

**GLEN ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2024**

Present: Rollin Apgar, John Locke, Chad McCullough, Amanda Rombach and Mike Shaver

Others Present: Evan Gabel, Esq., Mayor John Trout, Ronald McCullough, Work Supervisor, and Ann Merrick, Sec/Treas.

Zoom: Sean O'Connor

Visitors: Twenty-five in-person and many on zoom

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

No Public Comment

Borough Engineer's Report

1. No start date provided for the Glen Avenue Reconstruction project.
2. Hanover Street Storm Sewer project is scheduled to begin September 23.
3. No update is available for the Trinity UCC Cemetery Subdivision.
4. Keystone Sports Construction has completed the GR Park LSA Grant project.

Persons on Agenda

1. John Miller, Director/Administrator with York County Libraries (YCL) provided the Borough with a report of remediation costs for the Neuhaus'es building. The estimated total cost of the project is \$140,733. YCL is not directly asking the Borough for funds to complete the project but would like the Borough to consider being in partnership with YCL and the public. YCL is committed to a presence in Glen Rock Borough and being more than a book drop location. Council took no action on the information presented.
2. Cody Stiffler, Fire Chief for Glen Rock Hose & Ladder, presented a proposal requesting an increase to the Fire and EMS Tax millage rate. Chief Stiffler asked that Council consider an increase from .1 to .4 mils. The solicitor said the Fire/EMS Tax Rate may be a maximum of 3.0 mils. M. Shaver moved to increase the Fire/EMS Tax millage rate to .4 mils, seconded by A. Rombach. During additional discussion, Chief Ed Bailey of GR EMS, Inc shared his concerns with rising costs and also asked Council to consider an increase of the same tax for EMS Services. M. Shaver amended his previous motion and moved to increase the Fire/EMS Tax rate to 1.0 mils, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion unanimously carried.

Announcements/Vacancies

1. Planning Commission has two vacancies and Sewer/Water Authority has one vacancy.

Approval of Minutes

1. J. Locke moved to approve the August 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion carried.

Complaints

1. Several complaints were expressed from a Ruins Hall event held on September 14. Council determined that no ordinances were violated for the event and no action was taken.
2. Repeat complaints have been received for Hayward Heights regarding leaf and yard waste maintenance. M. Shaver moved to authorize the solicitor to research guidelines for leaf pick up, seconded by C. McCullough. S. O'Connor abstained; motion carried.
3. Council discussed on-going ordinance violations at 10 Junior Street. M. Shaver moved to authorize the solicitor to file DJ Action for ordinance violations at 10 Junior Street, seconded by J. Locke. Motion carried.
4. Council discussed expired dumpster permit, stone pile in the road and camper in front of the 144 Walnut Street property. M. Shaver moved to authorize the solicitor to issue a Notice of Violation to the owner of 144 Walnut Street, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion carried.

No New Business

Recreation Board

1. The Board is requesting a change to their Bylaws regarding the residence of board members. M. Shaver moved to authorize the solicitor to provide new resolution with language changes for the residences of board members, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion carried.
2. A. Rombach moved to authorize the solicitor to review the Athletic Field Form for Recreation Board, seconded by M. Shaver. Motion carried.
3. Board announced two vacancies beginning in 2025.

Solicitor's Report

1. E. Gabel reviewed a detailed process for determining a dangerous structure/property. A. Rombach moved to authorize Jason Brenneman to engage a structural engineer to assess the property located at 133-135 Main Street and provide a report to Council prior to the October 16 meeting, seconded by M. Shaver. Motion carried.
2. The outstanding fees for 208 Hanover Street were paid; DJ hearing was canceled. If another complaint is received for this property, the process begins again.
3. The solicitor is scheduling a meeting with the owner of 35 Junior Street.
4. Shrewsbury Township is reviewing the Enforcement Ordinance for GR Park.

Work Supervisor's Report

1. WS reported the following:
 - Bucket Truck still has a hydraulic fluid leak.
 - Park Benches are completed at the GR Park.
 - The Flagpole still needs repaired at the GR Park.
 - Split tree has been removed from the GR Park.
 - The 2014 Truck has new transmission.
 - The GRAA Tractor has been removed from the GR Park.
 - The Fire Company will move the safe from basement of Neuhaus'es Building.
2. When Leaf Pick up dates are chosen, the information will be posted on website and Facebook.

Secretary's Report

1. Trick or Treat will be held October 31, 6-8pm.

No Animal Control Report

No Zoning Officer's Report

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor J. Trout attended the recent Commission meeting; Chief Boddington said the calls for service in the borough are reasonable.

Beautification Report

1. YC Parks helped with weeds along the railroad tracks.
2. K. Gah's reported there is a dead maple tree along Main Street, in front of the Municipal Parking Lot that needs removed.
3. K. Gah's reported that electrical repairs are needed at Veterans Park. The Work Supervisor will contact Grace Electric.
4. Green in the Glen's next meeting is September 21.

Building & Property Report

1. Roof repairs and inspections have been completed for the Municipal Office Building.

Ordinance Committee

1. The Committee suggested that short term rentals be regulated in the Borough.
2. The Committee questioned whether the number of permits issued could be limited. The solicitor will provide copies of other municipal ordinances regarding the keeping of chickens.
3. The Committee suggests increasing the Annual Rental License Fee to at least \$50. The secretary to draft a resolution for Rental Properties for October Council meeting.
4. Committee does not wish to recommend any additional changes to Rental Ordinance DCR's at this time.
5. The following properties with on-going Ordinance violations need to be inspected by Council: 225 Hanover Street, 239 Hanover Street, 25 Church Street, 27 Church Street.
6. The ping pong table at 17 Main Street will be cleaned up by Work Supervisor next week.
7. M. Shaver moved to authorize the Work Supervisor to check the property at 7 Pleasant Street, and if the property still has ordinance violations, authorized the solicitor to file DJ Action, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion carried.

No Public Safety/Special Projects/Strategic Planning Reports

Finance Report

1. M. Shaver moved to authorize the payment of invoices over \$1000.00 using the General Fund, seconded by A. Rombach:

a. CGA Law Firm	\$ 4424.78
b. Keystone Sports Construction	4042.97
c. Quinn's Repair and Fabrication	3758.53
d. Shrewsbury Township	5290.72
e. South Penn Code Consultants LLC	2838.69

Motion carried.

2. A. Rombach moved to authorize the payment of the George Ely Associates, Inc. invoice totaling \$1983.02 using Recreation Funds, seconded by C. McCullough. Motion carried.
3. M. Shaver moved to approve the monthly Journal Entries and Check List, seconded by A. Rombach. Motion carried.
4. Finance committee discussed the first draft of the 2025 Budget which includes a \$170,000 deficit. The committee will meet again on September 25.

No President Report

No Public Comment

Executive Session

**Council recessed to Executive Session at 10:03 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

**The Council meeting resumed at 10:19PM.

M. Shaver moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann E. Merrick
Secretary/Treasurer