

The ANNUAL Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 4th, 2016 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:20 p. m.

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Mayor - Elect Stuart K. **PATRICK** to present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office.

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Councilman - Elect Paul A. **LISOVICZ** to present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office.

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Councilman - Elect Anne Marie **MORROW** to present herself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office.

Mayor Patrick called the meeting to order and read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officer was in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta, Planning And Development Director Zichelli, III and Administrator Assistant Ventola.

It was moved by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Morrow that Councilman **LISOVICZ'S** name be placed in nomination to serve as **PRESIDENT** of The Borough Council for the year 2016. No further nominations were offered. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Mayor Patrick voting aye and noes none. Councilman Lisovicz abstained. Mayor Patrick declared that Councilman Lisovicz will serve as this Council's President for the year 2016 and he offered him his congratulations.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 1 - 16)

BY - LAWS OF THE COUNCIL - ADOPTING FOR 2016

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 200)

Mayor Patrick appointed the following STANDING Committees of The Borough Council for the year 2016: (the first named on each Committee shall serve as that Committee's Chairperson)

- FINANCE** And **ADMINISTRATION** Committee: (**HUGHES**), Lisovicz & Murphy
- PUBLIC SAFETY** Committee: **LISOVICZ**, Dawson & Lefkovits
- COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** And **PUBLIC RELATIONS**: **LEFKOVITS**, Morrow & Dawson
- PUBLIC WORKS** And **PUBLIC UTILITIES**: **DAWSON**, Morrow & Lefkovits
- PARKS** And **RECREATION** Committee: **MURPHY**, Lisovicz & (Hughes)
- PLANNING** And **DEVELOPMENT** Committee: **MORROW**, Murphy & (Hughes)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Patrick appointed John N. **MALYSKA** to the position of Borough **ATTORNEY** for the term of one (1) year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Morrow and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 2 - 16)

MALYSKA, JOHN N. - ATTORNEY - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 200)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Patrick appointed Elizabeth A. **BREWSTER**, Esq. to the position of Borough **PROSECUTOR** for the term of one (1) year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Morrow and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 3 - 16)

BREWSTER, ELIZABETH A. - PROSECUTOR - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 200)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Patrick appointed Delia J. **MURPHY**, Esq. to the position of Borough **PUBLIC DEFENDER** in the Municipal Court for the term of one (1) year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 4 - 16)

MURPHY, DELIA J. - PUBLIC DEFENDER - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 200)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Hughes appointed the following **OFFICERS** and **EMPLOYEES** for the year **2016**:

- Sheila E. **BYRON - LAGATTUTA** - Director Of Public Safety
- Matthew M. **LARACY** - - - Certified Finance Officer
- Donna **ALTSCHULER** - - - Certified Municipal Tax Collector
- Denise C. **IANDOLO** - - - Acting Municipal Court Administrator
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Construction Official
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Building Subcode Official
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Building Inspector
- Michael **DeFRINO** - - - Electrical Subcode Official
- Michael **DeFRINO** - - - Electrical Inspector
- Robert **LANGFELD** - - - Plumbing Subcode Official
- Robert **LANGFELD** - - - Plumbing Inspector
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Fire Subcode Official
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Fire Inspector
- John J. **BUONANNO** - - - Zoning Officer

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 5 - 16)

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 201)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Patrick appointed the following to serve as members of the various **BOARDS,**

COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES:

The Board Of Adjustment	(4 Year Term)	Carl A. BERGMANSON
" " " "	" " "	William SEAMAN
The Planning Board	(Class I) (1 Year Term)	Robyn FIELDS
" " "	(Class II) (1 Year Term)	Michael J. ROHAL
" " "	" III " " "	Ann Marie MORROW
" " "	" IV 4 " "	Timothy HEGARTY
" " "	" IV " " "	Rick MASON
The Board Of Health	(2 Year Term)	Christopher VALERIAN
" " " "	" " "	Michael MOLINARO
" " " "	" " "	Jacqueline YUSTEIN
" " " "	" " "	Michael SHERMAN
The Borough Risk Manager	(1 Year Term)	Bruce D. RODDY
The Library Board Of Trustees	(5 Year Term)	Janice DYER
" " " " "	" " "	Carol P. HARPSTER
" " " " "	" " "	Karin ROBINSON
" " " " "	1 " "	Jan McNALLY ROHAL ut
" " " " "	" " "	David A. LEFKOVITS
" " " " "	" " "	Dirk PHILLIPS
The Borough Historian	(1 Year Term)	Sally Jane MEYER
The Historic Preservation Commission	(4 Year Term)	Mark WRIGHT (A)
" " "	" " "	Geoffrey DARBY
" " " (Alt. # 2 B)	2 " "	
The Municipal Alliance Committee	(1 Year Term)	Nancy MCMAHON
" " " "	" " "	Stuart K. PATRICK
" " " "	" " "	Michael J. ROHAL
" " " "	" " "	Sheila E. BYRON
" " " "	" " "	Joseph CARAVELA
" " " "	" " "	James T. COWAN
" " " "	" " "	Mary Lynn DePIERRO
" " " "	" " "	Maria DiCONDINA
" " " "	" " "	Kathy WEISSENBERGER
" " " "	" " "	Michael DONOVAN
" " " "	" " "	Prin. Forest Avenue
" " " "	" " "	Deborah FITZPATRICK
" " " "	" " "	Fredric A. EGNEZZO

"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Jon	HEITMANN
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Michael	MEDICO
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Heather	KOBYLINSKI
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	President RAS	H&S
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	President Linden	H&S
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Cindy	REYNOLDS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	President GRHS	H&S
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Susan	HUGHES
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	President Forest	H&S
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Lynneve	BERKOWITZ
The Cable Channel-36	Citizens Advisory				(1 Year Term)			Richard	WATERS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Peter A.	HUGHES
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	David A.	LEFKOVITS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Linda W.	SEYFFARTH
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Kathryn	SCHACKNER
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Eric	GOLDMAN
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Mark H.	DAVIS
The Shade Tree Commission					(4 Year Term)			Elizabeth K.	BAKER
"	"	"	"	"	(5 Year Term)			Andrew	TEDESCO
"	"	"	"	"	(3 Year Term)			Larry	STAUFFER
"	"	"	"	"	(2 Year Term)			Joan	LISOVICZ
"	"	"	"	"	(1 Year Term)			Eric	HANAN
The Environmental Advisory Committee					(1 Year Term)			Elizabeth A	BREWSTER
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Elizabeth K.	BAKER
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Eric	HANAN
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Megan	GUILANELLI
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Joan	LISOVICZ
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Deborah	MANN
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Michael J.	ROHAL
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Sydney	YOUNG
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Jacqueline S	YUSTEIN
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Alexia	De FAYS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Lauren	PINCUS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	George	MUSSER
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Alice	ROBERTS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Chris	HANSON
Rep. To Second River Joint Meeting					(1 Year Term)			Arthur D.	DAWSON
Rep. To Third River Joint Meeting					(1 Year Term)			Stuart K.	PATRICK
Rep. To Essex County S.W.A.C.					(1 Year Term)			William	BARTLETT
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Michael J.	ROHAL
Recycling Coordinator					(1 Year Term)			William	BARTLETT
Clean Communities Coordinator					"	"	"	William	BARTLETT
Rep. To Essex County C.D.B.G. Program					(1 Year Term)			Michael P.	ZICHELLI
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Arthur D.	DAWSON

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 6 - 16)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENTS TO

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 201)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 7 - 16)

2016 REGULAR MEETINGS - MAYOR AND COUNCIL

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 202)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 8 - 16)

2016 OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS - ESTABLISHMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 202)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 9 - 16)

TEMP BUDGETS - A&E, WATER & POOL - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 203, B & D)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 10 - 16)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 204)

Mayor Patrick presented his first "State Of The Borough" address to the citizens in attendance.

On behalf of the Council and myself, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to Mayor Hughes for his 15 years of dedicated service to the residents of Glen Ridge and to this Council. Unfortunately, time this evening does not permit me to even begin to adequately and appropriately acknowledge Peter's substantial contributions to our community and to express our sincere appreciation to Susan and his family for the sacrifices they have made over the years in supporting him in his service to Glen Ridge. However, I and the Council will, at a future date, make adequate time to more appropriately acknowledge and celebrate his tenure and contributions. In the meanwhile Peter, please accept our thanks and appreciation for a job tremendously well done. You have certainly raised the bar for all those who come after you.

I would now like to extend an official welcome back to the Council to Ann Marie Morrow and Paul Lisovicz who is beginning his fourth term. I couldn't be more pleased that you have both decided to serve for another 3 years and I cannot thank you and your families enough for the service you give to the Borough. You have both demonstrated that you are excellent stewards of our community and are willing to give of your time, energy and personal talents to maintain and promote the high quality of life and standards of excellence in government that we have all come to expect here in Glen Ridge.

On a personal note, I wish to say how honored and privileged I am to be able to continue working for the next four years with some of the most committed and passionate people I have ever had the pleasure to be associated with. As a community, we are indeed fortunate to have a Council that is comprised of a group of extremely experienced, knowledgeable, focused and dedicated individuals. This team has consistently demonstrated its ability to work very effectively and collegially together to advance and promote the interests of the residents of Glen Ridge. We are also tremendously fortunate to have an Administrator and Deputy Administrator who so successfully oversee every aspect of the day to day management of Glen Ridge, assuring that our residents receive all of the services that they have come to expect, as well as assuring that the Borough's infrastructure is properly and timely maintained. At no time is their commitment, and the results of that commitment, more apparent than after suffering a major natural disaster, such as Hurricane Sandy. They are very well supported in their management efforts by the various department heads and staff who, I believe, demonstrate, on a daily basis their commitment to the safety, welfare and quality of life of our residents. Finally, as a community we are also blessed with a fantastic amount of volunteerism. For example, tonight we will be appointing well over 100 resident volunteers to 13 Municipal Boards, Agencies, Committees and Commissions. These include the Historic Preservation Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Library Board, Planning Board, etc. But, our residents' volunteerism extends well beyond the foregoing and includes many additional organizations that encompass all aspects of life in Glen Ridge such as the Glen Ridge Athletic Association, Civic Conference Committee, Friends of the Library, Women's Club, Ambulance Squad, etc. These volunteers greatly contribute to making our town a place we are all proud to call home and we are truly grateful for their commitment and service.

Any organization depends on the quality of its members to be successful. One of the hallmarks of Glen Ridge is the quality of the persons who agree to serve on the many boards and committees that run our community. Unfortunately, this evening we bid farewell to 5 volunteers who have unselfishly given of their time and talents to make Glen Ridge a better place in which to live, Daniel Murphy & Amy Graydon from the Historic Preservation Commission, Sally Ellyson from the Shade Tree Commission, James Napoli from the Board of Adjustment and Sherry Exon, from the Library Board of Trustees.

However, moving forward I am pleased to welcome 4 first time appointees to the following boards and committees and to wish them great success in their new endeavors, Kara Travia to the Historic Preservation Commission, Shalini Mohan to the Board of Adjustment, Jan McNally Rohal to the Library Board of Trustees and Dylan Boucherle to Glen Ridge TV.

I would like to now take a few minutes to outline our initial projects and goals for 2016. I believe our current number 1 goal is to adopt an ordinance creating a master plan specific to the current School of Nursing site which is sensitive to community concerns while meeting the needs of the hospital.

Our Public Safety Department has a number of projects including:

Completion of our body-worn camera (BWC) initiative. The cameras have been purchased and standard operating procedures have been drafted.

Continued expansion of The Crime Prevention Bureau, within the detective bureau.

Continuation of the department's 2015 programs, such as Coffee with a Cop, distribution of police trading cards and numerous speaking engagements in the schools which have garnered positive feedback and strengthened ties with both the Borough's older residents and youth.

All officers in The Traffic Division will be given additional accident/traffic training as complaints and concerns of speed and unsafe conditions on our roadways was the most consistent feedback heard from residents during 2015.

School safety continues to be a priority. The Police Department works closely with the Superintendent of Schools and participates in all public school drills. In 2016, our Communication center technology will be upgraded to include live monitoring of our public schools during a drill or emergency.

GRPD will begin the process of Accreditation with the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police (NJSCOP), and

Finally, we anticipate a successful completion of our contract negotiations with both the CWA and PBA unions.

In the area of Planning and Development, we will be undertaking the following projects and initiatives:

The review & updating, if necessary, of our land use policies & ordinances to ensure they are current with today's standards, and

We will attempt to execute an extension of our lease on the train station this year with NJT, although this lease does not expire until 2017, in order to be able to proceed with needed exterior & interior improvements.

Our infrastructure programs will include the following:

The paving of Douglas Road, Marsten Place, Washington Street from RWA west to the Montclair border & Wildwood Terrace from Sherman Avenue east to RWA. Hopefully, these improvements will take place in the Spring. Additionally, contingent upon NJDOT funding, the Borough plans to make streetscape improvements to Herman Street and Edgewood Road and to pave Cambridge Road.

The ongoing redevelopment of our urban forest by continuation of the Shade Tree Commission's 1,000 tree campaign, and

The enhancement of our Emergency Management initiatives through Fleet improvements and the installation of generators for the entire municipal complex and Public Works yard. In addition to assuring the continuation of day to day operations, our new larger municipal complex generator will allow the use of the Library & Council Chambers as emergency shelters and will also enable us to announce, in advance, where the shelters will be located.

In the area of Finance and Administration:

We will attempt to bring in the 2016 budget within the 2% cap while providing the same or a greater level of service to the Borough's residents.

We will continue discussions with both the County and surrounding municipalities to find opportunities for additional shared services.

Our Environmental Advisory Committee's goal is to have the Borough receive the Silver sustainable Community Certification in 2016 which is the highest level attainable. We are currently certified as a Bronze Sustainable Community, and

We expect to implement online payments for taxes, utilities & other fees.

Finally, the GRPL will:

Continue its programs to become a bigger presence in the community through forging, strengthening and broadening partnerships with local organizations, businesses and the schools and by working collaboratively together to help each other and the community.

Continue to discover and make available to the community new and emerging technology and useful collections.

Provide new services including credit card payments, having more Notaries on staff and increasing the level of one-on-one computer help/training from additional high school volunteers, etc.

· Provide more programming such as the Cookbook Club, 50 Book Challenge, additional programs focused on local history and genealogy, author events, and virtual learning opportunities through the library's online Couch Classes, and

· Commence the long range planning process for installation of remote pickup lockers in collaboration with Borough officials and to work with the Friends of the Library to fundraise for this effort over the next couple of years.

Finally, the Council and Administration of Glen Ridge extends to all of our residents best wishes for a happy, healthy, prosperous and safe New Year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Mayor Patrick voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 11 - 16)

HUGHES, PETER A. - COMMENDING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 205)

With no further remarks or business to come before this Council, Mayor Patrick entertained a Motion to adjourn this meeting.

It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilperson Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Patrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting and he declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

Mayor Patrick extended an invitation to everyone in attendance to attend the Council reception at Fitzgerald's immediately following this meeting.

The Council adjourned at 7:47 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk