

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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 Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: Councilwoman Seyffarth.

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

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate an AboveNet Communications presentation and a presentation of the annual report from the Municipal Alliance Committee.

Mr. James Laskey, Esq. and Mr. Jerry Collins reported on their proposal to install a fiber optic line in the Verizon conduit in Bay Avenue.

Mrs. Kathleen Weissenberger, immediate past Chairwoman of the Municipal Alliance Committee presented an overview of the M.A.C. to the Mayor And Council. Mrs. Weissenberger defined what the M.A.C. does in and for the Borough. She reported that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse does and how that Committee is established. She reported on some pending legislation before the N.J. Assembly and the position our local legislators are taking with this legislation. She announced that Aubrey Blanda and Leah Zweig are the new co-chairs for 2009 and she presented a list of members , goals, grants and challenges that the Committee will deal with in 2009. Mrs. Weissenberger also announced that some of the cash match projects for 2009 will be; Baby-Think-It-Over, Project USE Equipment Upgrade, Ridgewood Avenue School Spring drama, computers at the Community Center, Homegrown - an Arts And Garden Tour, Candy Cane Ball, Internet Safety Program, Jesses' Journey, Gas Lamp Spring Break Program and books and supplies for the guidance departments.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting that was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Borough Forester Schuckman from James Barresi, Assistant Director / State Forester, N. J. Forest Service, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded a 2009 Green Communities grant in the amount of \$ 3,000. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Robert F. Giles, Director

N. J. Division Of Elections, advising of the 2009 Campaign Contribution Notice that must be forwarded to all municipal employees. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Joseph C. Lance, Comcast Cablevision, advising that Glen Ridge has received \$ 22,399. in Cable Franchise Fees for the year 2008. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Nancy Wittenberg, State Of New Jersey, Environmental Regulation, advising that Glen Ridge must designate one or more persons at municipal certified Recycling Coordinators starting with the 2010 report. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Amy Noll advising that she is a handicapped person and the handicapped parking spot in front of the Glen Ridge Library repeatedly gets snow plowed into it. Mayor Hughes asked Administrator Rohal to look into this matter.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge reported on the great time he had at the annual Gala event that was held this past weekend.

Mayor Hughes stated that this Gala was very successful.

Councilwoman Baker stated that the Gas Lamp Players did a wonderful job in planning this annual event and that they should all be recognized for their efforts.

Mayor Hughes asked everyone to take notice of the freshly painted Council Chamber.

Councilman Dawson also reported that all the steam traps in the radiators in Borough Hall are presently being replaced.

Mayor Hughes reported on a meeting that he attended on this date with County Executive DiVincenzo to discuss grant awards in 2009. Mayor Hughes stated that \$ 5,000,000 has been allocated for Essex County and that Glen Ridge has been allocated \$ 225,000 for road projects and that applications for funding are due in March.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 33 - 09 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 14 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 34 - 09 )

**PNC TAX APPEAL - REFUND - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 15 )

Ordinance No. 1504 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO FOR DETERMINING POSITIONS**

**ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION  
RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. **1504** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1505** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK ( N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 )**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Sachs that Ordinance No. **1505** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

( The following Resolutions ( **35 - 43 - 09** ) are a part of the Consent Agenda )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **35 - 09** )

**TRANSFERS OF FUNDS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 15 )  
( Resolution No. **36 - 09** )

**CASH MANAGEMENT - ADOPTING PLAN**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 16 )  
( Resolution No. **37 - 09** )

**AUDIT - CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - ADOPTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 16 )  
( Resolution No. **38 - 09** )

**TAX ATTORNEY - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 16 )  
( Resolution No. **39 - 09** )

**AUDITOR - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 40 - 09 )

**BLATT, DANIEL - APPOINTING - LIBRARY BOARD**

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

( Resolution No. 41 - 09 )

**YOUNGER, STEPHEN P. - PLANNING BOARD - APPRECIATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 18 )

( Resolution No. 42 - 09 )

**BRADY, KENNETH - PLANNING BOARD - APPRECIATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 18 )

( Resolution No. 43 - 09 )

**McCARTHY, EUGENE A. - PLANING BOARD - APPRECIATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 19 )

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, commended outgoing Municipal Alliance Committee Chairwoman Kathleen Weissenberger for all the work that she has done during her tenure on the Committee and she thanked her for staying on the Committee in 2009.

Councilwoman Baker also announced that the next meeting of the Caring Community Committee will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works / Utilities Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and that some of the agenda items that were discussed included: outside vendors employed by the Borough; planned capital projects in 2009 that include Hurrell Field, water meter replacement, construction projects, Historic Trust grant applications, the formation of a Shade Tree Commission, water and sewer shared service agreements, solid waste contract renewals, bid preparation for the Hurrell Field project and Municipal Aid grant for Glen Ridge roads.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Borough will begin replacing all water meters in residential properties in 2009. The meters that are presently being used are over 30 years old and after a period of time they begin to slow down and become inaccurate. Mayor Hughes also reported that the Borough will be applying for zero percent loans to purchase and replace these meters.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, discussed the pending Hurrell Field remediation project. Councilman Lisovicz reported that the project will go to bid in March and the bid will be awarded in April for a synthetic track, field grading, irrigation, bleachers and back stop. The field will be closed on May 26 and will remain closed until July 26. He further reported that County Executive DiVincenzo has agreed to assist in obtaining out of town field for the Borough's use. Councilman Lisovicz extended his sincere thanks to the County Executive for all his efforts in this regard.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Planning and Development Committee, reported that both the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment had their reorganization meetings. The Planning Board set their objectives for the year and the Board of Adjustment had one sign variance case.

Mayor Hughes asked for an update of the proposal to renovate the Benson Street railroad station.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough is currently reviewing the content of the 2 bids that were received.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the State has extended the introduction of the 2009 Municipal Budget from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced that the entire Council Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, Ordinances and correspondence can now be found on the Glen Ridge website in its entirety at approximately 5 pm on the Friday preceding the Monday Council meeting.

Public Safety Director Magnier reminded everyone that during the snow season residents should shovel out any fire hydrants near their residences and also to help out their elderly neighbors.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, discussed the paving of Baldwin Street and the Belgian block maintenance along the Street.

Mr. Pignatello also discussed the Borough's use of rock salt vs. calcium in treating ice on the road and sidewalk surfaces.

Mayor Hughes asked Administrator Rohal to discuss Mr. Pignatello's concerns with the Public Works crews.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 44 - 09 )

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 19 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:31 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk