

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 9<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 Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: None.

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 a presentation from Congressman Bill Pascrell's office and a Police Department Promotion Ceremony. ( 7:32 p. m. )

Ms. Nancy Everitt, Assistant to Congressman William Pascrell, presented Mayor Hughes with a beautiful bound volume entitled Black Americans In Congress 1870 - 2007 in honor of Black History Month and all of the brave and determined people throughout the history of the United States who have fought to eradicate barriers of ignorance and race prejudice, and to better enable all people to achieve the full measure of their potential.

Mayor Hughes expressed his sincere thanks and best wishes to Ms. Everitt and Congressman Pascrell and he presented the book to Library Director John A. Sitnik for all residents of Glen Ridge to enjoy.

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Acting Sergeant Dean J. Gnardellis to present himself to the Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office as Sergeant.

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Honorary Lieutenant Thomas J. Bulgia to present himself to the Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office as Police Department Chaplain.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business. ( 7:43 p.m. )

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Ronald K. Chen, Public Advocate, State Of New Jersey, requesting the help of Glen Ridge to protect the legal rights of tenants to remain in their homes even when the property where they live is in foreclosure. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from E. Michael Taylor, Division Of Housing And Community Development, County Of Essex, advising of a training seminar for municipal officials who routinely handle calls from constituents concerning foreclosure. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution to Mayor Hughes that was adopted by the Mayor And Council of the Township Of Belleville urging support for Assembly Bill No. AJR97 "Declaring October As Italian - American Heritage Month". Mayor Hughes ordered that he correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, voiced his concerns again regarding the Borough's use of rock salt vs. calcium.

Mayor Hughes again acknowledged Mr. Pignatello's concerns regarding the use of rock salt.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairwoman of the Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed the budget calendar of the Finance Committee. Councilwoman Seyffarth announced that individual departmental budget presentations will be made to the Council on February 24<sup>th</sup> and that the Governor is expected to introduce the State budget on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Seyffarth also reported that the Borough must introduce their budget no later than March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Seyffarth further reported that the Finance Committee discussed the Borough cash flow, monthly budget projections and on-going discussions with surrounding towns for shared services.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 45 - 09 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 20 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 46 - 09 )

**INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST NOTES - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 21 & A )

Mayor Hughes stated that the adoption of the Resolution is only an intermediate step in the process.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 47 - 09 )

**WATER CAPITAL - CANCELLING BALANCES**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 22 )

Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. 1506 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR  
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE  
2009 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND OTHER  
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1506 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the following agenda items were discussed: the request by residents in the area of Glenfield Road for sidewalks on Watchung Avenue. The Public Safety Committee will be in contact with Essex County officials for a permit to install a pedestrian lane on Watchung Avenue.

Councilman Patrick also reported that the Department will be seeking quotes for the replacement of side-arms for department officers.

Councilman Patrick reported that the Public Safety Department will be doing a feasibility study to consider installing camera's at the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues.

Mayor Hughes excused himself from this meeting and Council President Lisovicz assumed the Chair. ( 8:00 p. m. )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works / Utilities Committee, reported that the painting of the Council Chamber and the upper and lower atrium's in Borough Hall have been completed as well as the steam traps in all the Municipal Complex.

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

( Resolution No. 48 - 09 )

**BOROUGH SURVEYOR - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 22 )

( Resolution No. 49 - 09 ) WAS **WITHDRAWN** PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION

**BOROUGH UTILITY ENGINEER - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 22 )

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

( Resolution No. 50 - 09 )

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING - PHASE II - CONTRACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 23 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 51 - 09 )

**POOL HOUSE RAILINGS - CLASSICS - CONTRACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 23 )

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on Weds., February 18<sup>th</sup> and that the Planning And Development Committee will meet prior to the next Council meeting on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

( Resolution No. 52 - 09 )

**ABOVENET - AUTHORIZING EASEMENT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 24 & A )

Council President Lisovicz announced that the next meeting of the Parks And Recreation Committee will meet prior to the Council meeting on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that he attended a meeting on this date to discuss the final designs for the Hurrell Field project. Administrator Rohal stated that a Resolution authorizing bids for this project will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting and it is hoped that an award for this project will be made at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Public Safety Director Magnier reminded and urged all residents to be sure that they lock all doors and windows in their homes whether they are home or away. He reported that there has been a sudden increase in burglaries in the Borough and that entry has been gained through unlocked doors and windows.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge urged the Mayor And Council to pursue the camera installation at the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues not only for vehicles violating the traffic signal but also for pedestrian safety.

Council President Lisovicz reported pedestrian safety is the main reason for the camera installation discussions.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, asked for clarification of the scope of the work to be done at Hurrell Field.

Administrator Rohal reported that an all weather track will be installed in addition to a new back-stop, bleachers and field maintenance. There will be no turf field installed at Hurrell Field.

Council President Lisovicz reported that major renovations to Hurrell Field will begin in May.

Mr. Daniel Martin of 926 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, also requested that camera's be installed at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Freeman Parkway. He reported that a resident of the Parkway House was stuck and tragically killed at that intersection last year.

Mr. Martin also asked specific questions about ( adopted Resolution No. 52 - 09 ) fiberoptic cable in Glen Ridge.

Municipal Clerk Rohal explained that this cable is to run from Morris County to New York City and that each individual town must approve the cable to be installed in the conduit owned by Verizon and that state regulations also require Verizon to permit the cable to be run in their conduits if capacity exists.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 53 - 09 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 24 - A )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:29 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk