GLEN ROCK BOROUGH
Town Hall Meeting (Public Hearing)
November 14, 2012

Present: Council Members:
          Rollin Apgar
          Lucy Cadwallador
          Eugene Delahanty
          Richard Shiles
          Carleen Warner
          Benjamin Wetzel
          Doug Young
          Michelle Pokrifka
          Ann Merrick
          Twenty-two visitors

Solicitor:
Secretary:
Visitors:

The Public Hearing was Called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President R. Shiles.
(Attached is documentation of the presentation from R. Shiles).

Chief James Boddington attended the meeting, addressed the residents and Council and
answered questions.

The Public Hearing Closed at 7:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer
14 November 2012

Hearing
Glen Rock Borough Public
Police Department:

Regional Police Commission with police services provided by the Southern Regional.

To determine the desirability and practicality.

Purpose
Increased costs for police services

Antiquated/deteriorating infrastructure

Taxes

Changes in real estate values and declining real estate

No projected growth within the Borough

WHY?
Budgeted amount is based on appraised property value ($109,054,660 on 11/7/12)

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Changes in Real Estate/Transfer Taxes

A decrease in value of $688,620 from 9/29/11

Total difference since 2007
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Note: Does not include Cottage Avenue or Water Street projects.
2013 discretionary budget
Police services will cost 42% of the total.

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\text{Year} & \text{Budget} \\
2010 & \$2,269,820 \\
2011 & \$2,277,350 \\
2012 & \$2,424,976 \\
2013 & \$2,500,000 \\
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Change in SPPD budget
In accordance with the Municipal Contract, a borough wishing to withdraw from the contract must hold a public meeting and issue its letter of intent not later than 31 December for the year following the current year, i.e., Dec 2012 for fiscal year 2014.

Southern Regional Police Department represents Glen Rock, New Freedom and Shrewsbury Boroughs with service provided to Railroad Borough and Loganville on a cost basis.
$152 per capita (current SPB rate is approximately $117)

H.B. 1500, if passed, would charge for services at a rate in excess of

Borough loses its share of the equity in the SPB assets

Reduced response time if committed on 1-83

No coverage for traffic enforcement

No coverage for enforcement of Borough ordinances

Cons: SP coverage for criminal offenses and traffic accidents only

Pros: Coverage provided at no cost - saving $250,000 for 2014

Terminate Municipal Contract and rely on PA State Police coverage

Option 1
Commission may elect not to sell its services.

Catastrophic event vs. being shared by all members

Borough would be responsible for total cost of services during a

Borough loses its share of the equity in the SRFD assets

Cons:

Borough loses voice on Police Commission

Coverage (Carolers, etc)

E.g.: $15,000 per month ($180,000) with $20,000 for special

Pros:

Borough determines amount of services desired

Terminate Municipal Contract and purchase services

Option 2
Agreement for use of a holding cell is required.
Purchase of vehicles, radios, and other equipment.
24x7 coverage would require a minimum of 6 officers.
16x7 coverage would require a minimum of 4 officers.

- The cost for this option would be prohibitive.
- Terminate the Municipal Contract and establish a local police department.

Option 3
Option 4

- Do Nothing – See Option 5

- Glen Rock Borough has been receiving excellent service since 2010

- SRPD is working on developing additional service contracts that could maintain, if not lower, future costs
Impact of letter of withdrawal

Later date.

We may, or may not, be able to buy our way back into the system at a

Borough may withdraw its letter of intent if costs stabilize in 2013

similar action resulting in the loss of all police services in 2014

The Borough's actions may force the other municipality to take a
Glen Rock Ambulance Club.
the support of the Glen Rock Hose and Ladder and the
This increased millage rate would include a 1.1 mill Fire Tax for
2.95 mills per $100,000 to a rate of 3.45 mills.
This would require a projected 1.5 mill increase from the current
that will sustain the Borough for 2013/2014.
Increase the Glen Rock Borough Property Tax Rate to a level

Option 5
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Impact of Real Estate Tax Increase