

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Hughes announced that today is Student Government Day in The Borough and that tonight's meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council would be run by Student Council leaders serving in the capacity as The Mayor and The Borough Council.

Mayor Hughes turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor **Cate Gropper** who led the Council and the citizens in attendance in a salute to the Flag.

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

Acting Mayor Gropper asked the Student Council to introduce themselves and state for the record whom they will be representing this evening.

**Scott Freitag** will be representing Councilwoman Seyffarth, **Andrew Meyer** will be representing both Councilman Patrick and Councilwoman Provost, **Nick Turiano** will be representing Councilman Dawson, **Shelly Russomano** will be representing Councilman Lisovicz and **Cat Blauch** will be representing Councilwoman Baker.

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

Absent: None.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting that was held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Acting Borough Administrator **P. J. Alampi**, representing Borough Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Kenneth C. Ressler of Remington And Vernick Engineers, advising that they have applied to the N. J. Department Of Environmental protection for a Flood Hazard Area Permit for Watsessing Park Improvements in East Orange. Acting Mayor Gropper ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Charles L. Smith, Director Of Government Affairs, Comcast, advising that they have forwarded a check in the amount of \$ 21,730.48 to the Borough for the use of municipal rights-of-way by Comcast during the calendar year 2009. Acting Mayor Gropper ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Thomas A. Caserta, Verizon - Land Use Manager, advising that the Borough's consent Ordinance permitting Verizon to utilize the public streets and

ways in Glen Ridge has expired. Acting Mayor Gropper ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A signed letter / Recycling Agreement to Mayor Hughes from Green Sky Industries, requesting that the Mayor and or Administrator sign the said Agreement and file accordingly. Acting Mayor Gropper ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Robert P. Marasco, Newark Municipal Clerk, suggesting a shared service agreement with the City Of Newark for records / retention management of all Borough records. Acting Mayor Gropper ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, offered his congratulations to all the students for their participation in the Student Government Day.

Acting Mayor Gropper reported that the Borough Officials will be meeting this week with representatives of the two labor unions ( C.W.A. and the P.B.A. ) in an attempt to negotiate new labor contracts.

Acting Mayor Gropper also reported that there will be an advisory group meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the formation of a shade tree commission.

Acting Mayor Gropper announced that the Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Presidents Day.

Acting Councilman Freitag, Acting Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Finance Committee

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Freitag, seconded by Acting Councilperson Russomanno and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Freitag, Meyer, Turiano, Russomano and Blauch voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **38 - 10** )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 127 )

Acting Councilman Meyer, Acting Chairperson of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the due to the lack of state funding and the possible legal concerns associated with the installation cameras at intersections the Public Safety Committee has voted to table further consideration of the Ordinance that was introduced in December 2008.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Meyer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Blauch and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Meyer, Meyer, Russomano and Blauch voting aye and noes none: Councilpersons Freitag and Turiano voted to abstain. ( Resolution No. **39 - 10** )

**TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 128 )

Borough Attorney Malyska reported that Councilpersons Seyffarth and Dawson were not part of any discussions having to do with the foregoing tax appeal Resolution for the Glen Ridge Country Club. Attorney Malyska gave a detailed explanation of the appeal settlement and the procedure.

Acting Councilman Meyer, Acting Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the role of his committee is to interact with the community and to facilitate the flow of information between the community and its government. Acting Councilman Meyer reported that the Mayor And Council attended the Annual Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad Recognition Dinner at the Women's Club on January 31<sup>st</sup> and he thanked all the volunteers for their months of training, certification and or re-certification that they must complete.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Meyer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Russomano and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Meyer, Meyer, Russomano and Blauch voting aye and noes none: Councilpersons Freitag and Turiano voted to abstain. ( Resolution No. 40 - 10 )

**TAX JUDGMENTS - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 128 )

Acting Councilman Troiano, Acting Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Public Works crews are ready for the pending snow storm. He also stated that the crews were ready for the February 5<sup>th</sup> storm that never really materialized.

Acting Councilman Troiano further reported that hydrants were replaced at Maolis and Ridgewood Avenue, Bay and Sherman Avenues, Ridgewood Avenue and Winsor Place and Bloomfield Avenue and Clark Street. The cost of a typical hydrant replacement is \$ 7,500.

Acting Councilman Troiano also reported that the historic restoration of the Municipal complex is well underway. The expected date of completion of this work is May 2010.

Acting Councilman Troiano stated that bid packages are out for the construction of parking in front of the Municipal complex. This project will create eight parallel parking spaces in front of the building.

Acting Councilwoman Russomano, Acting Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Borough has hired a contractor to begin work on the first phase of the remediation work to be done on Hurrell Field.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Russomano, seconded by Acting Councilperson Meyer and adopted by an aye and no

vote; Acting Councilpersons Freitag, Meyer, Turiano, Russomano and  
Blauch voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 41 - 10 )

**HURRELL FIELD REMEDIATION - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 129 )

Acting Councilwoman Blauch, Acting Chairwoman of The Planning And  
Development Committee, reminded everyone of the new collectable  
recycling materials that are being picked up once a week in Glen  
Ridge. Acting Councilwoman Blauch reported that the new schedule and  
collectables will be delivered to each home by high school students  
before the end of the month.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Blauch,  
seconded by Acting Councilperson Turiano and adopted by an aye and no  
vote; Acting Councilpersons Freitag, Meyer, Turiano, Russomano and  
Blauch voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 42 - 10 )

**GREEN SKY - RECYCLING - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 129 )

Acting Borough Administrator Alampi reported that bids for the  
Municipal Building parking project will be opened at the end of the  
month and the bids for the water meter replacement project will be  
opened on March 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that it is hoped that both of these  
projects will be starting in the spring.

Acting Administrator Alampi reported that the street lamp project  
on Freeman Parkway is nearing completion and he thanked the County for  
all their assistance with this project.

Acting Administrator Alampi advised that a flood hazard permit  
application has been made by the County Of Essex for the the  
conversion of two existing grass fields into artificial fields in  
Watsessing Park.

Mr. Alampi advised that Senate Bill 458 has been introduced which  
would mandate a county-wide binding referendum in every county in the  
State on the transfer of a predetermined package of municipal  
responsibilities in the County. The services slated for countywide  
administration in the bill are municipal property tax assessment and  
collection, municipal control services and municipal public health  
services.

Mr. Alampi also reported that due to the impending snow storm,  
recycling scheduled to be collected on Wednesday will be collected on  
Thursday.

Mayor Hughes introduced Ms. Melissa Bridge, Glen Ridge High  
School teacher and student advisor / coordinator for Student  
Government Day. Ms. Bridge stated that it has been a very successful  
day for the students and she thanked Mr. Rohal and the Mayor And  
Council for all their efforts.

Acting Mayor Gropper reported that the students have had a very  
successful and informative day. She stated that they have submitted a

report that is complete with commendations and recommendations.

Acting Administrator Alampi stated that this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of participation on Student Government Day and that this has been the most informative year. He thanked Administrator Rohal for a very successful day.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, urged the Council to reconsider their decision to table the Ordinance regarding camera's at intersections in Glen Ridge. He stated that the Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenue intersection is a very dangerous intersection and that camera's are needed for traffic control.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that statistics indicate that driver inattention is the major cause of accidents at that intersection and not disregard of the traffic control device.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, stated that in his opinion cell phone use was the major cause of accidents.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **43 - 10** )

**STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIONS - RATIFICATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 130 )

Mayor Hughes stated that he is very proud of the students for their participation in today's activities and he also thanked Administrator Rohal for all his assistance in making this day so successful.

Administrator Rohal stated that he was very impressed with the participating students and he said that this is one of his favorite days of the year.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Freitag, seconded by Acting Councilperson Russomanno and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Freitag, Meyer, Turiano, Russomano and Blauch 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 - 130 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

Michael J. Rohal,  
Municipal Clerk