

**BOROUGH OF GLENOLDEN
GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA**

COUNCIL MEETING**SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

President Danzi – Before we get started I'd like to turn the meeting over to the Mayor who will present certain members of Glenolden, Norwood and Prospect Park Police Department awards for their actions of heroism. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bathurst – Thank you Mr. President. Over the course of a year's time, our police departments cooperate with each other and in most cases, when they respond to calls they are not of the nature that this one turned out to be. But on the evening of August 15th, Glenolden received a call of a man with a weapon, 99 E. Glenolden Avenue, which is the Contemporary Village. Situation like that, you do have what we consider back up from the surrounding communities, because you never know what type of circumstances you're going to run in to. So, as our men arrived on the scene, and the men from Glenolden were questioning a suspect in that issue, probably fifty feet away there was another incident where a weapon was fired, and an individual was injured. This in turn led to a quick pursuit which also involved one of the cars from a neighboring town being involved in this pursuit also. Fortunately, our men were not harmed, the actor was armed and I believe from some of the things that have been said, he turned towards the pursuing officers. Whether he tried to fire the weapon or not I don't know, the weapon was recovered, but I believe it had jammed, so that we were spared having to go any further. But as I say, these actions, again, typify that our local police put their lives on the line every time they respond to a call. Philadelphia, Chester, they get the headlines, they make the news, but our local men are up against it every day. This is not just something that happens in Glenolden, but it happens along the Pike. We are fortunate in Glenolden to have very good mutual aid assistance with our neighboring departments in Norwood and Prospect Park and for that we are very appreciative. So, on behalf of the Glenolden Borough Council and myself, for those individuals involved we would just like to recognize them for their involvement in the apprehension of an armed suspect on the night of August the 15th here in the Borough of Glenolden. Again, putting their lives above and for the protection of the citizens of our borough, Ray, Jason, Brooks, J.R., and Michael, thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause)

President Danzi – At this time, I'd like to ask for a moment of silence and we're going to dedicate a page in the minute book to honor George Damon, 30 plus years, handled the Zoning board, dedicated a lot of time to the community and he passed away. So if we could have a moment of silence.
Okay and we'll dedicate a page in the minutes in honor of George.

This page is dedicated in Loving Memory of

George W. Damon
(1918-2006)

Glenolden Civil Defense Director
40 Years

Glenolden Zoning Board Member and Secretary
34 Years

Delaware County Red Cross Disaster Team
Director 28 Years
Member 35 Years

MOTION by Mr. Kerstetter seconded by Mr. McGarvey to approve minutes of the previous meeting.
MOTION CARRIED

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

BIDS & CORRESPONDENCE – I have one piece of correspondence, but I'll let everyone know, we received the 2007 Minimum Municipal Obligation from the Hay Group, that's the actuary for our pension fund, enclosed the MMO calculation for the year 2007 for police and non-uniform. State requires the MMO be submitted to Borough Council by the Borough's chief administrative officer by September 29th, 2006. The total state aid for 2007 is expected to be \$78,300.00 which leaves in the non uniform employee's pension plan the minimal contribution should be approximately \$0. For the police pension plan the estimated minimum contribution requirement for 2007 will be approximately \$107,423.00. And that's all I have.

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. Kerstetter 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?

Dave Jahn, 403 Harrison Ave – The one with the University of Pennsylvania, I was just curious is that an agreement that's already been carved out or one to be carved out?

President Danzi – That's an agreement that's already been carved out.

Dave Jahn – Okay, great.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & LAW – Mr. McGettigan No new report

PUBLIC & SAFETY – Mr. Quinn

	CASH	CHECKS	TOTAL
Parking Tickets	315.00	466.00	781.00
Accidents	121.00	465.00	586.00
Dog/Weeds/Snow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Magistrate Tozer	0.00	*4,721.52	*4,721.52
D.U.I.	0.00	2,337.79	2,337.79
Totals	\$436.00	\$7,990.31	\$8,426.31

* July fines

46	Crimes Code Arrests
76	Vehicle Code Arrests/Citations Issued
103	Parking Tickets Issued
14	Borough Ordinance Citations
637	Incidents

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Glenolden Fire Company Report for August, 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.

-None

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

The Fire Company spent 150 personnel hours training.

Fire/ Drill Report for August 2006

No. of Alarms	In Town	Out of Town	Y.T.D.	Answering Alarms	Minutes in Service	Man Minutes
28	18	10	263	25	689	5,944

No. of Drills	YTD	Total Members Attending	Total Minutes In Service	Total Man Minutes
3	23	17	435	5,130

Nature of Alarms

House	Apartment	CO. Detector	M.V.A.	Auto	Fire Alarm	Assist Police	Gas Invest.	PECO Equip.	Investigation	Service Call
1	1	1	2	2	7	1	1	1	1	1

Mutual Aid - Assist for Fire: 10



HIGHWAY & LIGHTS – Mr. Kelly

STREET SIGNS:

- Straightened and repaired various signs and installed new signs throughout the borough

STREET CLEANING:

- Cleaned various streets throughout the borough & painted intersections and crosswalks

POT HOLES

- Filled potholes throughout the borough

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:

- Cut and cleaned up around all bridges and other areas throughout the borough
- Call from police to clear debris on Chester Pike from an accident
- Call from office to check wire down at 300 block of Llanwellyn (cable line)
- Call from police to clear debris at South Ave and Chester Pike & South & MacDade Blvd.
- Cleaned up broken toilet on Ashland Ave by tracks

EQUIPMENT:

- Checked and maintained all fluids on trucks
- Call from office to jump code enforcement car
- Had tire plugged at Exxon station
- Removed guard off of loaders radiator to clean radiator due to wood matting dust

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	246
TOTAL OVERTIME	0
TOTAL COMP TIME	0

HEALTH AND SEWER – Mr. McGarvey

Sewers were checked and routine maintenance performed on the following dates: August 4, 11, 18, 25

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:

- Sewer line on S. Elmwood backing up again, called American Sewer since they just fixed it
- Call to check sewer lid on Primos Ave., some rows of bricks are broken and concrete around ring is in small pieces

EQUIPMENT:

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

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	15
TOTAL OVERTIME	0
TOTAL COMP TIME	0

- **Health & Sewer Report for the month of August 2006**

Street Openings	1	Total fees collected	\$50.00
Plumbing permits issued	2	Total fees collected	\$194.00
Plumbing Registrations issued	0	Total fees collected	\$00.00

Turned over to the Borough Secretary the total sum of: **\$244.00**

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HEALTH OFFICER – Phyllis Duffy

- Communicable Diseases Reported: **0**
- Animal Bites Reported: **2**
- Inspections/Licenses Issued: **1**

American Legion #566 – 41 S. Glen Ave.

Complaints:

Nail Salon – 387 S. MacDade – complaints of high grass, rubbish in rear with mice sightings – tenant cleaned area

400 block of Harrison Ave. – complaints of rats coming up from creek which may be due to dry spell.
Will have exterminator check area.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Duffy, RN, MHR

PARKS & PROPERTY – Mr. Kerstetter

Picked up trash at all borough buildings and in the parks

GRASS CUTTING:

-Trimmed and cut all parks and playgrounds

OTHER JOBS PERFORMED:

- Mopped borough hall auditorium
- Set up tables and chairs for seniors
- Pull down large branch and cut up at playground
- Fixed fence at Boro Hall parking lot knocked down by contractors
- Hosed down cell at police station
- Put down mulch at borough hall
- Various jobs for borough office
- Set boards around new playground equipment and filled with dirt
- Replaced flush valve at library
- Changed various light bulbs
- Repaired back door at guard shack

TOTAL HOURS WORKED	301
TOTAL OVERTIME	5
TOTAL COMP TIME	0

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BUILDING & ZONING – Mr. Pfaff

Building and Zoning Report for the month of August 2006

Total Building/Zoning Permits issued	38	Total fees collected	\$3,201.00
Total Contractor Registrations	16	Total fees collected	\$ 800.00

Total Building and Zoning fees turned over to the Borough Secretary: **\$4,001.00**

· **Use and Occupancy Report for month of August 2006**

U&O's issued	39	Total fees collected	N/A
U&O application fees collected	18	Total fees collected	\$1,750.00
Re-inspection fees collected	0	Total fees collected	\$ 0.00

Total Use and Occupancy fees turned over to the Borough Secretary **\$1,750.00**

ENGINEER – Ms. Nelson

1. We processed the contracts for the Road Program awarded to A. F. Damon. We are working with them on a schedule for the work. PENNDOT did the write-up and authorized the issuance of a Notice to Proceed.
2. We processed a final pay request for the Boon and Glen Avenue project and coordinated the repair of several punch list items. Several remain to be completed. Change Order No. 2 was also executed to finalize quantities.
3. Our office has been involved in a project that will be initiated by PENNDOT involving traffic signals along MacDade Boulevard in the Borough of Collingdale. We were informed that due to the proximity of the Cooke and Ashland Avenue signals, they may be able to be included in the project for upgrades. We need to put together a letter to have those included.
4. We have supplied some of the mapping that we have generated to a resident who teaches at Bonner High School and is intending to perform some of the work required by the Borough under the NPDES Program.
5. We conducted a Kick-Off meeting with Paul Shultes from DMJM Harris on behalf of PENNDOT regarding the Knowles Avenue underpass. We are also working to complete the State funding application with the Borough Manager.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Puppio

No new report

PRESIDENT DANZI – Old / New business

FINANCE & LAW – Mr. McGettigan

MOTION by Mr. McGettigan seconded by Mr. Pfaff to enter into an agreement with the University of Pennsylvania for voluntary contributions to the Borough of Glenolden in lieu of taxes on the property at 500 S. Ridgeway Ave. **MOTION CARRIED**

HEALTH & SEWER – Mr. McGarvey

No new report

BUILDING & ZONING – Mr. Pfaff No new report

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HIGHWAY & LIGHTS – Mr. Kelly No new report

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PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Quinn No new report

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PARKS & PROPERTY – Mr. Kerstetter

MOTION by Mr. Kerstetter seconded by Mr. McGarvey to adopt Ordinance 2040 establishing a Parks and Recreation Board for the Borough of Glenolden. **MOTION CARRIED.**

President Danzi – We’re going to step out of the regular order of business again and we’ll get the Mayor up there to swear in some new board members, of course we could not do that prior to officially adopting our ordinance. Ed, would you assist the Mayor.

MAYOR BATHURST – We’re going to ask you to raise your right hand and repeat after me- I (and repeat your name) do hereby affirm that as members of Parks and Recreation Committee of the Borough of Glenolden, I will do my best to fulfill the duties required, so help me God. Thank you and congratulations. (Applause)

President Danzi - We’ll now turn the meeting over to the Mayor.

MAYOR BATHURST – Just a few comments for you Mr. President, as we had seen before our police department does every day put their lives on the line and they really never know when they respond to a call what the activity is going to be. Whether it be a car stop, a domestic or in this case it was a man with a gun. The other side of it is that Glenolden is moving forward with the Parks and Recreation board which will be able to assist Council for a better quality of life here in Glenolden with the things that they have planned. And this would be off the record but in talking with Mr. Quinn, he is doing nicely, he’s home from the hospital, he is confined to the house and he is not allowed to drive for the next six weeks, but he is doing well.

President Danzi – I did talk to him the other day, but tell him we’re asking for him and wish him a speedy recovery.

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

MOTION by Mr. Kerstetter seconded by Mr. McGarvey 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?

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. When a property in the borough of Glenolden is purchased a

tax bill is sent to the property owner each year showing taxes owed on the property. Included on the tax bill is the amount due for the collection of rubbish and also for sewer rent. If the property is owned for seven years and the owner lives on the property and no taxes are ever paid what happens to the amount due for rubbish collection and sewer rent. Does the borough accept the amount for rubbish collection and sewer rent and not the property tax? Could you answer those two questions?

President Danzi- Do you want to answer that Brain?

Brian Hoover – What happens is that if they do not pay their tax bill, the property is liened for the sewer and rubbish and we forward that information to Joe Siedlarz and Mike Puppio's office. The property is then liened and when the property is sold the borough recovers the sewer and rubbish usage taxes at that time.

Mrs. Boland – That's the way it's supposed to be done.

Brian Hoover -That's the way it's supposed to be done.

Mrs. Boland – A penalty and interest is assessed on the property when tax is not paid. Is it also assessed on the rubbish collection and sewer rent when delinquent?

Brian Hoover – That's correct.

Mrs. Boland – What is the amount that's the interest on this or is there also a penalty?

Brian Hoover – There's interest and there are fees for posting and claiming the property that are added to that and the interest is compounded so it can be very expensive when they do not pay the tax or their trash bill.

Mrs. Boland – The cost of rubbish collection has increased from the year 2002 and including the year 2006. The cost to each property owner in the Borough of Glenolden for trash collection is \$437.50 for these years. The cost for the same years sewer rent is \$1,027.00. In the 2006 budget for the Borough of Glenolden there are items under income budgeted delinquent sewer charges \$7,500.00 and sewer liens \$2,500.00. Also listed is \$3,000.00 for delinquent trash fees. I don't see anything on there I could've missed it for liens for the trash.

Brian Hoover – That would have been done the same time the sewer liens were done. It's all done at one time.

Mrs. Boland – As well they're separate on your budget and the liens is right underneath the delinquent sewer charges on your budget but I didn't see anything for a lien.

Brian Hoover – I don't think we break it down that way, I think it's a little bit too difficult

Mrs. Boland – Yes you did.

Brian Hoover – We broke down costs for trash liens?

Mrs. Boland – That's that famous budget you know.

Brian Hoover – I didn't see it in there.

President Danzi – Is there a question, Mrs. Boland?

Mrs. Boland – Added together the fees I mentioned total \$1,464.50 per property for seven years without penalties and interest. Now when a piece of ground is owned without a building on it needless to say there won't be a sewer rent, however this piece of ground has grass, trash, shrubs, etc. When the grass is cut, weeds pulled, trees and shrubs cut makes trash that is put out for rubbish pick-up. Is the owner of the ground entitled to rubbish pick up if a trash fee hasn't been paid?

President Danzi – Mike?

Mr. Puppio – Probably not.

Mrs. Boland – He won't have to pay to get his trash and grass and stuff

Mr. Puppio – No, your question was is he entitled to—he probably is not.

Brian Hoover – Are you talking about a connected house and property, I'm not sure you'll have to expand on that a little bit.

Mrs. Boland – No, they would be separate properties and week after week I see small bags of trash put out by people who have paid the rubbish removal fee and see large amounts of rubbish put out by a property owner who pays nothing to live in Glenolden. This is unfair. It's time for the council to find a way to stop this. Glenolden has a lot of people living on fixed incomes yet they are paying the fees that allow able bodied property owners to live free. With the predicted increase in trash removal and sewer rent for 2007, something should be done about the freeloader property owners. In Glenolden those who do wrong get away with it

while those who are victims are treated as if they were wrong doers. It shouldn't be who you know it should be what right is. All the rules made by council are no good if they apply only when they want them to.

Mr. Puppio – Mrs. Boland will you provide me with those properties so I can begin that process now?

Mrs. Boland – Yes.

Mr. Puppio – Thank you.

President Danzi – Thank you Mrs. Boland.

PRESIDENT DANZI – Any one else wish to address Council tonight, okay.

MOTION by Mr. Pfaff seconded by Mr. McGarvey to pay all bills as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT DANZI – Before we adjourn, we will have an executive session I would like to announce on personnel matters. I'll need a motion to adjourn.

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

Adjourned meeting at 8:10 PM

ATTEST

Brian H. Hoover
Borough Manager
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