# GLEN ROCK BOROUGH VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING February 17, 2021

Present: Rollin Apgar, George Arnold, Jason Loudermilk, Victoria Ribeiro and Doug Young

**Others Present**: Evan Gabel, Esq.; Jason Brenneman, P. E.\*; John Trout, Mayor; Ron McCullough, W. S.; Ann Merrick, Sec/Treas, and eight visitors.

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00PM by President R. Apgar with the pledge to the flag.

#### No Public Comment

# **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**

 V. Ribeiro moved to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

# **Police Commission**

- January meetings was executive session only; continuation meeting cancelled due to some members' exposure to Covid.
- 2. IGA Committee will be meeting with Attorney Peter Ruth in two weeks.

### **Old Business**

- 1. More information will be available in May for Traffic Calming Policy.
- 2. No update for Veterans Park project.

#### Solicitor's Report

- 1. There is expressed interest in Rockville Road property but potential buyers want to know if there is access to the property from the farm lane on the West side of the 25.16-acre parcel. CGA Law Firm has been asked to provide title search.
- 2. Summon has been served for District Justice matter to owner of 138 Park Avenue; DJ is waiting for a response from owner.
- 3. Cost of extending Penn Waste Agreement for one additional year is \$293.00 per unit per year. V. Ribeiro moved to approve a one-year extension with Penn waste for refuse/recycling services for an annual fee of \$293 per unit, August 1, 2021 July 31, 2022, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 4. Penn Waste may consider discontinuing services for delinquent accounts owing more than \$1000. Borough is not aware of any accounts that this may apply to in the Borough but this action would be a problem for the whole community. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize E. Gabel to investigate available options for the Borough to prevent the discontinuation of services from Penn Waste, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

- 5. E. Gabel suggested using the language from Nuisance section of code for enforcement of Grass and/or Weeds section of code, allowing for civil penalty rather than criminal penalty. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize E. Gabel to revise the language for Grass and Weeds Section of Code, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 6. Council discussed storage of refuse violations occurring at 31-33 Main Street; solicitor will review language in letter prior to mailing to the owner and/or management company.

# **Ordinance Enforcement Report**

- Update for rental property, 167 Hanover Street: Council suggested mailing copies of enforcement letters to the tenants as well as owner and/or management company as a means of trying to gain compliance.
- 2. No response has been received from 20 Argyle Avenue for the issuance of Notice of Violation for installation of fence without property permits. D. Young moved to authorize E. Gabel to file District Justice matter for permit violation at 20 Argyle Avenue, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
- 3. Council discussed noise complaint received, occurring intermittently at an unknown address. Council can only address complaints containing specific information.

#### **Recreation Board Report**

- 1. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the GR Recreation Board's proposed employee wages for 2021, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 2. D. Young moved to approve the GR Recreation Board's TruGreen proposal for service at the GR Park, cost of \$3370.00 for 2021, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

## **Work Supervisor's Report**

1. WS is asking council to consider budgeting to replace the Loader; current 1996 model is developing costly mechanical issues. An approximate cost to replace is \$150,000.

### Secretary's Report

- 1. D. Young moved to authorize the payment of \$2000 donation to the South-Central York County Senior Center as budgeted, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
- 2. D. Young moved to authorize the payment of \$8000 donation to the GR Recreation Board as budgeted, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.
- 3. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the payment of \$3000 donation to the Arthur Hufnagel Public Library as budgeted, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 4. V. Ribeiro moved to transfer \$5000 from Rental Fund to General Fund for budgeted expenses, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 5. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize treasurer to transfer monthly receipts from YC Tax Claim Bureau, from General Fund to Fire/Emergency Services Tax Fund to accurately record delinquent tax payments, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 6. Council discussed use of YC SPCA. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the 2021 YC SPCA Agreement, and submit payment of \$1043.39, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- 7. Council discussed recent adoption of revised Street Cut application and permit requirements. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize secretary to work with J. Brenneman as needed, for street cut requirements and bonds, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

# No Mayor's Report

### No Animal Control Officer's Report

### **Zoning Officer's Report**

1. SPCC completed seven rental inspections, all passed for January, 2021.

# **Borough Engineer's Report**

- 1. YCPC should be approving the 2019 CDBG Projects during their February 17 meeting. The 2020 CDBG projects must be approved by HUD; then the next step is approval of action plans by YCPC. Estimated cost to replace Curb and Sidewalks from 141 to 223 Hanover Street is \$200,000, but right now the Borough only has \$100,000. J. Brenneman discussed options to proceed; Council decided to wait for more definitive information.
- 2. GR Mill Race project will begin soon.
- 3. ARLE grant updates were provided: TRG is completing design work and will submit to Penn DOT for approval and then the project will go out to bid. A second four-way signal light has been located. The light needs LED's installed and painted. Borough is trying to obtain information about ownership and quote to purchase and complete restoration.
- J. Brenneman met with Work Supervisor at 24 Valley Street. Conditions of the area were difficult to examine due to recent snow falls. Property owners Rebecca and Robert Zohrbaugh stated they are not concerned about the wall collapse because it does not affect their property. Council discussed several options to repair the wall and will wait for estimates from J. Brenneman before making any decisions.
- 5. Penn DOT will schedule a field view to develop a project scope of work for the culvert under SR 616 near the old Wetzel's market, when the snow melts.
- \*J. Brenneman left the meeting at 8:57 PM.

#### **Building and Property Report**

1. Borough owned street light at the GR EMS building is being repaired; light is currently out.

### **Public Safety Report**

- 1. LED Solar Kit purchased from All Traffic Solutions has arrived and will be installed soon.
- 2. Committee needs to follow up on Premise Identification now that all Borough residents have received notification of requirements.

#### **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. A. Merrick presented the invoices over \$500.00 for payment through the General Fund. D. Young moved to pay the following invoices over \$500.00, using the General Fund, seconded by

G. Arnold:

a. All Traffic Solutions \$ 965.00 b. Hamilton & Musser, PC 1700.00 c. Ream, Carr, Markey, Woloshin & Hunter, LLP d. South Penn Code Consultants 1362.50 Motion carried.

#### **No New Business**

#### **President's Report**

Discussed Snow Emergency procedures.

#### **Public Comment**

 Dave Garrett stated his interest in purchasing the Rockville Road property and asked about possible access from neighbor's farm lane. Borough has requested a title search will provide information when available.

#### **Executive Session**

\*\*Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:08 PM to discuss acquisition of real property.

## Solicitor's Report continued

- 7. D. Young moved to accept a deed in lieu of condemnation from the owners of 3 Holly Lane, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
- V. Ribeiro moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

#### Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick Secretary/Treasurer

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Council meeting resumed at 9:12 PM.