

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL QUARTERLY WORKSESSION
February 2, 2012**

Present: R. Apgar, L. Cadwallader*, R. Shiles, C. Warner, B. Wetzel, D. Young, A. Merrick.

R. Shiles called the meeting to order at 7:02 P. M., with the pledge to the flag. The agenda for the meeting included confirmation of council committees, committee reports and/or updates, and updates from borough liaisons. Additional items for discussion included the electricity agreement and the turkey vultures.

Leroy Wentz, a candidate for the pending new 169th District, attended the meeting to introduce himself to Council. If the courts approve suggested changes to re-districting, Glen Rock Borough will be part of the new 169th District.

*L. Cadwallader arrived for the meeting at 7:05 P. M.

Council confirmed the committees which were formed during the re-organizational meeting; no changes were made.

The following information was discussed by Council during Committee reports:

- Copies of the monthly Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual should be provided to all Council members.
- The Neuhaus Building entrance area has many broken tiles; Noah Shearer, from Shearer's Floor Service is investigating the cause.
- The library has requested that the Work Supervisor empty the trash can located near the front entrance steps. Council discussed the number of trash cans purchased by the Borough, where the trash cans are located and who is responsible for emptying the trash cans. R. Shiles and the Work Supervisor will determine which trash cans belong to the Borough and those are the cans that will be emptied by the Borough.
- 14 Water Street property is for sale for a price of \$79,900 and Council discussed purchasing the property to use as a Municipal Office. The Borough currently owns the Neuhaus Building.
- Council discussed the current rental ordinance and suggestions made by current rental property owners/management companies. Council may consider eliminating the change of tenant inspection and then inspecting rental properties every three years.
- The current refuse contract expires July 31, 2012 and will need to be re-bid.
- R. Apgar met with the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator, Jon Abbott.

- York County provides certified emergency training and will come to GRB to provide the training, as long as there are at least twelve people interested in this type of training.
- The Special Projects committee is working on updates to the current GR Recreation Board By-laws. A suggestion was made that Council consider hiring a “Director of Parks & Recreation” employee for approximately eight hours a week, \$12.50/hour, for all park activities, programs, maintenance, and grants.
- Council discussed problems related with the outfield fence. An update was provided on the GR Recreation Board’s progress with collecting quotes to repair the fence. The Fence project was broken into three phases.
- The GR Recreation Board is considering the use of portable potties for April and October of each year, to try to reduce costs related to park maintenance.
- The following GRRB members have been appointed to specific positions: Sue Good, chair; Kathy Wells, vice-chair; Ann Creamer, treasurer; and Judy Flemmens, secretary.
- There are still only two volunteers interested in the Street Fair Committee and three volunteers interested in the Beautification Committee. More volunteers are necessary to re-activate these committees.
- The Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for May 5, 2012, 7:30am – 1:30pm.
- As part of the Keep PA Beautiful Grant, GRB has an additional \$90.00 to spend on plants and/or shrubs to beautify the Maintenance Garage.
- Council discussed vehicle violations on Church Street involving overweight trucks: the fine using the State Law is \$9000.00; the fine according to the Borough Ordinance is considerably less. The Mayor has asked if the solicitor could investigate, to possibly increase the fine for the Borough Ordinance.
- The loan for the 2008 F-550 is paid in full, as of December, 2011.
- The Finance Committee will meet in March, 2012.
- According to Act 8 of 2008, “Council has the statutory authority to levy a fire tax for support of the volunteer fire company, and has a mandatory authority to audit money”, as per PSAB.
- Council discussed fees associated with the management of the employees Municipal Pension.
- Council President, R. Shiles reminded Council that many borough projects take time to develop and encouraged members to work together, as an entity and not individuals, to meet the needs of all Borough residents.
- No decision has been made for changing the Borough’s supplier of electricity due to questionable verbiage in accompanying agreements.
- During the regular February Council meeting, a resident is coming to discuss their problems with turkey vultures. Council discussed past Borough decisions. The secretary should contact USDA to investigate the costs associated with the Borough obtaining a permit to help manage the turkey vultures.

- A Borough property located near the Post Office has chickens and maybe a rooster. A letter with Borough requirements must be mailed to the property owner.
- A. Merrick provided an update to Council from the tax collector regarding the “Return of Uncollected Real Estate Taxes” to York County.
- A. Merrick informed Council that the Borough has applied for credit applications with Home Depot and Advance Auto Parts. Also an unplanned upgrade was necessary for QuickBooks.
- The next step of the Sect 319 Municipal Parking Lot project is the completion and approval of DEP’s permit for the stream bank restoration portion of the project.

The following items were briefly discussed and additional discussion may be needed to make final decisions: making changes to the Zoning Ordinance for requirements related to Zoning Permits for fence installation, working with the Historical Society to post original Glen Rock Borough signs, fire exits are blocked on a property located on Hill Street, and adoption of a new Fee Schedule Resolution.

Council discussed the importance of communication with both municipal employees and all Council members. Council members were asked to provide their vacation schedules with the Borough Secretary, to always make sure there is a quorum for meetings. C. Warner will not be attending the March, 2012 meeting.

Several Council members attended the Southern York County School District’s Annual dinner and presentation of the 2012 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer