

**BOROUGH OF GLENOLDEN
GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA**

COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2010

MR. DANZI
MR. MCGETTIGAN
MR. BOOTHBY
MR. ANGELOS

MR. PFAFF
MRS. CICALA
MS. NELSON
MR. HOOVER

PRESIDENT DANZI – Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Danzi- Before we get started with our business portion of our meeting tonight, we have a couple of new police officers to swear in, Miss Brooke Cataldi and Dan McGuigan. (Applause) Our Mayor is out of town so filling in is the Honorable Pete Tozer. Come on up Judge and I'll call Chief Donohue up here and you guys can take it away.

HONORABLE TOZER – It's usually the Mayor's honor but it's an honor for me as well, I have been around long enough to know just how hard it is for these young people to get these jobs (inaudible)

“I, Brooke Cataldi, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that I will discharge my duties as Police Officer for the Borough of Glenolden with fidelity so help me God.” Congratulations! (Applause)

“I, Dan McGuigan, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that I will discharge my duties as Police Officer for the Borough of Glenolden with fidelity so help me God.” Congratulations! (Applause)

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to approve minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to approve the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION CARRIED

BIDS & CORRESPONDENCE – I have several pieces of correspondence to read for Council this evening. This one is from Denise L. Evans, “Dear Council members I am writing to formally notify you that I am resigning from my position as Glenolden Planning Commission Secretary effective immediately. At this time, I hope to pursue other personal endeavors that may restrict my time. I would like to attend April, May, and June's monthly planning commission meetings on a volunteer basis to tie up any loose ends my departure may cause. It was truly my pleasure to work with the members of the planning commission and I sincerely appreciated the opportunity to serve my community,” and that will be on the agenda. We received a thank you letter from Mary, Tim and Jim Swallow; “Thank you for the beautiful flowers, they were a great comfort.” A letter from Murray-Stuart Post 566; “The members of the Murray-Stuart Post are asking permission to conduct the Memorial Day Parade from our Post home through the Glenolden Community. The Parade will take place on Monday, May 31 at 12:00 Noon and we are requesting a Police escort during the Parade. The Parade will end at Glenolden Park for the Final Ceremonies. After the Parade, we invite the entire Community back to the Post for refreshments and food. The Post is asking for confirmation that the Honorable Mayor of Glenolden will attend and march in the Parade. Thank you for your cooperation on this special day. Signed, John Cavella, Memorial Day Chairperson. And I have a letter from the Senior Community Services. Mr.

Danzi, “the Senior Community Services (SCS) requests the \$2,200 payment of Glenolden Borough’s contribution for Schoolhouse Senior Center programs for 2010. Since 1977, SCS has played an important role helping the elderly of our community to live active and independent lives enabling people to remain in their own homes, avoiding unnecessary nursing home admission. Support from municipalities has been an essential component of SCS’s multifaceted funding approach, serving as a stable base and springboard for private sector fundraising efforts. We thank you for your support and important part insuring a responsive aging services continuum. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Glenolden Borough, meeting the needs of the elderly of our community.” And that is all the correspondence that I have.

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to go out of the regular order of business to hear from the public with any questions pertaining to the motions listed on the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DANZI – Any questions on agenda items tonight?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & LAW – Mr. Boothby No new report

PUBLIC & SAFETY – Mr. McGettigan

	CASH	CHECKS	TOTAL
Parking Tickets	940.00	845.00	1785.00
Accidents	45.50	360.00	405.50
Borough Ord./ Snow	40.00	150.00	190.00
Magistrate Tozer	0.00	*4474.00	*4474.00
D.U.I.	0.00	500.78	500.78
Restitution	0.00	10.00	10.00
Totals	\$1025.50	\$6339.78	\$7365.28

*February fines

45	Crimes Code Arrests
95	Vehicle Code Arrests/Citations Issued
198	Parking Tickets Issued
2	Borough Ordinance Citations
752	Incidents

Glenolden Fire Company Report for March, 2010

Maintenance Report for the month of March, 2010

All trucks were kept clean throughout the month

Weekly inspections and routine maintenance performed on each truck

Weekly equipment checks performed on each truck

Extra Activities performed by the members:

None

Fire/ Drill Report for March 2008

No. of Alarms	In Town	Out of Town	Y.T.D.	Answering Alarms	Minutes in Service	Man Minutes
27	12	15	104	22	496	3106

No. of Drills	YTD	Total Members Attending	Total Minutes In Service	Total Man Minutes
4	11	33	300	2700

Nature of Alarms

Apartment	MVA	Investigation	Trash	Brush	Oil Spill	Gas Invest.	Fire Alarms
1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3

Mutual Aid - Assist for Fire: 14

HIGHWAY & LIGHTS – Mr. Ruggiero (read by Mr. Boothby)

SIGNS

Straightened, installed, and replaced signs and posts throughout the borough as needed

STORM INLETS

Cleaned tops of storm sewer inlets

ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIRS

Used 79 bags of cold patch at 60 pounds each to fill potholes

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED

Picked up trash throughout borough

Cleaned up after accident on S. Chester Pike

Ran street sweeper throughout borough

EQUIPMENT

Checked and maintained fluids in all equipment

Removed plows and salt spreaders from trucks

Replaced broken window and handle on back hoe

Removed one water tank from street sweeper

Replaced back brush and gutter brush on street sweeper

Power washed trucks

Changed oil and filters on sweepers

Salerno's repaired right front tire on sweeper

HEALTH AND SEWER – Mr. McGarvey (read by Mr. Pfaff)

Sewers were checked and maintenance performed as needed throughout March

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED

Plunged vent at 43 Boon Ave line open

Called to check lines at S. Ridgeway & Glenolden Ave. lines open plunged vent at 210 Glenolden Ave

Used RamJet on sewer line at N. MacDade between Cook and Ashland

Call to check sewer lines at 146 N. Wells

EQUIPMENT

Cleaned and routine maintenance performed on equipment

Health & Sewer Report for the month of March 2010

Street Openings	0	Total fees collected	\$ 0.00
Plumbing permits issued	4	Total fees collected	\$775.00
Turned over to the Borough Secretary the total sum of:		\$775.00	

HEALTH OFFICER – March 2010

Communicable Diseases Reported: 0

Animal Bites Reported: 1 dog

Inspections/licenses issued: 0

Complaints: 3

Contemp Vlg – 1) Mice; resolved

2) Unidentified animals in bucket – two disposed of baby squirrels

3) Cat running throughout apartment hallway – reinforced that all pets must be kept in apartment

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Duffy, RN

PARKS & PROPERTY – Mrs. Cicala

Picked up trash at all borough buildings throughout the month

Emptied trash cans in playgrounds, ball fields, borough hall, library and parks

Removed and cut up fallen branches in park area

Picked up trash throughout parks

Used Kubota to drag all baseball fields daily

Cleaned leaves from around all borough fences and backstops at fields

Cut grass as needed throughout borough

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED

Mopped borough hall and set up table and chairs as needed

Delivered recycle cans to residents

Replaced lights in borough buildings as needed

Repaired swings at Lamont Avenue Park

Picked up the 12 tables from Glenolden School

Removed fire pit and cleaned up cans and trash at Monument Hill

Repaired parking blocks at borough hall parking lot

Fixed sink in court office

Hung banner at library

Cleaned up after roof leaked in hallway by police station

EQUIPMENT

All equipment cleaned and maintenance performed as needed

BUILDING & ZONING – Mr. Pfaff

• **Building and Zoning Report for the month of March 2010**

Total Building/Zoning Permits issued	8	Total fees collected	\$ 1117.00
Total Contractor Registrations	7	Total fees collected	\$ 525.00

Total Building and Zoning fees turned over to the Borough Secretary: **\$1642.00**

• **Use and Occupancy Report for the month of March 2010**

C&O's applied for	11	Total fees collected	\$ 1100.00
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Re-inspections	0	Total fees collected	\$ 0.00
U&O's applied for	28	Total fees collected	\$ 5475.00
Total Use and Occupancy fees turned over to the Borough Secretary:			\$ 6575.00

ENGINEER – Ms. Nelson

Burger King

On April 6, we received the Acknowledgement of Completion from PennDOT and prepared a memo regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Muckinipates Bridge Crossing on MacDade Boulevard

Following our inspection, we contacted the bridge inspector from PennDOT regarding the responsible party. He provided information regarding the 50' Right-of-Way established in 1932 by Borough Ordinance #296. We have uncovered documentation that the Right-of-Way is 70', which would include both pedestrian bridges. He is conferring with his bridge engineer and will respond officially based on their discussion.

Chester Pike Signals

We sent letters out to impacted property owners that were prepared by Orth Rogers on behalf of PennDOT regarding their need to acquire various easements for the improvements. Chief Donahue is in contact with the PennDOT Signals Engineer regarding some concerns during construction.

MacDade Blvd Signals

We have completed the field work for the Borough-owned facilities and will complete the documentation to forward to AWK.

DELCORA Lateral Demonstration Project

They have forwarded a draft of their report and are in the process of preparing an educational video that I have just been informed will be starring our very own Borough Council President.

Knowles Avenue

PUC restated that they do not believe they have jurisdiction. CSX attorneys are reviewing their determination along with the draft of our construction agreement. We have concluded they will accept a total of \$8,000 for temporary and permanent easements required for the underpass. Signed agreements with Above Net and Verizon are in hand. PECO agreement pending. We need to draft a template for the required project sign so that it can be reviewed by the Borough as well as the completion of a Request for Proposal for construction inspections.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Puppio No new report

PRESIDENT DANZI – Old / New business

FINANCE & LAW – Mr. Boothby

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mrs. Cicala to adopt Resolution # 03-10 appointing INR as Investment Advisors for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Funds. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mrs. Cicala to refund the amount of \$22.75 to Daniel and Jacqueline Martin for the duplicate payment of the 2010 Borough Taxes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mrs. Cicala to refund the amount of \$1,027.75 to William Higbee for the duplicate payment of the 2010 Borough Taxes. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mrs. Cicala to approve the amount of \$2,200.00 as Glenolden Borough's yearly donation to SCS, Senior Community Services. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. McGettigan No new report

HIGHWAY & LIGHTS – Mr. Ruggiero (read by Mr. Boothby)

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mr. Pfaff to adopt Resolution # 04-10 appointing Brian Hoover as Agent for the Borough of Glenolden for re-imbusement of snow storm expenses through FEMA. **MOTION CARRIED**

HEALTH & SEWER – Mr. McGarvey No new report

PARKS & PROPERTY- Mrs. Cicala No new report

BUILDING & ZONING – Mr. Pfaff

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to accept the resignation of Planning Commission Secretary Denise Evans, effective immediately, with regrets. **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT DANZI – Now, a motion to go out of the regular order of business to hear from the public tonight.

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to go out of the regular order of business to hear from the public. **MOTION CARRIED**

PRESIDENT DANZI – Anyone from the public wish to address us tonight?

Jane Tier, 23 Rambler Road – I have three concerns; I know one of these concerns was brought up by my next door neighbor. The first concern that I have is behind my house on Oak Avenue, there's a gentleman that lives in the house, he parks his truck on the front lawn, now if I had done that on my property I don't think too many people would be too happy with that, so, I'm sure that there's an ordinance not to park on lawns especially on a front lawn. Also, this one's gonna be a dead issue, it's the dead tree next to my neighbor, and this has been brought up before and the girl doesn't have any money to take it down and I can understand that times are tough but when that tree falls, my neighbor and us, if it falls on our garage, we'll have to go and get our insurance. Now, I don't get it. An act of God I can understand, I have a tree and have people come out at least every five years and go and maintain the tree, and if a nice wind came through and the tree came down that would be an act of God. When you have a dead tree sitting there for nearly three years I can't picture that to be an act of God, that's just negligence and I was hoping that somebody in the Borough, I've called to find out if we have a tree person that will take it down before any damage is done and plus there are children in those yards playing.

President Danzi – What we can do is send Brian over there tomorrow to take a look at it, the tree. But here's the thing Jane, and I'll catch up with the Solicitor today or tomorrow, this is not uncommon. What we have not been able to figure out is what we can do, we can order somebody, we can't really order somebody, but even if we did and they said no, I don't know that we can just start fining somebody because they don't have the money, we can't expense tax payers money, unnecessarily, but what we'll try and do is this; we generally try and reason with people. You're sure it's a hazard.

Mrs. Tier – It's leaning up against the fence right now and my neighbors go away for the winter and I went and told their neighbors because they take care of their property, the tree is like butting up now against the fence. When I talked to Helen Gartner, she said when they had their trees cut down, they even spent four hundred or five hundred dollars of their own money to cut the branches so

President Danzi – That’s common, if they’re hanging on your property, you have the right to

Mrs. Tier – That’s what I understand, but this is gonna come down, I mean just give it a good wind, the branches are already flappin.

President Danzi - We have numerous cases of these, and I always look at it and talk to people

Mrs. Tier – But can’t like the County, maybe not the Borough or Community Action or something like that

President Danzi - No one wants to expense any money to help take a tree down, someone else’s tree, it’s the responsibility of the home owner, but again there’s been some question of one neighbor says it’s a hazard and then another neighbor has a tree surgeon look at it, there’s disputes. How about we look at it and I’m not sure what I can do or what we can do but let’s look at it first, talk to the solicitor, Ernie, he’ll relay it to Mr. Puppio and we’ll try and it’s a concern of the lack of people, times are tough, what’s the address

Mrs. Tier – It’s on Oak Avenue, behind I’m at 23 my neighbor is 25 and you can clearly see, I don’t know what the address is on Oak Avenue.

President Danzi - Okay we’ll look at it.

Mrs. Tier – The third one, this has been a sore spot since this individual moved in next to me, at 21, a couple years back when they first moved in they didn’t cut their grass, I called the Borough and the guy went and said you gotta cut the grass and moves over their car. Okay well they’re cutting their grass but the debris that they cut down three or four years ago is sitting in the back yard in a big bush. And they have a garage but next to the garage a chained in thing and they store all their junk in there along with the garage. My thought is and there’s also a wagon that’s out back, mosquitoes and we’re getting like these creepy things....

President Danzi – What kind of wagon?

Mrs. Tier – It’s a little kids wagon just sitting up a couple of times, in the past years I’d knock that wagon over, going over the fence, just to get the water out. I can’t go and dictate how people live, but their deck is all mold, they put indoor outdoor carpeting on the deck, it’s all mold, these are health issues that I’m concerned about.

President Danzi – These are problems that we really struggle with, how about if we look at all of it. We don’t have the authority, but if something is truly a hazard we can try and ask them to be neighborly and clean it up.

Mrs. Tier – Well, the Chins next to them in the single home, when Harry Chin was alive they had a pool built, and all the dirt came into his nephews back yard which then and I said to the Borough what kind of crap is this, they came along with a bobcat and leveled it out making their yard this much higher than our yard. Now where we never had water before our driveway is sitting in water and all that sort of stuff and my husband and I just went and put dirt down to kind of raise it up a little bit, me ending up in the hospital and this is at our expense and they’re doing whatever they want.

President Danzi -How long ago did that happen, they added dirt?

Mrs. Tier-That was maybe three or four years ago, when they were asked to go and cut the lawn and then the dirt whenever the pool was being put in I don’t remember the time slot but all the dirt that came from Harry Chin’s house ended up on his and then they just went and got a bobcat and I don’t remember if Harry was alive still or not. Other people have said I can’t believe you’ve allowed them to do that, but now even though it’s rained a lot seems like my back yards a swamp and was never a swamp before so my husband and I went out and got sod, put sod down tried to go and get the dirt to a point where it’s not going to be pooling so much and then we had to go and plant grass seed which we just got.

President Danzi – Give us the opportunity to look at it.

Mrs. Tier- You know, I know I can’t dictate how people live but when it’s a health hazard, I mean like the things that are pooling water and that’s another one, a fourth one. Does anyone know when they’re going to come around and spray for mosquitoes because if they do I’d like to know.

President Danzi – I don’t know if they do that too often anymore (talking over one another)

Ms. Nelson – They actually put tablets down in inlets, I don't know that they spray anymore.

President Danzi -If we hear of anything, we'll get it on our website and on the news channels, but we're not aware of anything at this time.

Mrs. Tier- Well, thank you very much.

MOTION by Mr. Boothby seconded by Mr. Pfaff to pay all bills as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Boothby to adjourn this meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adjourned meeting at 8:10 PM

ATTEST

Brian H. Hoover
Borough Manager
BHH/dw