

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 16, 2016**

<b>Present:</b>	Council Members:	Rollin Apgar Adam Rettig Victoria Ribeiro Richard Shiles Benjamin Wetzel Doug Young
	Borough Engineer:	Jason Brenneman, P.E.
	Solicitor:	Michelle Pokrifka*
	Mayor:	John Trout
	Secretary:	Ann Merrick
	Visitors:	Three residents

**The meeting was Called to Order** at 7 P.M. by Council President B. Wetzel beginning with the pledge to the flag.

**No Public Comment**

**Agenda**

1. Arthur LaGrange: resident and owner of 10, 14, and 20 Church Street properties  
Mr. LaGrange provided an outline of sewer problems at 20 Church Street, which began on January 13, 2016. He also presented his outline to the GR Water & Sewer Authority.  
Mr. LaGrange is requesting reimbursement of \$2000.00 for sewer cleanup at 20 Church Street.

\*M. Pokrifka arrived for the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

The solicitor stated that the Borough would be responsible only if the Borough performed a willful or negligent act; not the case in this instance. Mr. LaGrange stated "his counsel" said he must formally address both the Authority and the Borough Council. The solicitor suggested Mr. LaGrange contact his insurance company, and file an appeal if necessary.

2. Pauline Taylor: resident and owner of 115 Glen Avenue  
Ms. Taylor stated that her peace is disturbed every night at dusk, when her neighbor plays taps over a loudspeaker which is attached to a telephone pole, and may be aimed in the direction of her home. Ms. Taylor has requested that Council uphold the Borough Ordinances written to provide peace to all Borough citizens. Council discussed whether Ms. Taylor was willing to compromise. President Wetzel volunteered to discuss the matter with Borough resident, Joshua Corney, and will ask whether Mr. Corney obtained Met-Ed's permission to install the bullhorn on their street light pole, and to suggest changing the angle of the music discharge.

**Borough Engineer's Report**

1. J. Brenneman informed Council that the lowest bidder, Washington & Dowling Company, Inc., for the Hanover Street Curb and Sidewalk Replacement, did not provide a bid bond with their bid, but recommended that Council waive this requirement and still require the bid bond to be submitted as

part of the required documents when accepting W & D's contract. R. Shiles moved to accept all bids for the CDBG Hanover Street Curb & Sidewalk project, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried. R. Shiles moved to waive the Bid Bond requirement to be submitted with bid for Washington & Dowling Company, Inc., seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried. R. Shiles moved to award Washington & Dowling Company, Inc., for a total cost of \$97,585.00, for the CDBG Hanover Street Curb & Sidewalk project, with the condition that the Bid Bond must be submitted with all other project contracts, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.

2. Bid documents are being prepared for Rexwood Drive micro-surfacing.
3. Council discussed ARLE Grant submission and how Penn DOT's pre-emption plan may or may not interfere. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize J. Brenneman to contact Penn DOT's engineer to ensure the Borough's emergency vehicle pre-emption plan will work with the train pre-emption plan, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried. V. Ribeiro moved to adopt Resolution 2016 – 9, as long as there is no negative impact on the Borough's ARLE Grant submission, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried.

### **Announcements/Vacancies**

1. GR Planning Commission has one vacancy.
2. GR Recreation Board has one vacancy. Council received one letter of interest from Rose Mattera. D. Young moved to appoint Rose Mattera to the GR Recreation Board vacancy, for a three year term ending December 31, 2018, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

### **No GR Recreation Board Report**

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the February 17, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.

### **GR Arts & Brew Fest Report**

1. The committee continues to obtain vendors and sponsors. The GR Mill Inn is again holding a 5K Race, beginning at 8am and the Festival will be open from 11am – 5pm.

### **Police Commission's Report**

1. The new formula committee continues to meet to discuss options.

### **Mayor's Report**

1. Chief Boddington suggested posting a No Parking sign along yellow curb area on Cottage Avenue to reinforce that parking is not allowed. A. Rettig moved to post a No Parking sign, as long as no additional expense is incurred, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried.
2. Mayor Trout discussed the use of PPU's, population and calls for service regarding Southern Regional Police. The Police Commission has a deadline of June, 2016, to complete the new formula.

### **Solicitor's Report**

1. V. Ribeiro moved to adopt Ordinance 484 (2016 – 1), an ordinance regulating the traffic and parking of vehicles during periods of winter storm emergencies, prohibiting the dumping, shoveling, pushing or placement of any snow or ice into the public highways and streets, and prescribing penalties for violation, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried.

2. The Borough received a Notice of Rule to show cause for the lien filed against Michelle S and Melinda S Albright for 35 Cottage Avenue. D. Young moved to authorize the solicitor to file an objection to clearing the lien for the sale of the property 35 Cottage Avenue, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

### **Work Supervisor's Report**

1. President Wetzel discussed the need for a front end alignment for the 2014 truck. R. Shiles moved to authorize the WS to schedule the 2014 truck for a front end alignment, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
2. President Wetzel discussed receiving an insurance payment for snow damages to the 2003 truck; the deductible portion of the claim may still be recovered through Pema/Fema Snow Event.
3. President Wetzel obtained a quote of \$490, purchased and replaced the lights and fixtures in the Maintenance Building with commercial grade T-8 lights. The amount of energy used is less with LED bulbs and the LED lights are brighter.

### **Secretary's Report**

1. The Secretary requested a motion to authorize the payment of \$1927.80 to GR EMS, Inc. from collected 2015 Emergency Municipal Taxes. R. Apgar moved to authorize the payment of \$1927.80 to GR EMS, Inc. from collected 2015 Emergency Municipal Taxes, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried.
2. DEP approved the Borough's Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant in the amount of \$1309.00, 151.8 tons of recycling for 2014.
3. The secretary requested a motion to authorize the treasurer to enroll in electronic funds transfer with Comcast for their payment of Cable Franchise Fees. R. Apgar moved to authorize the treasurer to enroll in electronic funds transfer with Comcast for their payment of Cable Franchise Fees, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
4. The secretary requested a motion to accept Reilly Sweeping's 2016 contract for Street sweeping, for a daily rate of \$960.00. R. Shiles moved to accept Reilly Sweeping's 2016 contract for Street sweeping for a daily rate of \$960.00, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
5. The Borough received Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment of \$59,698.52 for 2016.
6. Kim Erdman, Animal Control Officer, provided his monthly report which includes transporting one dog to the SPCA.

### **Building and Property Report**

1. Council continued discussing the noise nuisance complaint.

### **No Special Projects Report**

### **No Personnel Report**

### **No Public Safety Report**

### **No Ordinance/Refuse Report**

**Finance Report**

1. B. Wetzel presented the invoices over \$500.00 for payment through the General Fund. R. Shiles moved to pay the following invoices over \$500.00, using the General Fund, seconded by R. Apgar:

a. Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP	\$ 5000.00
b. CGA Law Firm	
Dec, 2015	1396.97
Jan, 2016	2130.00
Feb, 2016	1562.54
c. James R. Holley & Associates, Inc.	755.31
d. Southern Reg. Police Commission	57658.00

Motion carried.

2. The WS has requested the purchase of a drum of weed killer for \$1800.00. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the purchase of an \$1800.00 drum of weed killer, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
3. Snow Emergency Signs must be purchased with adoption of new ordinance. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the purchase of Snow Emergency Route Signs, seconded by R. Shiles. Motion carried.

**No Public Comment**

**President's Report**

1. President Wetzel discussed considering Shrewsbury Township's suggestion "to explore the possibility of developing intergovernmental cooperation with neighboring Boroughs to provide a shared EMA. Council suggested sending our current EMC, Jon Abbott and Councilman R. Shiles with Mayor Trout as an alternate, to attend meetings on behalf of GR Borough Council and is interested in obtaining more information.
2. An emergency purchase was necessary to replace the Borough Office Printer/Scanner/Copier/Fax machine. The Brother machine needed a new fuse and roller. The Borough purchased an HP Officejet Pro X476dw MFP.

R. Shiles moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P. M., seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Ann E. Merrick  
Secretary/Treasurer