - yes

ORDINANCE

Ord. # 1777- Final Reading – AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

A motion to open the public discussion on Ordinance #1777 was made by Council member Martin, seconded by Council member Huisking. All were in favor.

A motion to close public discussion on Ordinance #1777 was made by Council member Martin, seconded by Council member Huisking. All were in favor.

**Ordinance Procedure: # 1777
Date of Final Reading: December 18, 2017
Date of Introduction: November 29, 2017**

Mayor: The next order of business is that the Borough Clerk proceed to give said ordinance second reading that of AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor: A motion is in order that the Public hearing on this ordinance be opened. All in favor say aye/nay.

Mayor: Then announces that the Public Hearing on this Ordinance is open and that all persons interested may have the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor: After all persons have had an opportunity to be heard: A motion is in order that the hearing on the Ordinance be closed: All council members Aye/Nay.

**Mayor: directs the Borough Clerk to read the Resolution regarding final passage.
Clerk: Then reads the Resolution as follows:**

**Resolution No.: 261-17
Introduced by Council Member Martin
Seconded by Council Member Huisking**

AN AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Be passed upon second and final reading, and that the Borough Clerk be, and is hereby authorized and directed, to advertise the same according to law by publishing the same by title in the Bergen Record.

ROLL CALL:

**Council Member O'Hagan - absent
Council Member Martin- yes
Council Member Morieko - yes**

**Council Member Pazan - yes
Council Member Huisking - yes
Council Member Leonard - yes**

- 5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Before speaking at the meeting, each person must state their name and address. 3-minute limit will be enforced there will be no ceding of time to another individual)**

Carol Knapp, 258 Hamilton Ave - Acknowledges tree planted in honor of husband Hal. Recognizes Council member Pazan as running mate and dear friend, dedicated to volunteering. He is very active member of Glen Rock Jewish community and always willing to help anyone. As a Council member is reliable and supportive of traditions that make Glen Rock great with no hidden agenda and will be missed.

Theresa Moore, 35 Pamrapo Court - Recognizes Council member Art Pazan as a great girl's softball coach who instilled good values. Served town immeasurably and would like to thank Council member for all his service and to enjoy his retirement.

Robert Freundrich, 575 Rock Road - Cooperation with Council member Pazan goes back many years and values all Council members and their dedication and many hours contributed who serve on finance committee. Congratulations and thank you to Council member to Pazan.

Tom Fellig, 25 Pamrapo Court - Thanked Mayor and Council for services, what makes Glen Rock great is that everyone tries to do the right think as they see it and give their best efforts. Council member Pazan has been a good friend and mentor. Recognizes his accomplishments at the Jewish Center, in sports and as Council member. In any decision always established the right thing to do and do the right thing was main goal. Wish the best of luck.

Michele Torpey, 112 Rock Road - Thanked Council member Pazan for mentoring, admire dedication to your family. Taught me to make decisions based on what is the best for Glen Rock. Presented a thank you banner that was signed by over 300 hundred elementary school children.

Gail Pazan, 285 Main Street – Remembers all Council member Pazan’s accomplishments even before Council member. As Council member maintained dignity, respect, integrity and honesty. Always wanted what is was best to Glen Rock. As finance chairman kept budget and tried maximizing what we had. He was very involved with the hands-on operations of town from DPW to Police Department also lobbied for extended pool schedule and early morning lap swimming. Glen Rock was his top priority. Devoted husband, father, grandfather, council and an amazing human being. Will missed as Council man but will be happy to have you home more and very proud of you.

Leslie Lebra – formley 82 Thurston Terreace, Daughter of Council member Pazan, Class of 2001, flew in from California for momentous occasion and to publicly thank her father for is 12 years of service on Council and 27 years of service to town. Incredible example of volunteerism and selflessness to family and Glen Rock and is better a place for it. Always a place to come to home to thanks to your dedication, Congratulations.

Claud Beanstock - Fair Lawn resident, full time real estate agent and concerned about new federal tax bill, role is limited and urge all Council and future members to protect property values and monitor finances of town. Glen Rock should be very proud of Mayor, Council and all volunteers along with administration. Thanked Council member Pazan on accomplishments. Honored by commitment of all public servants.

Mayor Packer commented on tax bill, this past weekend Congressman Josh Gottheimer held a Mayor’s summit attended by a good number of Bergen County Mayors, bipartisan group. Will try to fight for us, he does have a hotline to his office and an email address for information which will be posted on our website. The main focus of meeting was that we pay a lot of taxes and in NJ we do not get as much back as in other states. Trying to find ways to fix that, will be talking Police Department and DPW. One of the ways which be looked at are federal grants that typically go to other states, trying to get monies that are available to all of us.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council member Martin
Seconded by Council member Huisiking
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**