

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 19, 2023**

**Present:** Rollin Apgar, Jason Loudermilk, Sean O'Connor, Victoria Ribeiro and Amanda Rombach

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

**Zoom:** Jason Brenneman, P.E., Lucas Ensor and three visitors

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

**Public Comment**

1. Rodney Krebs, owner of Ridge Avenue subdivision, has asked Council for permission to relocate the Christmas Star and plaque to a different lot on Ridge Avenue. Mr. Krebs does not want to build a house in front of the star, in its current location. V. Ribeiro moved to approve an equal exchange of property lot sizes on Ridge Avenue for Christmas Star and plaque between Glen Rock Borough and Mr. Krebs, subject to property zoning approvals as necessary, with relocation costs of Christmas Star and plaque to be paid by Mr. Krebs, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.

**Borough Engineer's Report**

1. J. Brenneman and V. Ribeiro discussed the Main Street Safety Improvement Plan which was developed as part of the Main Street Improvements included in the Master Plan developed by HRG for revitalization of Main Street/Water Street, York County Heritage Rail Trail project in Glen Rock Borough. HRG has submitted an agreement to work with the Borough to pursue a multimodal transportation fund grant for a cost of \$6850.

\*Mayor J. Trout arrived for the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Total cost of the project is \$586,000; 10% of the total grant can pay for engineering costs; 30% match required for total grant. V. Ribeiro moved to accept HRG's Agreement to include the extension of sidewalk to the signal light for a cost not to exceed \$7500 for the grant application for Main Street improvements, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.

2. J. Brenneman noted that there is no update for start date for GR Mill Race project.

\*J. Brenneman left the meeting at 7:18 PM.

**Persons on Agenda**

1. Amber Locke, resident/property owner, shared her concerns about the size and speed of trucks on Church Street and other streets in the Borough.
2. John Hofmeister did not appear for the meeting.
3. Laura Heydt, resident, shared her concerns about maintenance of rental properties in the Borough. Council will investigate borough code rental property regulations and encouraged Ms. Heydt to file a complaint form with the borough for deficient rental property issues.

**Vacancies**

1. GR Planning Commission, GR Authority, and GR Zoning Hearing Board each have one vacancy. The Borough received two notices of interest for one GR Authority vacancy. Council asked the

residents interested in the GR Authority vacancy to attend two meetings and then attend the June Council meeting, for discussion and appointment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the March 15 Minutes, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.

### **No New Business**

### **Recreation Board Report**

1. Community Garden Grand Opening is planned on May 13.

### **Solicitor's Report**

1. District Justice hearing is scheduled soon for 133-135 Main Street.
2. Final documents have been received for sale of 1 Manchester Street property.
3. District Justice hearing will be scheduled for 167 Hanover Street when service to owners is completed.
4. Resident Kendall Cuthie raised questions about the lien and sale of 35 Cottage Avenue.
5. The solicitor is working with SPCC to begin addressing violations at 35 Junior Street property.

### **No Work Supervisor's Report**

### **Secretary's Report**

1. Statement of Financial Interest Forms are due by May 1.
2. Thank you note received from Arthurs Friends for donation.
3. Discussed receipt of notice from SPCC that effective June 1, the business will no longer be providing BCO or UCC Code Enforcement Services. In light of these changes, S. O'Connor moved to appoint Dependable Construction Code Services LLC to provide BCO, Building Code and Property Maintenance Enforcement Services and continue using SPCC for Rental Inspections, Zoning Permits/Officer and SEO Services, effective immediately, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
4. Council suggested sending Patrick Higgins from JLM Real Estate, a letter to attend a Council meeting, to discuss their intentions for the 139 Manchester Street property.
5. A. Rombach moved to approve the GR Fire Police events for 2023, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.
6. V. Ribeiro moved to approve GR Fire Police to assist with 2023 events in Dallastown Borough, New Freedom Borough, Springfield Township and Stewartstown Borough, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
7. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the additional payment of \$1533.00 toward 2023 Municipal Pensions as budgeted, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.
8. Council discussed the process for revoking a rental license. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the solicitor to review the Borough Code regarding the process for revoking a rental license, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.

## **No Animal Control Officer's Report**

### **Friends of GRB**

1. GR Arts & Brew Fest scheduled for June 3, 2023. Mayor Trout will contact SRPD to request police presence for the event. V. Ribeiro moved to approve the street closure of Water Street, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried. Council did not approve parking for Krebs Park property on Water Street. Friends asking for volunteers to help with the event.

## **No Mayor's Report**

### **Building/Property Report**

1. Veterans Park now has new picnic table and a trash can will be ordered. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the Council President to send thank you note to resident who has volunteered to empty the trash at Veterans Park, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
2. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize letters to be mailed to Krebs Park adjoining property owners, requesting removal of items on newly owned Borough property, granting deadline of forty-five days, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
3. Council discussed use of up to \$25,000 of General Reserve funds for development of a Krebs Park Master Site Plan or use of Rockville Road funds for same project. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize use of \$25,000 from Rockville Road funds, if project approved by DCNR as allowed use of funds or use of \$25,000 from General Reserve funds for design of Krebs Park by acceptance of HRG agreement, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.
4. V. Ribeiro moved to approve a price drop to \$60,000 and authorize the Council President to negotiate possible sale of 3 Holly Lane, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
5. S. O'Connor moved to donate Fire Proof Safe to GR Hose & Ladder, if interested, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
6. V. Ribeiro moved to approve and authorize the Council President and secretary to sign the LSA Category 4 Grant for Basketball and tennis courts park project, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.

### **Public Safety Report**

1. A sub-group of the Police Commission is working with the Borough to discuss possible transition to hourly services.
2. GR Hose & Ladder fireman expressed concern about hydrant water pressure. Mayor Trout will investigate further and provide follow up during the May meeting.

## **No Ordinance/Special Projects/Personnel/Strategic Planning Reports**

### **Beautification Committee Report**

1. Earth Day event scheduled for April 22, 9am – noon. The Borough will provide vests, gloves, garbage bags and water.

### **Finance Report**

1. President R. Apgar presented the invoices over \$1000.00 for payment with the General Fund. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the payment of invoices over \$1000.00, using the General Fund, seconded by S. O'Connor:

a. Barley Snyder	\$ 3544.84
b. CGA Law Firm	2939.00
c. Hamilton & Musser, PC	2850.00
d. James R. Holley & Associates, Inc.	2504.20
e. Sentry Fire Protection, Inc.	3550.00
f. South Penn Code Consultants LLC	1495.00
g. Southern Reg Police Commission	89931.00
h. Stantec	2610.72

Motion carried.

2. V. Ribeiro moved to confirm the payment of \$2766.16 from the General Fund to Met-Ed for removal of power lines to complete tree removal project at 3 Holly Lane, seconded by A. Rombach.

Motion carried.

3. A. Rombach moved to authorize the payment of invoices over \$1000 from the Recreation Fund, seconded by S. O'Connor:

a. Keelmar Materials	\$ 5046.00
b. Security Fence Co.	7620.00

Motion carried.

**No Old Business**

**No President's Report**

**No Police Commission Report**

**Public Comment**

1. J. Mike Shaver, property owner and resident, asked Council how much money was spent to complete leaf pickup. Council verbally acknowledged that leaf pickup will continue for borough residents and the Work Supervisor is investigating a closer dump site for leaves.
2. Laura Heydt, resident, announced that she was texting with a SRPD officer, who confirmed that the police have issued at least eight DCR's for the residents of 100 Hanover Street.

**Executive Session**

\*\*Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:55 PM for litigation update.

\*\*The Council meeting resumed at 8:58 PM.

V. Ribeiro moved to cancel the Quarterly Council meeting scheduled on April 26, seconded by S. O'Connor. Motion carried.

V. Ribeiro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Ann E. Merrick  
Secretary/Treasurer