

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 10th, 2014 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:00 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Malick & Scherer, P. C., advising that they are submitting an application for permits to the N. J. Department Of Environmental Protection for rehabilitation of Garden State Parkway Structure No. 159.2A over a portion of the Third River. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from John Thomas Wynn, Chairman of the Montclair Planning Board, advising that an application has been filed with the Board to subdivide the property known as 8 Douglas Road, Montclair. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Essex County Engineer, Sanjeev Varghese and Borough Administrator Rohal from Mikhail And Larissa Merkoulou of 21 Clark Street, Jane T. Peterson of 8 Clark Street, Robert And Roberta McAloon of 10 Clark Street, Bohdan Polanskyj of 14 Clark Street, Phyllis Hesterfer of 17 Clark Street, John And Betsy Allemand of 19 Clark Street, Barbara Lynch of 22 Clark Street and Bernice A. Rotella of 24 Clark Street, Glen Ridge, requesting an enhancement and heightening of the County's wall along / between Toney's Brook and their properties before the work is completed at this site. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes called upon Library Director Jennifer Breuer for her annual presentation to the Mayor And Council and the residents of Glen Ridge.

Mrs. Breuer reported that 118,284 people visited the Library in 2013; there are over 46,678 collections housed in the Library and this is 5,907 more items than 2012; it costs, on average, \$ 0.22 per day per resident for their Library; patrons borrowed a record 116,628 items in 2013; in 2014 as in the last 5 years the Library

has operated on a flat budget while providing more hours; the Library held 2002 programs such as, story times, author visits, lectures, concerts, clubs, classes, kid-friendly shows and teen events with over 5,084 in attendance; library computers and laptops were used a total of 9,669 times; 70 percent of Glen Ridge residents have library cards; the Library realized \$ 1,200. in BCCLS reimbursement fees in 2013; and, for every tax dollar spent on the Library, residents received \$ 11.40 ROI and used on average of 5.3 million dollars worth of material and services.

Mayor Hughes thanked Jennifer for her very informative report.

Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo reported that the Glen Ridge Public Works crews have done a great job during the many snow storms this winter and that the County will assist with salt supplies when ever there is a need.

Mayor Hughes thanked Essex County officials for their help last week in providing much need salt for our Borough streets. Mayor Hughes also offered his thanks for the assistance given by Senators Caputo and Rice.

(The following Resolutions (38 - 14 to 43 - 14) are a part of the Consent Agenda):

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 38 - 14)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 7)
(Resolution No. 39 - 14)

2014 BUDGET - READING BY TITLE ONLY

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 -)
(Resolution No. 40 - 14)

DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX - DEFERRING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 -)
(Resolution No. 41 - 14)

TEMPORARY BUDGET - CAPITAL - AMENDING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 -)
(Resolution No. 42 - 14)

WINNER FORD - POLICE SUV - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 -)
(Resolution No. 43 - 14)

MUNICIPAL COURT - CHANGE FUND

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

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1608 entitled:

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

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1608** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Ordinance No. **1606** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 10 - ON-STREET
PARKING AND PARKING FINES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1606** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the Glen Ridge Facebook page has been launched and that there has been more than 335 "likes" to the page thus far.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Public Works crews have been focused on snow removal and that the lack of road salt has changed how the crews are reacting to snow falls. Efforts have been made to keep catch basins cleared of snow in order to keep water off the road surface. All equipment remains in good condition. Councilman Dawson thanked Supervisor Bartlett and the crews for their endless cleaning efforts.

Councilman Dawson also asked for the residents to assist in digging out snow buried fire hydrants.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the bid package will go out next week for the field maintenance contract.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that the Committee is still waiting to hear from Essex County officials on the Borough's permit requesting use of County fields.

Ordinance No. **1607** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
AMENDMENT OF FEES FOR THE FREEMAN
TENNIS COURTS AMENDING SECTION
12.40.10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Theodorou. 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 Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Murphy that Ordinance No. **1607** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Historic Preservation Commission will hold a meeting in the Council Chambers on March 5th to discuss with 283 affected homeowners the importance of expanding the present Historic District. Councilman Murphy reported that in the past expansion requests have been favorably accepted by the affected homeowners.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that even though crosswalk signage has been removed for winter snow removal, drivers should yield to pedestrians at all times especially in areas around our schools.

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

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:26 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk