

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2020**

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

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

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00PM by President D. Young beginning with the pledge to the flag.

Announcements

1. An Executive Session will be held near the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Public Comment

1. Michael Jansen, Borough Resident, 93 W. Center Street: Mr. Jansen wanted to know the decision of the August 13 Zoning Hearing Board meeting for parking RV on public street because if approved, Mr. Jansen would like to park his RV on street in front of his house. GR Zoning Hearing Board decisions are specifically made for the applicants; if he wants a decision for his property, Mr. Jansen will have to submit an application to the GR Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Jansen asked Council to consider placing a Community Dumpster some place in the Borough for use by all residents. Council discussed, but will not be obtaining a community dumpster due to the possibility of illegal dumping and time needed to monitor who is dumping what kinds of items into the dumpster.

Announcements continued

2. Council President D. Young announced Live Streaming on Borough's Facebook page for the August Council meeting.

Vacancies

1. There is one vacancy on the GR Zoning Hearing Board.
2. There is one vacancy on the GR Planning Commission.
3. Resolution 2020-19 needs to be adopted for the appointment of William Mabon to the GR Authority vacancy. R. Apgar moved to adopt Resolution 2020-19, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

1. R. Apgar moved to approve the July 15, 2020 Council Minutes seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Speed Spy data should be available soon for review for Hanover Street.
2. Hanover Street CDBG update was provided. Letter was mailed to Hanover Street residents; surveys were distributed in-person on two occasions. Properties that did not respond, received at least one more written request. The Borough will have two options after all income surveys are submitted to YCPC: return grant funds to YCPC or process residents individually to see if they

qualify and then those that qualify will have their sidewalks/curbs replaced and Borough will pay for replacement of sidewalks/curbs for all other residents and then invoice residents for their portion of the project.

3. September 30 is the closing date for sale of 1.73-acre parcel on Rockville Road. E. Gabel will contact A. Stewart to schedule closing. R. Apgar moved to authorize Council President D. Young to sign closing documents on behalf of the Borough, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
4. Rock Realty LLC received an offer of \$150,000 for sale of the 25.16-acre parcel on Rockville Road, request of \$2000 down and forty-five days to complete due diligence. Our agent, Naomi Brown, suggests a counter offer of \$165,000, \$5000 deposit and twenty-one days for due diligence. DCNR and Representative Kate Klunk's office have been notified about possible sale and request for legislative removal of Project 70 requirements. R. Apgar moved to approve request of counter offer of \$165,000, \$5000 deposit and twenty-one days due diligence, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried. Council discussed forming a small committee to make decisions on behalf of the Borough for sale of this property. R. Apgar moved to authorize the formulation of a committee of council members to negotiate on behalf of the Borough for sale of the 25.16-acre parcel for anything greater than the initial offer received by the Borough, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

****Council meeting recessed at 7:24 PM to begin Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing. Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing began at 7:25 PM. Amendments to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance were discussed, approved and advertised. No public comments were received by Council. Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 PM.**

Solicitor's Report

1. E. Gabel provided final copy of Ordinance 503, an ordinance amending the Glen Rock Brough Zoning Ordinance, found in Chapter 27 of the Glen Rock Borough Code of Ordinances, for adoption. V. Ribeiro moved to adopt Ordinance 503, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.
2. E. Gabel provided draft of Ordinance 504, an ordinance amending certain section of Chapter 10, Part 4, noise control, of the Glen Rock Borough Code of Ordinances, relative to discharging consumer fireworks in the Borough. V. Ribeiro moved to advertise Ordinance 504, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.

Ordinance Violation Report

1. Abandoned vehicles are still a problem in the Borough; the Borough Office addresses vehicles parked on private property and SRPD addresses violations on public property.

Police Commission Report

1. Two virtual meetings have been held since the last Council meeting.
2. 2021 Budget is currently being developed.
3. Council discussed use of mutual aid between departments.
4. Chief Boddington described an early morning hit and run accident on Church Street.
5. Draft of IGA may be ready soon for distribution.

Recreation Board Report

1. At Home Park Program had thirty-five active participants.
2. Recreation Board approved the purchase of three new basketball rims.
3. On October 18, 5-7PM, there is a dog/pumpkin hunt event planned for the park.

No Work Supervisor's Report

Secretary's Report

1. A. Merrick requested a motion to authorize the signing of an agreement with General Code to proceed with Supplemental Code update; approximate cost for the next update is \$931 - \$1063. R. Apgar moved to authorize the signing of an agreement with General Code to proceed with Supplemental Code update, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.
2. A. Merrick requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-20, formally authorizing the Council President to sign the five-year winter agreement with Penn DOT. R. Apgar moved to adopt Resolution 2020-20, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.
3. As the Chief Administrative Officer of the Borough's pension plan, A. Merrick requested a motion to meet the Borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$13460 for 2021. V. Ribeiro moved to meet Borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$13460 for 2021 pension plan, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.
4. A. Merrick requested a motion to approve the GR Hose & Ladder Fire Police to help Springfield Township with traffic control on September 7. R. Apgar moved to approve the GR Hose & Ladder Fire Police to help Springfield Township with traffic control on September 7, seconded by J. Loudermilk. Motion carried.

No Animal Control Officer's Report/ No South Penn Code Consultant's Report

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Trout Sworn In the two new Council members.

No Building and Property Report

Public Safety Report

1. Council discussed the installation of a stop sign on W. Center Street, when the street transitions from a public to private lane. Installation of stop signs requires a traffic study. R. Apgar will bring more specific concerns regarding this matter to the September Council meeting.

No Ordinance Committee Report/No Special Projects Report

Personnel Report

1. Employee Handbook updates have been reviewed with employees.

*J. Brenneman arrived for the meeting at 8:06 PM.

Finance Report

1. D. Young presented the invoices over \$500.00 for payment through the General Fund. R. Apgar moved to pay the following invoices over \$500.00, using the General Fund, seconded by J. Loudermilk:

a. James R. Holley & Associates, Inc.	\$ 1150.00
b. Southern Regional Police Commission	72345.00

Motion carried.

2. D. Young requested confirmation of the following invoices over \$500.00, already paid from General Fund:
 - a. Ream, Carr, Markey & Woloshin, LLP \$ 1320.00
 - b. Utility Services Group, Inc. 4450.00
 R. Apgar moved to confirm the payment of these two invoices over \$500.00, paid from the General Fund, seconded by G. Arnold. Motion carried.
3. Borough is currently renting gas cylinders for welding equipment, \$300/year. We obtained a quote to purchase three filled cylinders for \$1200 from Helium Inc. J. Loudermilk moved to authorize the purchase of our own cylinders, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

Borough Engineer’s Report

1. Council discussed several residents’ concerns with water runoff from Winter Avenue that may be causing damage to retaining walls/shed and/or garage walls. After reviewing photos of the affected areas, Council determined that the retaining walls/shed and/or garage walls are located outside the Borough’s right of way; property owners are responsible for the areas located outside the Borough’s right of way.
2. J. Brenneman provided an update on the GR Mill Race; no additional debris was found since the clean out last month. The engineer is suggesting stabilizing the area from Mill Race to the arch, under the GR Mill Inn. Council discussed consideration of a multi-year project. V. Ribeiro moved to authorize the engineer to investigate stabilization of the Mill Race project and gather bids, seconded by R. Apgar. Motion carried.

*J. Brenneman left the meeting at 8:40 PM.

New Business

1. Council discussed the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) decisions for hearings held on August 13:
 - a. 34 Argyle Avenue, requested a variance for permission to park RV on Argyle Avenue. The applicant, Mr. R. Beaghan, wasn’t notified of the Planning Commission’s meeting and wants to be able to present his application to the GR Planning Commission as well as the ZHB. ZHB continued the meeting, to allow Mr. Beaghan to present to the GR Planning Commission. ZHB will meet again in September for final decision on the application for 34 Argyle Avenue.
 - b. 133-135 Main Street, requested special exception to allow for a multi-family dwelling within Residential Urban Zoning district and several variances for the granting of multi-family dwelling special request. ZHB approved the special exception and variances for 133-135 Main Street.
2. If Borough Council did not agree with the decisions made by ZHB, the Council could appeal the decisions, to the Court of Common Pleas.

President’s Report

1. President D. Young provided an update of new equipment ordered for use during Council meetings.

New Business continued

3. Council discussed the recent purchase of new pickup truck for maintenance employees and the possibility of the Work Supervisor being allowed to drive the pickup truck to and from his home; on occasion, the Work Supervisor has to respond to emergencies in the Borough after normal work hours. R. Apgar moved to authorize the Work Supervisor to drive the Borough’s new pickup truck

to and from his home, seconded by G. Arnold. R. Apgar, G. Arnold, V. Broadwater, J. Loudermilk and V. Ribeiro voted in favor of the motion; D. Young voted against. Motion carried.

President's Report continued

2. Council re-organized Borough Committee's; the updated list will be emailed to council members by Council President.

Executive Session

**Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:02 PM to discuss pending litigation.

**The Council meeting resumed at 9:17 PM.

No Public Comment

R. Apgar moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM, seconded by V. Ribeiro. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer