

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 25th, 2010 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Hughes led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

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

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on January 11th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting that was held on January 4th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting that was held on January 11th, 2010 were approved as submitted. (For the record - please note that Councilpersons Seyffarth and Dawson abstained from voting on the Minutes of this Executive Meeting.)

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Juanita Nevola of 70 Clark Street, Glen Ridge and President of the Glen Ridge Seniors Golden Circle advising that only the President of an appointed designee can speak for the Senior Golden Circle and voicing her appreciation for all that the Borough has done for the seniors and thanks the Council for its support. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Kevin Drennan, Cablevision, Optimum Lightpath, advising that fiber-optic cable and associated equipment within the Borough's right-of-way, similar to installation of other public utilities that operate in Glen Ridge and advising of a needed Resolution from the Council to complete their work. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Nina Mitchell Wells, Esq., New Jersey Attorney General, advising that no holder of a public office or position shall demand payment or contribution from another holder of a public office or position for campaign purposes of any candidate or for the use of any political party. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Deborah Davis Ford, Clerk of The Essex County Board Of Chosen Freeholders, advising of a public hearing with regard to a pending addition to the Official Essex County Map. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, advised the Council of the condition of the road surface in front of his residence.

Mrs. Jacqueline Yustein, Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo reported that the County Executive's "State Of The County" address has been postponed to February 16th.

Mrs. Yustein reported that preliminary discussions have been positive with County Officials regarding use of County recreation facilities by Glen Ridge residents. Further details will be forthcoming.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening and the following agenda items were discussed: the 2010 Municipal budget calendar, tentative budget introduction dates for the end of March, 2009 / 2010 budget appropriations and revenues, employee health care options and departmental budget presentations.

Mayor Hughes stated that this is going to be a very difficult budget year and indications already show a half-million dollar deficit. Mayor Hughes also stated that negotiations are in progress with the two municipal unions. Mayor Hughes further stated that there has been a reduction in state aid and in collectable taxes.

Councilwoman Seyffarth stated that the Committee will continue to work to provide the best level of service and the Finance Committee continues to seek out shared service agreements with adjoining municipalities.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **34 - 10**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 125)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **35 - 10**)

Please note that the refund to Block 132, Lot 14 was deleted from this Resolution.

TAX JUDGMENTS - REFUNDS - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 125)

Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. **1527** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS
FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1527** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Mayor Hughes address the members of the public on the introduction and adoption of a Municipal Ordinance.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that she had no formal report to present at this time however, she did report on a visit to Channel 36 last week to view the set-up and equipment. Mrs. Provost urged all community groups to use Channel 36 for their advertisements on the bulletin boards.

Councilman Dawson thanked Mr. Richard Walters, who records all of the Council meetings, for all of his valuable service to the Borough.

Councilwoman Baker reported that Channel 36 has two new television camera's for use by local community groups.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that work on the exterior of the Municipal complex continues with the removal of the brick from the rear of the building; the windows have all been stripped of paint and primed; the roof and gutter work has been completed; Planning and Development Director Zichelli has been working with the electrician to identify and label circuits in the many breaker boxes through the Municipal Complex.

Councilman Dawson also reported on a hydrant replacement on Highland Avenue and a sewer back-up in the south end of town. Councilman Dawson also encouraged all home owners to inspect and clean out, when necessary, their sewer drain pipe in their basements to avoid more serious problems.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **36 - 10**)

ROAD PROJECT - MA-9 - CHANGE ORDER

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 126)

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the high school Environmental Club will be delivering recycling stickers and new recycling information brochures to each home owner in Glen Ridge. Councilwoman Baker stated that it is very gratifying to see the residents adopting to the new recycling regulations.

Attorney Malyska reported that he recently made a visit to Home Depot and he was very pleased to find very inexpensive recycling containers for sale.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that departmental budget hearing have been postponed without a new date being announced at this time.

Administrator Rohal also reported that Monday, February 8th will be "Student Government Day" in the Borough with student Council members acting as members of the Mayor And Council at the Council Meeting on that day.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that the Public Safety Department an the Public Works Department are conducting a study to replace road flares with environmental friendly L.E.D. lights.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge reported that he will be attending a Red Cross Gala sponsored event at Mayfair Farms that will honor and recognize the Mayor's from Glen Ridge, Montclair and Nutley for their volunteer service to their respective communities.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 37 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 126)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk