# GLEN ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING September 15, 2021

Present: George Arnold, Jason Loudermilk, Victoria Ribeiro, Amanda Rombach and Doug Young.

**Others Present**: Evan Gabel, Esq.; Jason Brenneman, P. E.\*; John Trout, Mayor; Ann Merrick, Sec/Treas, and one visitor.

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00PM by Vice-President V. Ribeiro with the pledge to the flag.

#### **Public Comment**

1. Mayor J. Trout and A. Merrick informed Council of current status of GR EMS, Inc. This EMS Agency has been affected by decrease in volunteer availability, increased training requirements and insufficient funds to cover expenses. A letter providing details will be forwarded to Council members for further review and discussion.

#### **Vacancies**

- 1. GR Zoning Hearing Board, one vacancy.
- 2. GR Water & Sewer Authority, one vacancy.
- 3. York County Storm Water Consortium, one vacancy.

# **Approval of Minutes**

 G. Arnold moved to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.

#### **Police Commission**

Meeting on September 1 was continued until September 21, 2021 due to a hurricane.

#### **Old Business**

- 1. Next steps for Veterans Park Project include installation of bricks and sod.
- 2. Utilities are being disconnected from 3 Holly Lane in preparation for demolition.
- 3. Rockville Road property has been sold and funds have been deposited into a separate account to be used for recreation.

### **Ordinance Enforcement Report**

- 1. Council discussed feral cats' complaint at 100 Hanover Street. Borough will issue letters to property owner/residents outlining ordinance requirements related to keeping animals.
- Council discussed non-compliance of permit requirements for the properties located at 20 Argyle
  Avenue and 22 Argyle Avenue. G. Arnold moved to authorize the solicitor to file civil action with
  District Justice to ask Judge Sweeney to mediate and negotiate a deal to properly meet permit
  requirements for the owners of 20 Argyle Avenue and 22 Argyle Avenue, seconded by
  A. Rombach. Motion carried.
- 3. SPCC is developing violation letter for 35 Junior Street.
- 4. Attorney E. Gabel is working with SPCC to address possible code violations at 34-40 Main Street.

#### **Recreation Board Report**

- 1. G. Arnold moved to authorize the transfer of Recreation Funds to General Fund to refund payroll expenses from 2021 Summer Playground Program, \$4179.64, when these expenses are approved by GR Recreation Board at their September 21 meeting, seconded by D. Young. Motion carried.
- 2. The Board should submit a list of recreation projects to be paid for using the Rockville Road Recreation Funds.

### Work Supervisor's Report

 G. Arnold moved to authorize the purchase of two skids of crack sealer, seconded by D. Young. Motion carried.

# No Secretary's Report/No Animal Control Officer's Report

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

1. SPCC issued two zoning permits, one building permit, and completed thirty-two rental inspections in August, 2021.

# No Mayor's Report

## Solicitor's Report

- Council discussed the request from the Zohrbaugh's to not record an Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Valley Street wall collapse but share the cost of the repairs as presented by the Borough. The Zohrbaugh's asked for a copy of Operation and Maintenance Agreement to review.
   G. Arnold moved to authorize the solicitor to write agreement and send draft to the Zohrbaugh's, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
- CGA Law Firm has been working on a draft Ordinance of Act 50 of 2021 for small wireless facilities. E. Gabel will forward draft to Borough Council for review and discussion during October meeting.
- 3. The next step for GR Mill Race project is to video Water Street.
- 4. 110 Manchester Street property has been secured by SRPD. The solicitor will be filing civil action with the District Justice for ordinance violations.
- \*J. Brenneman arrived for the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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

- 1. Survey work scheduled to begin September 16 for the Hanover Street Storm Sewer project and Manchester Street parking lot curb and sidewalk project.
- 2. J. Brenneman will schedule video of Water Street for GR Mill Race stormwater.
- 3. Bid documents have been advertised for Hanover Street CDBG projects, with a project start date of March, 2022.
- 4. HOP has been approved for ARLE Grant Signal Light project. Next step is preparing bid documents and construction plans.
- 5. Council shared Valley Street update.

#### No Building and Property Report/No Public Safety/No Ordinance Report

## **Special Projects Report**

- 1. GR Borough was awarded a Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund Grant for watershed assessment proposed by Stantec.
- 2. Stantec provided formal proposal for watershed assessment. A. Rombach moved to authorize the solicitor to review Stantec's formal proposal for watershed assessment, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.

### **No Personnel Report**

### **Finance Report**

- 1. A. Merrick presented the invoices over \$500.00 for payment with the General Fund.
  - G. Arnold moved to authorize the payment of invoices over \$500.00, using the General Fund, seconded by D. Young:

a. CGA Law Firm \$ 3168.00 b. James R. Holley & Assoc. 1287.00 c. South Penn Code Consultants 2200.00

Motion carried.

2. Finance Committee will begin preparing the 2022 Budget.

# No New Business/No President's Report/No Public Comment

G. Arnold moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.

# Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick Secretary/Treasurer