

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH  
VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING  
January 20, 2021**

**Present:** Rollin Apgar, George Arnold, Veronica Broadwater, Joseph DiCandeloro, Jason Loudermilk, Victoria Ribeiro and Doug Young

**Others Present:** Evan Gabel, Esq.; John Trout, Mayor; Ann Merrick, Sec/Treas, and six visitors.

**The meeting was Called to Order** at 7:00PM by President D. Young.

**No Public Comment**

**No Announcements**

**Vacancies**

1. One vacancy on the GR Zoning Hearing Board.
2. One vacancy on the GR Planning Commission.
3. One Vacancy on GR Water & Sewer Authority.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes, seconded by R. Apgar.  
Motion carried.

**Agenda**

1. Andrew Bobby, New Freedom Borough President: DCED Peer Study  
A. Bobby provided information about the free DCED Peer Study for possible EMS & Fire Company merger/consolidation recommendations. R. Apgar moved to approve borough participation in the DCED Peer Study for possible consolidation of EMS/Fire Company Services, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

**Police Commission**

1. GR Borough resident requested commendation for Officer Ben Grove's assistance moving a vehicle in the December snow storm.
2. Limited end of 2020 year financials were available for the January, 2021 meeting.
3. Finance meeting was cancelled due to members with Covid; meeting was not rescheduled.
4. Every fulltime member must provide a representative to participate on the Civil Service Commission; this commission assists with promotions and disciplinary actions.
5. One of the SRPD Officers has been placed on desk duty and an internal and FBI investigations are taking place.
6. President D. Young asked whether two officers are always required for each shift based on calls.
7. The IGA Committee received permission from the Commission to work with Attorney Peter Ruth on written draft. IGA Committee is meeting twice a month.

**Old Business**

1. V. Ribeiro plans to have a Traffic Calming Policy written by summer, 2021.
2. No update for completion of Veterans Park project.

3. An offer of \$130,000 was made for the purchase of the 25.16-acre parcel on Rockville Road; buyers requested the Borough obtain a perc and probe report. Council discussed possible costs of completing perc and probe testing. V. Ribeiro moved to make counteroffer of \$165,000 and the Borough would absorb the cost of perc and probe testing, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried. R. Apgar moved to authorize a committee of himself, D. Young and G. Arnold to conduct further negotiations as needed for sale of Rockville Road property on behalf of the Borough, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

1. District Justice action has been filed for 138 Park Avenue for grass, weeds and swimming pool ordinance violations.
2. Borough needs to confirm the cost of extending Penn Waste Agreement for one additional year. Decision will be made during February Council meeting.
3. E. Gabel reviewed M. Klugh and K. Erdman's animal control officer agreements. The agreements are similar: K. Erdman's agreement requires a \$300 retainer, \$18/hour regular service charge and \$27/hour after hours service charge. M. Klugh's agreement includes \$46/hour service charge. M. Klugh stated the Borough would receive monthly invoices and monthly reports for all service provided. V. Ribeiro moved to accept M. Klugh's Animal Control Officer proposal, seconded by V. Broadwater. Motion carried.

#### **Borough Engineer's Report**

1. JR Holley & Associates submitted projects to YCPC for the 2021-2023 CDBG Cycle.
2. GR Mill Race project is now scheduled for February, 2021. Previous work was postponed due to Covid.
3. ARLE grant updates were provided: TRG will submit completed design and plans to Penn DOT for approval and then the project will go out to bid. Barry Williams is providing assistance to locate a second traffic light similar to the Borough's current light; the second light will need restoration.
4. Borough office has confirmed meeting date of February 8, 9am to meet/discuss repairs of retaining wall at 24 Valley Street.

#### **Ordinance Violation Report**

1. Borough Office will coordinate with SPCC to revoke the rental license at 167 Hanover Street, if fees are not paid by the January 31 deadline.

#### **Recreation Board Report**

1. Board is proposing new employee wages for 2021; Council will review proposal and make a decision during their February meeting.

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

1. WS provided a quote from Douglas Equipment & Supply Co. for replacement of angle and cutting edge for one snowplow. J. Loudermilk moved to accept quote to replace angle and cutting edge for one snowplow from Douglas Equipment & Supply Co., seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
2. Doors have been replaced on the maintenance building and a door opener was installed for the overhead door located in the basement of Neuhaus Building.

**Secretary's Report**

- 1. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize refund of \$168.39 to John L. Trout, Sr, for twenty percent of his 2020 Real Estate Tax bill for his active volunteer status with GR EMS, Inc, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
- 2. V. Ribeiro moved to accept 2022-2024 proposal for services from Hamilton & Musser PC, as Independent Auditor: 2022: \$6100.00, 2023: \$6200.00, and 2024: \$6300.00, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
- 3. Statement of Financial Interest forms are due by May 1, 2021.
- 4. GR Hose & Ladder audits are available for review for 2018 and 2019.

**No Animal Control Officer's Report**

**Zoning Officer's Report**

- 1. SPCC issued four zoning permits, two building permits and completed nine rental inspections, all passed for December, 2020.

**Mayor's Report**

- 1. No incidents reported for GR Carolers on Christmas Eve.

**Public Safety Report**

- 1. R. Apgar presented a quote of \$965.00 for solar charger for speed sign from All Traffic Solutions. V. Ribeiro moved to approve purchase of solar charger for speed sign from All Traffic Solutions for cost of \$965.00, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

**Building and Property Report**

- 1. Lights are being left on in the train room all night long; remind library to turn off the lights prior to locking up the building.

**No Ordinance Committee Report**

**Special Projects Report**

- 1. R. Apgar suggested placing the park annex project on hold. Current adjoining property owner to the park has no plans to develop the land at this time.
- 2. R. Apgar received an estimate of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to complete streambank restoration. He will obtain three quotes to present to Council.

**No Personnel Report**

**Finance Report**

- 1. D. Young presented the invoices over \$500.00 for payment through the General Fund. V. Ribeiro moved to pay the following invoices over \$500.00, using the General Fund, seconded by R. Apgar:
  - a. Ben Druck Door Co. \$ 1990.00
  - b. CGA Law Firm 1610.00
  - c. D&D Scarborough, Inc. 4979.00
  - d. James R. Holley & Associates, Inc. 805.00
  - e. South Penn Code Consultants 1935.00

f. Southern Regional Police Commission	59152.75
g. TRG, Inc.	1949.00
h. TRG, Inc.	1258.00
i. YC Stormwater Consortium	1591.00
Motion carried.	

### **New Business**

1. J. DiCandeloro moved to adopt Resolution 2021-01, a fee schedule for Subdivision and Land Development plans and reviews, and miscellaneous borough fees, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
2. R. Apgar moved to adopt Resolution 2021-02, a fee schedule for enforcement of GR Borough Code of Ordinances and any amendments, regulating the unlawful growth of grass and weeds, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
3. R. Apgar moved to adopt Resolution 2021-03, a fee schedule for use in enforcement of GR Borough Code of Ordinances and any amendments, regulating excavation in streets, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
4. All other Resolutions adopted in 2020 still in place.
5. V. Ribeiro requested that Council reorganize for 2021. V. Ribeiro moved to appoint R. Apgar as the new Council President. Solicitor E. Gabel said the first motion must be to re-organize. V. Ribeiro moved to reorganize, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Council discussed the reorganizing process. R. Apgar, G. Arnold, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk, and V. Ribeiro voted in favor; J. DiCandeloro and D. Young voted against. Motion carried.
6. V. Ribeiro nominated Rollin Apgar as Council President. There were no other nominations. Rollin Apgar received the majority vote as Council President from R. Apgar, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk and V. Ribeiro.
7. V. Ribeiro nominated Doug Young as Vice-President. Doug Young rejected the nomination. R. Apgar asked for nominations for Vice-President. J. Loudermilk nominated Victoria Ribeiro as Vice-President. V. Ribeiro accepted the nomination and received the majority vote from R. Apgar, G. Arnold, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk and V. Ribeiro for Vice-President.
8. Council discussed reorganizing representatives on Police Commission. V. Ribeiro moved to appoint R. Apgar to replace J. Dicandeloro as alternate representative to the Police Commission, seconded by J. Loudermilk. G. Arnold, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk and V. Ribeiro voted in favor; R. Apgar, J. DiCandeloro and D. Young voted against. Motion carried. V. Ribeiro moved to amend her precious vote to remove J. DiCandeloro as alternate representative to the Police Commission and appoint R. Apgar as the alternate representative to the Police Commission, seconded by G. Arnold. G. Arnold, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk and V. Ribeiro voted in favor; R. Apgar, J. DiCandeloro and D. Young voted against. Motion carried.
9. D. Young informed Council he will no longer be administration on Borough Facebook page or Webmaster on Website, he will not serve on personnel committee and he will no longer be finance chairman.
10. Zoom meetings are open to public and the link is shared to view the live meeting; Zoom meetings are not archived.

### **No President's Report**

**No Public Comment**

V. Ribeiro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Ann E. Merrick  
Secretary/Treasurer