

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL QUARTERLY WORKSESSION
October 6, 2011**

Present: L. Cadwallader, W. Cadwallader*, K. Krebs, R. Shiles, K. Wells, D. Young, A. Merrick.

R. Shiles called the meeting to order at 7:04 P. M with the pledge to the flag. The following updates were provided:

- The Finance Committee presented their proposed 2012 Budget which includes consideration by Council for employee raises of 1%, 1.5% or 2%, a tax increase of .15 mills, and an explanation of the use of the capital reserve funds for projects in 2012. Council discussed the anticipated costs for police services.
- The secretary explained the Act 32 Earned Income Tax Collection. The York Adams Tax Bureau's model Ordinance does not include an exemption provision for any resident's earning less than \$12,000.00 per year. The borough needs to decide whether their ordinance should include this stipulation. Currently there are no exclusions for any resident; all residents pay EIT on their Earned Gross Wages. There is an exemption of less than \$12,000.00 for the Local Services Tax. If a resident earns less than \$12,000.00, they do not pay the Local Services Tax, with the resident responsible for verifying their wages with the Tax Collector. K. Wells moved for no allowable exemption for the Earned Income Tax, seconded by D. Young. Motion carried.
- The secretary provided updates for current District Justice actions.
- The Keep PA Beautiful Grant process is progressing, with L and L Paint Center receiving the "Sun-Proof" shipment and mixing colors. Paint will be available for pick up on Monday, October 10. Pittsburgh Paints is not responsible for supplying any primer, as part of the grant, but has a product called "Zinsser 123", a water based primer that sticks to all surfaces and dries within one hour of coating. The Borough will purchase this product from L and L Paint Center.
- Council will need to decide whether they should make amendments to the current Rental Ordinance or complete a total re-write to accommodate for all the changes.

The following information is Committee Updates:

- The solicitor is preparing a sample ordinance to address blighted properties for the ordinance committee to review.
- GRRB member, Garry Ferree, is no longer interested in being on this board. His term expires in October.

*W. Cadwallader arrived for the meeting at 8:23 P. M.

- Prior to withdrawing from Police Services, the Borough will need to hold public meetings to inform the residents of the costs, need for tax increase to cover the costs related to the Police contract, and to discuss the police officer's benefits.
- The Work Supervisor has requested the part-time employee's assistance to remove rain/flood damaged drywall and damaged items located in the basement of the Neuhaus Building.
- Jake Romig is reviewing designs for the restoration portion of the stream bank for the Section 319 Grant and plans to have the design finalized by the October Council meeting.
- The owner of 32 Water Street has obtained a Building Permit to have the electric turned back on following all flood damages.
- The final wearing course was applied to Cottage Avenue today.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer