

**BOROUGH OF GLENOLDEN  
GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING****MARCH 21, 2006**

MR. DANZI  
MR. PFAFF  
MR. KELLY  
MR. PUPPIO  
MR. KERSTETTER  
MAYOR BATHURST

MR. MCGARVEY  
MR. QUINN  
MS. NELSON  
MR. MCGETTIGAN  
MR. HOOVER

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

**MOTION** by Mr. Quinn seconded by Mr. McGarvey to go out of the regular order of business for Mayor’s presentation of portraits of deceased Chiefs. **MOTION CARRIED**

**MAYOR BATHURST-** Over the years we have been privileged here in Glenolden to have very fine representation by the men who have served in the office of Chief of Police. This goes all the way back to John McVeigh, affectionately known as Johnny the Cop, who used to man the intersection of Gardner and the Pike and if you did well in school, you would get a bright shiny penny from him at the end of the school year. Now a penny in those days was a lot. We have his portrait and the portrait of the late Chief Sparks, who was shot to death at the corner of Glenolden Avenue and Chester Pike in the early seventies. Since that time there have been three other Police Chiefs. One would be Al Lorup, who was before Chief Sparks. The other is Joe Grant who assumed the office after the death of Chief Sparks, and the other is Ed Cooke who assumed the office after the retirement of Joe Grant. We’ve been privileged to have a local portrait artist do these portraits of Chief Grant and Chief Cooke which will hang here in Borough Council Chambers along with Chief McVeigh and Chief Sparks. We are still in the process of trying to acquire a photograph of Chief Lorup so we can add him to the collection. But this evening as these are the first time that they have been seen and seen for public we ask the families of Chief Grant and Chief Cooke just to come and be honored with the presentation. So we have the two daughters of Joe Grant with us. I’ll be formal and say Michelle and we also have Sharon and his sister Helen. So if you would just stand for a second so the folks can see you. These guys, Mickey and Sharon grew up on Glen Avenue and I think you still have the house down there that Joe retired from. Also we have Sue Cooke, who is the wife of the late Ed Cooke. Sue if you would be kind enough, and her son Mark is with us. So we would just like to convey these portraits over to the Borough and the Police Department and to present them to you at this time Mr. Danzi and to Chief Donohue. They will be on display here and then they will go downstairs. At this point it would just be a matter of saying, “Thank you for being here, we appreciate it.” I know for Sue, Michelle and Sharon it brings back a lot of memories, both good and some not so good. But we are pleased that you could make it this evening and be a part of this, so thank you very much!

**PRESIDENT DANZI** – Okay, we’ll get back to the regular order of business.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. McGarvey to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BIDS & CORRESPONDENCE** – Not this evening.

**PRESIDENT DANZI** – I want to go out of the regular order of business. In addition, Ms. Nelson brought to us tonight that I just want to read and this way if anyone has any questions on it. We’re going to award the contract for the Boon and Glen Avenue Project to JMC Contractors in the amount of \$231,800.00 and that’s pending confirmation of full funding from the county. That’s that construction project of storm sewers and sanitary sewers. So, that is also on the agenda tonight. So now I’ll entertain a motion to go out of the regular order of business to hear from the public with any questions pertaining to the motions on the agenda.

**MOTION** by Mr. Quinn seconded by Mr. McGarvey 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** – The resolution to operate an inter-municipal coop project with Norwood to purchase a street sweeper is just the first step, the first step in trying to acquire grant money for a street sweeper between both towns. And we have to have some kind of formal coop and that’s what that is, okay? Moving right along.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE & LAW** – Mr. McGettigan No new report

**PUBLIC & SAFETY** – Mr. Quinn

	<b>CASH</b>	<b>CHECKS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Parking Tickets</b>	635.00	970.00	1,605.00
<b>Accidents</b>	84.00	280.00	364.00
<b>Dog/Weeds/Snow</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Magistrate Tozer</b>	0.00	*7,670.90	*7,670.90
<b>D.U.I.</b>	0.00	00.00	00.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$719.00</b>	<b>\$8,920.90</b>	<b>\$9,639.90</b>

\* January fines

<b>17</b>	<b>Crimes Code Arrests</b>
<b>139</b>	<b>Vehicle Code Arrests/Citations Issued</b>
<b>223</b>	<b>Parking Tickets Issued</b>

<b>0</b>	<b>Borough Ordinance Citations</b>
<b>693</b>	<b>Incidents</b>

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**Glenolden Fire Company Report for February, 2006**

**Maintenance Report:**

- All trucks were kept clean throughout the month
- Weekly inspections and routine maintenance performed on each truck.
- Weekly equipment checks performed on each truck.

The following is a list of extra repairs and/or maintenance performed on the apparatus.

N/A

The Fire Company spent 125 personnel hours on cleaning/maintenance.

The Fire Company spent 150 personnel hours training.

**Fire/ Drill Report for February 2006**

<b>No. of Alarms</b>	<b>In Town</b>	<b>Out of Town</b>	<b>Y.T.D.</b>	<b>Answering Alarms</b>	<b>Minutes in Service</b>	<b>Man Minutes</b>
21	10	11	95	24	303	2,307

<b>No. of Drills</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Total Members Attending</b>	<b>Total Minutes In Service</b>	<b>Total Man Minutes</b>
3	10	16	360	3,720

**Nature of Alarms**

<b>House</b>	<b>Assist EMS</b>	<b>Gas Invest.</b>	<b>PECO Equip.</b>	<b>Investigation</b>	<b>Fire Alarm</b>
1	2	2	1	1	3

Mutual Aid - Assist for Fire: 11

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**HIGHWAY & LIGHTS** – Mr. Kelly

Routine inlet maintenance was performed on the following dates: February 3, 4, 9 and 15.

**STREET SIGNS:**

- Straightened, repaired and replaced various signs throughout the borough

**STREET CLEANING:**

- Cleaned various streets throughout the borough

**SNOW REMOVAL:**

- Hooked up both trucks with plows and salt spreaders
- Salted and plowed streets on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
- Salted all streets and intersections where needed.

**OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:**

- Filled potholes throughout the borough.
- Cut back weeds and branches
- Washed down both trucks to remove salt
- Applied two coats of truck bed sealer to new dump at damage area
- Performed crossing guard duty
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**EQUIPMENT:**

- Checked and maintained all fluids on trucks.
- Dropped off new dump truck at Robin Ford for noise in front end

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	<b>320</b>
TOTAL OVERTIME	<b>33</b>
TOTAL COMP TIME	<b>10</b>

- **HEALTH AND SEWER** – Mr. McGarvey

Sewers were checked and maintenance performed on the following dates: February 3, 10, 12 and 24

**OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:**

- Call from Code Enforcer about a sewage back up; checked our lines which were running fine

**EQUIPMENT:**

- All fluids were checked and maintained in Ram-Jet.

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	<b>12</b>
TOTAL OVERTIME	<b>0</b>
TOTAL COMP TIME	<b>0</b>

• **Health & Sewer Report for the month of February 2006**

Street Openings	<b>2</b>	Total fees collected	<b>\$125.00</b>
Plumbing permits issued	<b>1</b>	Total fees collected	<b>\$ 52.00</b>
Plumbing Registrations issued	<b>3</b>	Total fees collected	<b>\$150.00</b>

Turned over to the Borough Secretary the total sum of: **\$327.00**

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**HEALTH OFFICER** – Phyllis Duffy

- Communicable Diseases Reported:           **0**
- Animal Bites Reported:                       **0**
- Inspections/Licenses Issued:               **0**

**Complaints:**

- 360 Hibbs Ave. – Interior house cleaning has been accomplished!!
- Glenbrook Apartments - Tenant complaint about heat “going on and off”. Spoke to manager who stated thermostats are set at 72 degrees which explains the situation.

Minor complaints resolved via telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Duffy, RN, MHR

**PARKS & PROPERTY** – Mr. Kerstetter

Picked up trash at all borough buildings

**OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:**

- Mopped borough hall auditorium
- Set up tables and chairs for seniors
- Changed light bulb at steps of Library
- Snow plowed Borough Hall and Firehouse and removed snow from Police parking lot
- General maintenance done throughout borough

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	<b>136</b>
TOTAL OVERTIME	<b>0</b>
TOTAL COMP TIME	<b>0</b>

**BUILDING & ZONING** – Mr. Pfaff**Building and Zoning Report for the month of February 2006**

Total Building/Zoning Permits issued	<b>22</b>	Total fees collected	<b>\$3,161.00</b>
Total Contractor Registrations	<b>15</b>	Total fees collected	<b>\$ 750.00</b>

Total Building and Zoning fees turned over to the Borough Secretary:       **\$3,911.00**



**SOLICITOR** – Mr. Puppio No new report

**PRESIDENT DANZI** – Old / New business

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**FINANCE & LAW** – Mr. McGettigan

**MOTION** by Mr. McGettigan seconded by Mr. Pfaff to adopt Resolution 4-06 for operating an inter-municipal, cooperative project to purchase and operate an Industrial Street Sweeper with the Borough of Norwood. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development makes available grants-in-aid to such projects through the Shared Municipal Services program and that the Borough Council of the Borough of Glenolden hereby allocates municipal resources in the amount of \$80,000.00 to said project. **MOTION CARRIED**

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**HEALTH & SEWER** – Mr. McGarvey

**MOTION** by Mr. McGarvey seconded by Mr. Pfaff to award contract of Glen and Boon Avenue Project to J.M.C. Contractors for the sum of \$231,800.00 for sewer improvements, pending confirmation of full funding from Delaware County. **MOTION CARRIED**

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**PARKS & PROPERTY** – Mr. Kerstetter No new reports

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Mr. Quinn No new reports

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**BUILDING & ZONING** – Mr. Pfaff No new reports

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**HIGHWAY & LIGHTS** – Mr. Kelly No new reports

**MAYOR BATHURST** –Just a few items of interest, back in February Chief Donohue was involved in the Read Across America program at one of the local schools and was involved in the reading project for the lower grades, the kindergarten classes. The crossing guards from the Interboro District, including Glenolden, were honored, recognized, at the School Board meeting last week which was very appropriate. It's one of those non-glamorous jobs that requires a lot of dedication, every day, two or three times a day, all kinds of weather and on top of that you have to put up with the abuse of motorists and sometimes you have to actually put up with the abuse of the kids, as they go back and forth. We also had a young man from Glenolden School involved in the Delaware County

Times Spelling Bee. He made it to the eighth word before he was eliminated. Finally, we're beginning the spring and already we're having vandalism down in Glenolden Park. Unfortunately, the young people today take a very callous approach to other people's property and the bridge that goes across the Muckinipates down at the foot of Glenolden Avenue has really been hammered so I don't think a determination has been made yet if we have to close that or not. But, again, we would ask the residents to keep an eye out. I know it's hard in the Park but what's going on around town so we can nip these things in the bud. So, thank you sir.

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

**PRESIDENT DANZI** – Anybody from the public wish to address Council tonight?

**Anna Montague Boland, 104 E. Oak Lane** – I'm here to speak to the Glenolden Borough Council, the governing body for the Borough of Glenolden. On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 there was a re-organization meeting for the Borough of Glenolden. Today the copy of that meeting isn't in the Library. Finally, a copy of the Glenolden Borough Council meeting minutes held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 was sent to the Library. The treasurer's report approved at the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting wasn't sent to the Library along with the minutes. These three Borough documents aren't on the website. It's very important for the residents of Glenolden to know who are in the various positions and this could only be known by being able to read the minutes. On the agenda sheet for the Glenolden Borough Council meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, was item three, purchase of Borough vehicle. When Mr. Quinn made a motion seconded by Mr. McGarvey 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, I asked questions on item three. My questions were answered by President Danzi, however his name isn't listed as the person responding to my questions. I asked who was going to use the vehicle and was told Mr. Hoover, Police, Borough employees. I then asked where the vehicle was to be kept and found that it might be at the home of Mr. Hoover, and I asked if he was getting portal to portal transportation. I asked if a log was going to be kept of the usage of this vehicle and was told if it is necessary and I said the only way to find out is to have a log. None of these questions are answered, are included in the minutes. At the close of the meeting President Danzi asked if anybody from the public wished to address Council tonight. It was at this time that I asked questions and received answers to my questions. The questions I asked, the answers with the name of the person answering my question isn't in the minutes. Instead the following is a paragraph from the minutes of the Glenolden Borough Council meeting held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Mrs. Boland, 104 E. Oak Lane- Questions were brought before Council, that's you, to inform Mrs. Boland on Borough policies regarding: Errors in 2005 minutes, treasurer reports, full and part-time employee counts, medical coverage for Borough employees and their families; full time students, will Borough minutes / budget / treasurer's report now be on web site, will a log be made available on new Borough vehicle. And that's not what I said. I asked questions, they were answered. When a person takes the time to come here, ask you questions, you

take the time to answer them, they should be in the minutes. This is the most sloppy stuff you ever had. Now, I'm sorry to have to do this Mr. Danzi, I'm now going to bring before Council the matter of two 2006 budgets. When the 2006 budget wasn't put out for the residents to read except at the Borough office, my husband and I went to the Borough office and it was closed for an extended lunch period. We waited and when the office opened asked to see the 2006 Glenolden budget that was approved at the Council meeting. The person who came to the office window was annoyed that we had asked to see the budget. She took a folder looked at it and left and came back and took the same folder to hand out. I asked if this was the budget approved at the meeting, she told us it was what Brian told her to give us. While seated at the office I jot down some of the sums for items I thought important since I couldn't do all of them. When the budget was put in the Library last week I discovered the numbers on the budget didn't agree with the figures on the copy of the budget shown to my husband and I in December. I spoke to President Danzi and accepted his explanation. He agreed with me that the budget should be dated and signed. This wasn't done on the 2006 budget. Had the January minutes been correct and not written in such a derogatory way towards me I would have accepted what happened with the budget. Mr. Danzi satisfied my husband and I and we feel sure he will keep a close watch next year. Do you have any comments now about your minutes?

**President Danzi** – We'll try and do a little better job for you next time Mrs. Boland.

**Mrs. Boland** – Well I think that there should be corrections, now I mentioned this before this must be about four meetings I've had to tell you that explained it this is not the way you write minutes. When someone asks a question and they get an answer maybe that's a question some other member of the community would like to know the answer on. And that paragraph is the most stupid thing I've ever seen that they wrote.

**President Danzi** – Thank you Mrs. Boland.

**Mrs. Boland** – You're quite welcome Mr. Danzi.

**Donna Rothe, 302 S. Sharp Avenue** – I just want to inquire on who the Treasurer is, Mrs. Boland I did go out in the way to try to look for the organization who the Treasurer of the Borough is?

**President Danzi** – The Treasurer of Glenolden is Brian Hoover.

**Donna Rothe** – Brian Hoover. And does that his salary includes the \$3500.00 for the Treasurer?

**President Danzi** – It does not.

**Donna Rothe** – It does not. Who gets the \$3500.00?

**President Danzi** – One, Donna, look I'll try and answer some of your questions tonight. Usually, the procedure is if you have questions if you would put them in writing, submit them to the Borough office and we'll get them to you, especially on budget items. The \$3500.00 that you're referring to under Treasurer was Sarah Dougherty, the Borough Manager has always been the Treasurer. They paid Sarah Dougherty as the Tax Collector got paid a dollar to be the Tax Collector. She got paid under the Treasurer's column for years

**Donna Rothe** - \$23,000.00

**President Danzi** – That's correct. So, her last pay of December we had to budget some money to cover her in January, so out of that \$3500.00 there's about \$2900.00 left and the reason we budget \$3500.00 was to just not eliminate the Treasurer's column.

**Donna Rothe** – Okay.

**President Danzi** – As it is now, it has a balance of \$2900.00 which Sarah now is getting paid a Tax Collector's fee and if we needed that \$2900.00 we could shift that to the Tax Collector's account.

**Donna Rothe** – Okay. Now I also have a question on, cause I don't understand the, okay, there's the

EMS taxes that are collected. This year there's budgeted \$57,000.00, \$57,160.07. In '05 what is that money used for, since it's a tax and it's Emergency, what are the borough's allowed to use that money for, or what has Glenolden used that money for?

**President Danzi** – Well, there are limitations and I don't have them all. The law on EMS tax is about that thick on what it can be used for and I can refer even Brian or Mike would know more than me but I can tell you in a nutshell it's to be used for emergency services, which it's stated for, it can be used for some infrastructure repairs, highways and stuff like that. So that's what it can be used for.

**Donna Rothe** – Okay, alright, thank you very much.

**President Danzi** – You're welcome.

**Rick Schoen, 418 S. Scott Avenue** – I'd like to bring to Council's attention an ongoing problem we've had with a barking dog problem, barking dogs on the last block of S. Scott Avenue. One of the neighbors has, as many of you know, four police dogs and it's been an ongoing persistent egregious problem with these barking dogs which my family and I have tried to resolve amicably with the neighbor in the past, that avenue isn't gonna go. I'm here to ask for Council's guidance and attention in what to do about this next. The weather is gonna warm up the windows gonna be open it's gonna be even more problematic than it has been now. So, I worked with the Police Department about this, had a conversation with one of the police officers last week which left me more disturbed than resolved in his effort to try to get me to stop complaining, get the neighbors to stop complaining and solve the problem, so I guess I don't know where to go next.

**President Danzi** – Well, Rick, we are well aware of the ongoing problem. Actually did have some conversations with Chief Donohue and the Mayor and Brian, also not as the Borough Manager only but the Chief Code Enforcement Officer today. I wish I had a definitive answer for you now. We do think we have a plan to put into effect. I'll tell you what I'd be glad to do is to again maybe stop over or maybe even after the meeting if you're going to hang around for the rest of the meeting depending on public comment, how much more time we'll be here. I know your mom's usually in bed by now. We are aware that this is a very ongoing problem and we'll be glad to talk to you afterwards if you want to stay.

**Rick Schoen** – Come by at 8:00 any morning to my house and you can witness it for yourself.

**President Danzi** – Okay, well that may be part of the plan. Mike, I'm not going to put you on the spot, I don't know if you'd have no comment, that's fine. As the Police Chief I don't know if you would want to make any comment or not.

**Mr. Puppio** – I don't think you'd want to do that in a public setting.

**President Danzi** - Okay, that's good. We'll talk to you afterwards.

**Mr. Puppio** – Actions taken by the Code Enforcement Office on your behalf, I don't think you want to discuss that publicly giving away your plan of action.

**President Danzi** – Okay.

**Caroline Fairfield, 304 S. Sharp Avenue** – I was wondering if

**President Danzi** – Is that A or B, up or down, first floor, just for the records.

**Caroline Fairfield** – First floor. I was wondering if Mr. Hoover draws a salary from the Chief Code Enforcement Officer?

**President Danzi** – Part of his salary is included in the Chief Code Enforcement Officer.

**Caroline Fairfield** – Out of the \$40,000.00 that's budgeted?

**President Danzi** – Out of the \$40,000.00 there, I don't know the

**Caroline Fairfield** – Well, that's what's on the well that's on the budget

**President Danzi** – I can get you that amount.

**Caroline Fairfield** – Over the \$40,000.00.

**President Danzi** - \$2500.00 out of that is applied to his salary.

**Caroline Fairfield** – And that's over and above so that's over and above his \$56,000.00 Borough Manager salary.

**President Danzi** – That's correct.

**Caroline Fairfield** – Does he collect any other salaries as Borough Manager?

**President Danzi** – The \$56, no.

**Caroline Fairfield** – So, Code Enforcement Officer and the Borough Manager.

**President Danzi** – And the Borough Manager.

**Caroline Fairfield** – Okay, thank you.

**Frederick DeFeo, 149 S Wells Avenue** – I have a question about the t-ball field that they've been building. I was never notified, also my neighbors were not also, ever notified that they were going to do that construction back there. We did hear that was going to be a t-ball field, then we heard it was going to be a softball field and we're a little concerned as neighbors that we'd like to know how far are they coming up to our property line and somebody said something about their going to build seats that run right across the back of our property which would mean, well first of all, I feel bad that they're removing the trees. It's done an awful thing to the birds that live in the trees and also the squirrels, but I'm not worried about the squirrels. I feel bad but I'd like to know what's the idea with the construction for the stands. They said they were going to build stands or stadium seating and it would come right up to the back of the property. How high is that and they haven't been working for about a week so I didn't know whether they were waiting for this meeting or somebody to say something. But like I said we were never notified that they were doing that that kind of building back there, we were very happy with having the trees back there.

**President Danzi** – Well I understand that. One, something obviously you didn't know, that property was purchased and they were about to build homes on it. Those trees would have all been gone had we not had the help of the state and behalf of Ron Raymond and the County Council, they helped us with that.

**Frederick DeFeo** – That was several years ago because I came to that meeting too, we were able to stop them. I'm sorry, go ahead.

**President Danzi** – The purchase of the property from Peco never came in front of Council that was a gentleman just purchased it and was going to build, so we bought the property back from the gentleman that was going to build and it's going to be open space all the time now because it's owned by the Borough. So I would think that would be better than a couple dozen homes going back there. As far as seating I don't think there's going to be any seating (discussion ensues)

**Frederick DeFeo** – Someone said something to one of my neighbors, they were going to build some kind of seating and it was going to come right up to the back of our property and I'll look out my window and see (talking over each other).

**President Danzi** – Do we have plans in the office that are open to review. I don't know, I guess we could have notified the neighbors, we thought keeping homes from being built there, trees that were coming down were, through engineering and all.

**Mr. Pfaff** – We are conscientious about that too and we're trying to maintain as many trees as possible, but flip side of that too, it's going to be a usable park.

**Frederick DeFeo** – See, I was concerned because there's already we have the ball fields on the other side of the tracks and there was plenty of room and it used to be the tennis courts which they paved over, I guess it's a parking lot now. But all of those things I felt that would be an area where if they were going to do a t-ball field for the little kids that would have been it. So I was a little surprised and taken back when they started to cut those trees down and all of the sudden they just appeared one day and I saw what they were doing and I was wondering how far, do you know how far they're going.

**President Danzi** – Well, we have plans you're welcomed after the meeting if you'd like to review the plans, you're welcomed to do so. (Discussion ensues) It was advertised, I don't know that we would have physically knocked on everyone's door, but it was advertised and there were a number of notices in the paper.

**Frederick DeFeo** – We usually get the flyer that comes out. I never saw that in the flyer at all. Like I said I have four neighbors that have been there forever. (Discussion ensues with people talking over one another).

**President Danzi** – You can review the plans afterwards.

**Frederick DeFeo** – Yes, I would appreciate looking at them. I was curious and each day they came a little closer and more trees went down and again I had some beautiful redbirds some cardinals some bluebirds are always they're not there now.

**President Danzi** – There are still plenty of trees there, but unfortunately seventy-five hundred residents we just can't seem to please every one of them, but your comments are well taken and I encourage it. We meet here every Tuesday, first three Tuesdays of the month, this is our general meeting and our most formal meeting and the other two are actually a little more loose. But the plans are in there I'm sure Brian will take you in there after the meeting and show you the plans.

**Frederick DeFeo** – I would appreciate that, thank you.

**President Danzi** – Thank you for your comments.

**Brenda Shotts, 135 S Wells Avenue** – My family has been in town for eighty-one years. I think only Mr. Kerstetter might top me or we might be tied because our families were neighbors. I have personally been in town all of my life, that would be fifty-four years, and I trust this borough that's why I still live here. You are not operating the way you're supposed to. That's why this gentleman's here. I'm here for several neighbors who don't get the paper, who don't have a computer because they're elderly they're not computer savvy. I'm sorry I'm very upset. I welcome the park. I was one of the people that got a petition up that stopped those houses. I remember that, I remember we packed this room and we said we do not want a zoning, we needed a zoning variance. Some of you people weren't even probably residents then this is twenty-five years ago. We suggested at the time that the borough purchase the property and we're very happy, all the residents are very happy that you did that. I personally am happy that you can develop any part of the park, that's great. I'm a little bit further up, I'm the first old house, but my next door neighbor was visited last weekend by several officials. I don't know who and I wouldn't want to say even if I did because

**President Danzi** – I can tell you it was me, it was Brian, it was Mr. Quinn.

**Brenda Shotts** – He was quite upset because he was not given straight answers. He's not here because he works nights so I said I would come and get some information. So what you just told the first gentleman is not what you told him. You told him

**President Danzi** – How would you know what, okay,

**Brenda Shotts** – I'm not gonna get into heresay.

**President Danzi** – Yes.

**Brenda Shotts** - So what we need to know, I'm not gonna get into that I want that on the record, I'm not gonna say what you said, okay, what I'm saying is we're having miscommunication here gentlemen.

**President Danzi** – We meet every Tuesday.

**Brenda Shotts** – I understand that.

**President Danzi** – What are your questions and I will try and answer them.

**Brenda Shotts** – I'm speaking for other residents, not myself. The questions are, why couldn't the borough spend \$1.50 to put flyers in peoples houses, that there would be construction in the back and if they wanted to know contact the borough. Other utility companies do that. Why was there no courtesy? That is, I'll use my favorite word, egregious. That is not the way this town has done business for years.

**President Danzi** – Your facts are not all, they're not correct. Number one is the property has sold, the borough never did buy the property twenty-five years ago. No, that property sold just a couple years ago again to a developer.

**Brenda Shotts** – I did not know that.

**President Danzi** – Okay. We weren't on Council at the time when probably they should have bought. We had to scramble, believe me, this guy is a big builder, had more money than this borough had to try and get homes up there.

**Mr. Puppio** – Prospect Park and Norwood the Supreme Court and Development and won every time.

**Brenda Shotts** – Wow.

**President Danzi** – So, we had to immediately try and stop that. You just don't go out and get one hundred and some thousand dollars on a whim. The county and the state only fund for certain things, open space, parks and recreation that are for the whole community. We thought we were doing the best that we could possibly do to secure that space.

**Brenda Shotts** – And I think you are.

**President Danzi** – As far as notifying the residents, I'm not saying that in that Prime it said we were going to start on such and such a date, but we've been talking about the Knowles Avenue ballpark and getting funding for the last year or so.

**Brenda Shotts** – We've not gotten straight answers, I have asked people, I know other people have asked Borough officials and the plans have changed about every two to three to four months. So every time I have asked a question, at one point there was a t-ball field gonna be right in back of my house, at another point there was gonna be a field house down off of Knowles Avenue. Another time another resident was told, you know these are rumors that are going around. I heard there was a basketball court going there. So, we have been searching for the correct truth. Was it easily found, no, you could've avoided all this had you simply somehow.

**President Danzi** – We have seventy- five hundred residents, we meet every Tuesday.

**Brenda Shotts** – I'm talking about one block, sir, one block, one block, okay.

**President Danzi** – I understand. You understand how many projects that we have going. We have the youth club, we have the Police Department, we have the Fire Department, we have Church, we try and communicate, but it's, look how about this, how about if we start over right now. We'll answer any questions that you may have. We'll show you the plan, we'll take you in the office there.

**Brenda Shotts** – Then we can take the information back to the residents that we know and we can say we got it from the, that's why I'm here.

**President Danzi** – Do they read the Prime news, that little newsletter.

**Brenda Shotts** – I did not see it in there and I read it, I usually read it three times.

**President Danzi** – But I put in there and I encourage your neighbors to call. My numbers in there, we all live in town, we're as available as you can be and the gentleman we talked to, he seemed, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Hoover and myself, we talked to him.

**Mr. Quinn** – I'd love to know what false information we gave him.

**Brenda Shotts** – I'm saying the information I'm hearing tonight is not the information he gave me, there's a conflict so I'm trying to find out what it is.

**Mr. Quinn** – He said there was talk about putting, taking the field behind his house and all the way down to Bonsall Avenue, we told him no we can't use it as a soccer field, it's not wide enough for a soccer field. The only thing we're gonna do is use the t-ball field in front. That's what he was told. And that's the only thing he was told.

**President Danzi** – He asked us if Bonsall Avenue was going to be a street coming through there.

**Mr. Quinn** – And we told him there's no street coming through there.

**President Danzi** – We have plans in there, we'll be glad to take the time.

**Mr. Quinn** – Who are you hearing it from though, who are you hearing it from and where are the rumors coming from? What officials?

**Brenda Shotts** – I don't know sir that's why I'm here because it's got to stop.

**Mr. Quinn** – Well, we're the only officials here and nobody said anything.

**Brenda Shotts** – I don't know who's been talking to who but what I'm saying is I'm just concerned that these rumors, do you understand what I'm saying.

**President Danzi** – I understand, I understand.

**Brenda Shotts** – If the neighborhoods panic because there's misinformation we got to get the right information out to the people.

**President Danzi** – Can we start tonight to get you whatever information we have, answer any questions you have and I encourage you to encourage your neighbors. I live at 127 South Scott Avenue, one block up from the park. They can rap on my door they can, the Mayor's down the street. Come knock on the door, make a phone call and I will, if I don't have the answers we'll get the answers. The engineer's available, Mr. Puppio.

**Brenda Shotts** – That's all we're after what is going on. I'm for keeping it open, as far as I can tell you one little thing, there is a tree down there that was dying, it was breaking my heart but for the past fifty years every kid in town climbed that tree, okay and I guess people are attached to stupid things.

**President Danzi** – Well, they're not stupid.

**Brenda Shotts** – I'm a teacher and I'm for development of the park. It's okay, but we need to know what's going on because people were told their fences are coming down, and trees are getting cut right up to this far to their property line. We just want to know where it is, okay, thank you.

**President Danzi** – Everybody wants to keep making statements, we'll be glad to show you the plans and we can answer questions directly, what's this, what's that. Okay.

**President Danzi** – Anyone else for public comment tonight. Going once, going twice. Okay then.

**MOTION** by Mr. Quinn seconded by Mr. Kerstetter to pay all bills as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

Adjourned meeting at 8:40 PM

ATTEST

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