

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 25th, 2016 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 6:30 p m.

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

Mayor Patrick 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, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron - Lagatutta.

It was moved by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, that the Minutes Of The **ANNUAL** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **January 4th**, 2016 were corrected / amended as follows: page No. 4, line nos. 11 - 17 - The Cable Channel - 36 Citizens Advisory Committee: Richard Waters, Peter A. Hughes, David A. Lefkovits, Linda W. Seyffarth, Kathryn Schackner, Dylan Boucherle and Frederick Gearheart; and, the Minutes of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **January 11th**, 2016 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Councilman Hughes abstained from voting on the Minutes.

Mayor Patrick reported that Glen Ridge realized a substantial snow storm over the weekend that was above and beyond what was predicted. Mayor Patrick commended both the Department Of Public Works and the Department Of Public Safety for the efficient manner in which they handled this under underestimated storm.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **35 - 16**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 217)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, commended the Department Of Public Safety and the Emergency Management Team for their hard work all weekend. Councilman Lisovicz also reported that he has received a letter from school Superintendent Dirk Phillips expressing his appreciation to The Borough on the handling of this snow storm.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **36 - 16**)

TOWING - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS - REVISED

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 218)

Councilperson Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. **1637** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

CHAPTER 10.05.130 (Towing)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Hughes that Ordinance No. **1637** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that Glen Ridge T. V. is experiencing some issues / problems with the video feed from Comcast. Councilman Lefkovits reported that there is a clear picture but the video portions have been "in and out".

Deputy Administrator Zichelli reported that the program is created and is sent out to FIOS and Comcast. The cable signals suggest that the problem exists on their end.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that in addition to plowing the streets from 11 p. m. Friday until 5:30 p. m. on Sunday D. P. W. crews spread approximately 100 tons of salt on Borough roads. The Borough has ordered 125 tons and should be in next week.

Councilman Dawson also reported that the new equipment exceeded expectations and although some minor repairs will be required there were no major breakdowns.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee will be meeting on January 26th to discuss the purchase of upgraded equipment for Carteret Park. Councilman Murphy stated that the new playground equipment to be purchased is per the request of the residents who frequent the Park.

Councilman Murphy also reported that there were approximately 120 positive comments on facebook commending D. P. W. on the handling of the weekend storm. Councilman Murphy stated that the comments were sincerely appreciated.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of Planning And Development Committee, reported that the joint Planning Board meeting with Montclair has been rescheduled from this evening to February 29th at the Montclair Fire Headquarters at 7:30 p. m. Councilwoman Morrow stated that the joint meeting was rescheduled because additional time was needed by the consultants.

Councilman Murphy reported that representatives of Mountainside Hospital recently made a presentation to the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the planned reconstruction to the nursing school. Councilman Murphy also stated that this presentation was not mandatory according to statutes but that it was well received by the Commission.

Deputy Borough Administrator Zichelli thanked everyone for their cooperation during the weekend storm and he thanked the Mayor And Council for the purchase of the new equipment especially the Toro dual purpose tractor.

Mr. Zichelli also reported that the Police Departments use of NIXEL and social media for email blasts was a huge asset to the Borough in getting the word out pertaining to the storm.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta thanked the Department Of Public Works for the great communication and working relationship between the departments before, during and after the storm.

Chief Byron reported on a strong armed robbery that occurred at the train station on January 20th. Chief Byron stated that extra police visibility is now in place at the station.

Ms. Lynn Scott of 9 Roswell Terrace, Glen Ridge, advised the Mayor And Council that the Roswell Terrace neighborhood has formed a coalition / group and that they have retained the services of an attorney to protect their interests. Ms. Scott advised that the coalition has attended the Historic Preservation Commission meeting and that they are very impressed with the Commission and the Commissions response to their concerns. Ms. Scott stated that they will continue to keep the Mayor and Council informed throughout this process.

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 7:08 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk