

The ANNUAL Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 9th, 2017 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 6:50 p. m.

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

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Councilman - Elect David A. **LEFKOVITS** to present himself 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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: Councilman Dawson.

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 Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Morrow that Councilman **Murphy's** name be placed in nomination to serve as **PRESIDENT** of The Borough Council for the year 2017. No further nominations were offered. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Morrow and Mayor Patrick voting aye and noes none. Councilman Murphy abstained. Mayor Patrick declared that Councilman Murphy will serve as this Council's President for the year 2017 and he offered him his congratulations.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Hughes and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 1 - 17)

BY - LAWS OF THE COUNCIL - ADOPTING FOR 2017

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 37)

Mayor Patrick appointed the following STANDING Committees of The Borough Council for the year 2017: (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 & Hughes
- COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** And **PUBLIC RELATIONS**: **LEFKOVITS**, Morrow & Dawson
- PUBLIC WORKS** And **PUBLIC UTILITIES**: **DAWSON**, Morrow & Lefkovits
- PARKS** And **RECREATION** Committee: **MURPHY**, Lisovicz & Lefkovits
- 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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 2 - 17)

MALYSKA, JOHN N. - ATTORNEY - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 37)

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Hughes and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 3 - 17)

BREWSTER, ELIZABETH A. - PROSECUTOR - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 37)

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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 4 - 17)

MURPHY, DELIA J. - PUBLIC DEFENDER - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 37)

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Hughes appointed the following **OFFICERS** and **EMPLOYEES** for the year **2017**:

- 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 Hughes and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 5 - 17)

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 37)

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)	Hugh J. MAHONEY
" " " "	" " "	Philip JOHNSON
" " " "	(2 Year Term)	Shalini MOHAN
The Planning Board	(Class II) (1 Year Term)	Michael J. ROHAL
" " " "	" III " " "	Ann Marie MORROW
" " " "	" IV 4 " "	Robyn FIELDS
" " " "	(Alt. No. 1) (2 " "	Thomas R. BORGER
" " " "	" " 2 (1 Year Term)	Robert MORROW
The Board Of Health	(2 Year Term)	Deborah PRIESTMAN
" " " "	" " "	Donna LIFSON
" " " "	" " "	Donna HEINZEN
The Borough Risk Manager	(1 Year Term)	Bruce D. RODDY
The Library Board Of Trustees	(5 Year Term)	Jan McNALLY ROHAL
" " " " "	" " "	David A. LEFKOVITS
" " " " "	" " "	Matt MURPHY
The Borough Historian	(1 Year Term)	Sally Jane MEYER
The Historic Preservation Commission	(4 Year Term)	Peter HERRIGEL (B)
" " " (Alt. # 1 (A)	(2 " ")	Daniel KOPEC
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
" " " "	" " "	Dirk PHILLIPS
" " " "	" " "	Prin. Forest Avenue
" " " "	" " "	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								
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Stuart K. PATRICK
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	David A. LEFKOVITS
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Linda W. SEYFFARTH
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	FRED GEARHEART
The Shade Tree Commission (4 Year Term) Elizabeth K. BAKER								
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(5 Year Term) Robert BAUM
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(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								
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Michael BELLINGER
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	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 Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 6 - 17)

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENTS TO

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 38)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Hughes and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 7 - 17)

2017 REGULAR MEETINGS - MAYOR AND COUNCIL

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 38)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 8 - 17)

2017 OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS - ESTABLISHMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 39)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 9 - 17)

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

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 40, B & D)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 10 - 17)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 41)

Mayor Patrick presented his second "STATE OF THE BOROUGH" Address to the citizens in attendance.

I would like to welcome everyone to this, the 122nd reorganization meeting of the Borough of Glen Ridge. Tonight we swear in two returning councilmen, Councilman Peter Hughes and Councilman David Lefkovits and will also appoint the many volunteers who so ably and unselfishly staff our various boards, agencies, commissions and committees. We will likewise recognize those volunteers who have completed their service to the Borough. Finally, I will review some of the highlights of 2016 and outline some of our goals for 2017. Let me begin by first extending an official welcome back to the Council to Peter Hughes and David Lefkovits. Peter is beginning his 18th year on the Council and will continue to Chair the Finance and Administration Committee while David is starting his 7th year and will continue Chairing the Community Affairs Committee. I am delighted that you both are willing to serve for another 3 years on the Council. I can't thank you and your families enough for the service you render to the Borough. You have both proven yourselves to be excellent stewards of your community, and you both give of your time, energy, and personal talents to maintain and promote the high quality of life and standards of good government that we have all come to appreciate in Glen Ridge. As my foregoing comments apply equally to all of the members of the council, I should also note that, as of December 31,

2016, the current Mayor and Council members have served this community for a total of 58 years on this Council.

Next, I want to thank Elizabeth Baker for her years of service as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee and acknowledge the many contributions she has made to the Borough. Elizabeth was a highly energized, effective and passionate member of the Committee and was someone who felt issues deeply. She was instrumental in the formation of the Environmental Advisory Committee and was a driving force behind the EcoFair, Sustainable NJ program, recycling programs and Green Flash. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Elizabeth will continue to serve the Borough as Chair of the Shade Tree Commission.

I also want to acknowledge other members of the community who are completing their service to the Borough:

Kit Schackner, Historic Preservation Committee and Cable Channel Advisory Committee

Ruby Siegal, Planning Board

Andrew Tedesco, Shade Tree Commission

Dylan Boucherle - Cable Channel Advisory Committee

It is also my pleasure to welcome two new appointees, Robert Baum to the Shade Tree Commission and Robyn Fields as a regular member of the Planning Board.

While 2016 was a particularly busy and challenging year for the Borough Council and Administration, it was also a year of significant accomplishments and progress on many fronts. I will comment on some of these highlights by municipal department and subject, beginning with Finance and Administration.

Finance and Administration

The Borough operates from a sound financial base and maintains prudent reserves. In the past decade, the operating surplus has grown from less than 1% to the Council's goal of 10%. This reserve affords us to level tax increases by providing a cushion in the event of an unanticipated loss of revenues or the effects of an extraordinary expense such as a natural disaster. The build-up of the surplus was accomplished while maintaining a municipal tax increase of approximately 2%. For 2017, we anticipate a municipal tax increase of less than 2%.

PBA and CWA Labor Contracts

I am pleased to report that, recently, we successfully concluded negotiations on new 3-year contracts with our two unions. These new contracts with the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) are significant as all parties recognized the importance of providing service to the Borough at a cost that is sustainable over the long term. In the new contracts, salary increases were in line with the State imposed 2% cap on

spending increases and important concessions were agreed upon by both sides.

We are all very proud of our town. All of us chose to live and raise families in Glen Ridge after looking at homes in surrounding communities. We chose Glen Ridge in part because it is a safe, beautiful, historic community, and our police and municipal employees work very hard to maintain the quality of life that we have come to expect and enjoy.

I would like to recognize and thank those members of the CWA and PBA who worked so diligently with us to negotiate these contracts; in each case, it was truly a joint venture between the sides.

From the CWA: Betty Moraski (GRPD-Admin staff), Larry Hawkins, Adam Dentato (Public Works) and CSO Vincent Purcell.

From the PBA: PBA President Joe Uliano and Sgt. Dean Gnardellis

Silver Sustainable Community Certification

During 2016, Glen Ridge was awarded The Silver Sustainable Community Certification which is the highest such award given. To put this achievement into perspective, out of 565 municipalities in New Jersey, only 45 have received this award. I and the Council would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the members of the Environmental Advisory Committee for all of their hard work in helping us to achieve this significant honor. In 2017, we plan to make further energy upgrades at all of our facilities.

Shade Tree Commission

Having planted 207 trees this past year and targeting an additional 200 in 2017, our Shade Tree Commission continues to make significant strides in preserving and replacing our aging tree inventory. Additionally, we are now becoming increasingly reactive in our tree pruning, especially after significant storms. We have now established five tree zones in town and will attempt to fully prune all of the trees in each zone once every five years. I should also note that as a result of our Shade tree canopy programs, we received 70 points toward our Silver Sustainable Community Certification.

Train Station Lease

Based on our preliminary discussions with New Jersey Transit during the year, regarding our lease on the Ridgewood Avenue train station, we are very confident that we will be successful in negotiating a 20 year lease for the station at \$100 per year. However, we have

identified \$250,000 of both exterior and interior renovations that we will have to make as soon as the new lease is executed. Notably, the upgrades will include installation of much-needed security cameras on the exterior of the station.

Shared Services

We continue to be very fortunate in having 18 to 20 shared service agreements with the County, Bloomfield and Montclair which save the Borough several million dollars annually. We will continue to seek out other such agreements in 2017, including agreements where we will provide the service.

Environmental Infrastructure Trust

Finally in 2017, we will apply to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust for a \$600,000, 20 year loan at approximately 1% for the additional lining of our sewers and for improvements to our water system. We began this project in 2014 with a major sewer relining project along Ridgewood Avenue that cost about \$600,000. The sewer and water system are almost 100 years old and have to be maintained to avoid expensive, and highly inconvenient, breakdowns and repairs. It's a necessary expense and one that will pay dividends in lower maintenance costs for years to come.

Public Safety/Glen Ridge Police Department

During 2016, the GRPD expended a great deal of its time and energies instituting programs designed to establish and maintain strong community bonding and partnership between the Borough's residents and the department with an emphasis on programs for young adults. The most successful programs for young adults have been:

Lunch with a cop where small groups of 6-7 Third graders have lunch with an officer and get to know him/her on a social as well as professional basis;

Frequent visits by police officers to all of our schools to educate the students on various aspects of safety. Additionally, there is a police presence at every school event and function;

Driver's education where the high school students get to experience an Alco Test, and use simulator goggles to experience what they would see and how they would feel if they were driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol. Additionally, they are instructed as to what will happen to their lives if they are arrested for DUI as well as how to get pulled over successfully,

irrespective of the circumstances; and

The Police Department conducted a highly successful National Night Out and bicycle registration program. Based on the number of bikes reported stolen this past year, it is difficult for me to understand why every bike in Glen Ridge is not currently registered.

For the adults:

The department held its first ever community meeting in September which provided minority residents an opportunity to meet and interact with many of our police officers and to voice their concerns about how they perceive their relations with the police. Over 50 people attended this meeting, which I believe helped engender more positive attitudes which, in turn, has contributed to a more open dialogue between the parties. The Department expects to schedule another check-in meeting in 2017 to follow-up on the previous meeting and get a sense of where everyone is; and,

In 2016, the PD also initiated quarterly coffee with a cop evening events.

In addition to the foregoing community/police initiatives, the department enacted several other initiatives to increase the safety and protection of our residents:

In the area of Crime prevention, some Neighborhood Watch groups were established and the department initiated a program to form joint community policing efforts with police departments in surrounding towns to increase the police presence on border streets in the contiguous municipalities.

In 2016, the department initiated and completed a 6-month test of body worn cameras. When the results of that test are evaluated and any necessary changes made to the program, it is anticipated that, prior to the end of January 2017, all of the squads will be permanently equipped with such cameras.

In July 2017, the Police Department will introduce its first ever, one week, Junior police Academy which will be open to all Glen Ridge students entering grades seven through ten.

Other goals for 2017 include:

Increasing pedestrian safety around the train station through law enforcement and the installation of safety devices, such as improved lighting and security cameras, etc.;

Continue a multi-year pursuit of CALEA (Committee on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, a national organization) accreditation for the Glen Ridge Police Department.

Finally, our staff is now at full complement with 23 officers. In 2016, we hired 3 new police officers, Officer Michael High, Officer Anthony Re and Officer Thomas Nugent. We also promoted Lieutenant Sean Quinn to Captain and Sergeant Timothy Faranda to Lieutenant.

Planning and Development

Mountainside Hospital Medical Office Building

After approximately 2 years of intensive study and negotiation between the Mountainside Hospital, and the towns of Montclair and Glen Ridge, both municipalities finally passed separate ordinances approving the redevelopment of the Hospital's nursing school site to allow for the construction of a much needed medical office building. We now expect the hospital to submit its site plan to the Montclair and Glen Ridge Planning Boards this year and expect completion of the project in February 2019.

Reclassification of the R-1 Zone

Due to a number of resident concerns, the Planning Board reclassified all of Glen Ridge's R-1 properties into three different classifications, R-1-85, R-1-100 and R-1-125. In reclassifying these residential plots, the Planning Board followed the rhythm of the existing plots. The intent of this reclassification was to prevent most existing properties from being subdivided into two much smaller parcels so as to avoid overcrowding.

Baldwin Street Builders Remedy Lawsuit

As I am certain most of our residents are now aware, Glen Ridge is a defendant in one of the first builder's remedy lawsuits to be filed in the State of New Jersey. As a great deal of information has already been disseminated to the residents of Glen Ridge regarding all

aspects of this litigation, I do not believe there is much more to say at this point, except that the Council and Administration are fully committed to resolving the many issues, still outstanding, as quickly as practicable and on the most favorable terms possible for Glen Ridge and its residents.

Parks and Recreation

Fields

2016 was also a very busy year for our Parks and Recreation Department. During the year, we completely renovated Carteret Field at a cost of \$482,000. These renovations included re-grading the field, improving drainage, installation of a dog run and the installation of a completely new playground. At Hurrell, we made significant improvements to the infield. Finally, George Washington Field has continued to exceed even our most optimistic expectations for both cost of maintenance and for utility which has allowed us to give our sod fields much-needed rest during the year.

Background Checks on Coaches

The Parks and Recreation Department should be commended for taking a very significant step forward in proposing that we do background checks on all of our coaches. This requirement, which had the complete support of the GRAA, will be fully implemented in spring 2017.

Department of Public Works

New Borough Hall Generator

In 2016, Glen Ridge received a FEMA grant of \$153,000 to purchase and install a new and much larger electric generator at Borough Hall. This new generator now allows our Administrators to plan ahead of any major storms or possible power outages for use of Borough Hall as a shelter or cooling center for residents in need. As the cost of this new generator came in below the grant total, FEMA authorized the town to use the surplus funds to move the pre-existing generator from Borough Hall to the public works yard, which saved the Borough \$18,000. This is an extremely critical facility during storms and we cannot afford to be without power at that location.

2017 Road Repaving Program

As we were unable to complete our 2016 road repaving program, due to the suspension of all Transportation Trust Fund funding during

much of 2016, we have an ambitious road rehabilitation program scheduled for 2017. We expect to repave the following streets, Douglas, Washington, Marston Place, Herman, Edgemont and Cambridge. In February, we will also apply for additional funds to rehabilitate more streets and hope that the reinstatement of Transportation Trust Fund funding will lead to a greater allotment of such funds for Glen Ridge.

Glen Ridge Public Library

As usual, 2016 was a busy year for the GRPL with several new initiatives and notable achievements.:

On Fridays, during the months of July and August, the library hosted a weekly pop-up library at the train station to provide library services to its commuting constituents.

The Library also collaborated with the Borough on the current landscape improvement project at Borough Hall which will include a memorial walk and garden, with outdoor seating, in memory of David Ginsburg, a former library trustee. This area is being funded by private donations in the approximate amount of \$9,000. This memorial site should be available to the public in the spring;

The library joined with the Friends of the Library (FOL) and various Borough departments to organize the first town-wide yard sale in the community.

In December, the Library and Forest Avenue school were jointly awarded a \$7500 New Jersey State Library Mobile mini- Markerspace grant that will provide equipment such as 3D printers, software, electronics, tools, and craft and hardware supplies, etc. which will be utilized by both entities as a shared resource and;

The Library will receive \$20,000 from the FOL in 2017 to further enhance its materials budget, sponsor both library programming and the summer reading program and fund the *Lynda.com* online learning database.

Finally the Library, for the second time in three years, has won a New Jersey Library Association Public Relations award.

Conclusion

As stated at the outset, 2016 was a challenging year for Glen Ridge. After serving for one year as Mayor with the tremendous encouragement and support of the Council and Borough Administration, I

realize more fully just how honored and privileged I am to be able to work 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, Deputy Administrator and Department heads 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.

On behalf of the Council and Borough Administration, I wish you all a very happy, prosperous and successful New Year.

At the conclusion of Mayor Patrick's address he opened the meeting to anyone who would like to address the Council.

Mr. Stephen C. Berry, Jr., Deputy Municipal Clerk and Municipal Court employee for over 44 years appeared before Mayor Patrick and The Borough Council to offer his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council and his Borough family for all the support, confidence and respect that they have shown him for all these many years.

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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, 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 7:30 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk