

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</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.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Todd Wyckoff, Assistant Regional Forester, New Jersey Forest Service, which presents the Glen Ridge year-end Community Forestry Status Report for the year 2008, which shows Glen Ridge in compliance with the four requirements of Approved Status under the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported on the deteriorating condition of the bridge on Ridgewood Avenue over the New Jersey Transit tracks.

Ms. Alexandra Nagourney of 519 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge announced the implementation of the "Senior Buddy Program". She reported that 65 student volunteers have signed up to assist 21 Glen Ridge senior citizens with such household chores as leaf raking and snow shoveling.

Both Councilwoman Baker and Mayor Hughes complimented Alexandra and the high school students for starting this program.

Former Councilman Sachs appeared before the Mayor And Council to commend them on their appointment of Irene C. W. Wheat at the new Chief Financial Officer for the Borough. Mr. Sachs also commended the Council for their appointment of Financial Consultants for the Borough that would bring to the Borough a good check and balance system.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge addressed a Nutley Municipal Court matter that he had a few months ago and he also discussed adding top soil to the berm in front of the Municipal Building and the front door and heat at the Community Center.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 as N.E.A. Read Across America and urged the residents of Glen Ridge to engage in programs

and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Mayor Hughes requested that Alexandra Nagourney present herself before the Council and he proclaimed March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 as "World Water Day" and he encouraged all residents of Glen Ridge to use only as much water as you need and to work together to help ensure that all individuals have equitable and affordable access to this limited and valuable resource. Mayor Hughes presented the Proclamation to Ms. Nagourney.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairwoman of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Council will begin preliminary departmental budget hearings on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 5:30 p. m.

( The following Resolutions ( 54 - 60 - 09 ) are a part of the Consent Agenda )

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. 54 - 09 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 25 )  
( Resolution No. 55 - 09 )

**DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX - SURPLUS - AUTHORIZATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 26 )  
( Resolution No. 56 - 09 )

**TREASURER / CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER - WHEAT - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - )  
( Resolution No. 57 - 09 )

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - )  
( Resolution No. 58 - 09 )

**BOND COUNCIL - MCNAMINON - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - )  
( Resolution No. 59 - 09 )

**FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS - APPOINTING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - )  
( Resolution No. 60 - 09 )

**DUPLICATE TAX REFUNDS - AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENTS**

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

Councilwoman Seyffarth and Mayor Hughes offered their congratulations to Irene C. W. Wheat on her promotion to Chief Financial Officer.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, invited everyone to attend a lecture sponsored by the Clean Communities Alliance on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Two award winning and nationally recognized

women from Livingston will speak on "Healthy Community / Healthy Youth".

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 61 - 09 )

**RECYCLING - OCCUPATIONAL CENTER - EXTEND CONTRACT**

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

Councilwoman Baker reported that the adoption of this Resolution will coordinate the Borough recycling and garbage contracts.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works / Utilities Committee, reported that the work on the Municipal Building is progressing nicely and that the Borough's standby generator has been repaired.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz 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. 62 - 09 )

**LOAN APPLICATION - LEAD LINED WATER SERVICES**

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

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1507 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS  
FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1507 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 reported that a major portion of this capital Ordinance is for the replacement of side-arms for the Borough's police officers.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Baker 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. 63 - 09 )

**TRACK AND NATURAL TURF FIELD - AUTHORIZING BIDS**

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

Councilman Dawson reported that the work on Hurrell Field will begin after baseball season in May and will hopefully be completed before football season begins in September.

Mayor Hughes commended Councilman Lisovicz on all of the recently completed or soon to be completed projects at Hurrell Field that include: new bleachers, back-stop, shed, natural grass field, all weather track, field house reconstruction and new fencing.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and the following agenda items were discussed: Benson Street Station redevelopment, exploration of new shared service arrangements with Montclair, Master Plan update, Historic District Expansion the proposed Bloomfield Avenue bridge project over the N. J. Transit tracks.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that the Planning Board met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and discussions from that meeting pertained to the definition section of the Zoning Code.

Councilperson Provost reported that she has Ordinance No. **1508** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17  
OF THE GLEN RIDGE CODE BY AMENDING  
THE DEFINITIONS SECTION OF THE  
ZONING CODE**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Provost. It was moved by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1508** 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.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. **64** - 09 )

**RAFFLE - HIGH SCHOOL - HOME AND SCHOOL**

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

Borough Administrator Rohal congratulated Irene C. W. Wheat on her well deserved promotion to Certified Finance Officer.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Historic Trust Commission will be meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> to prioritize and finalize funding applications. He reported that there is \$ 11,000,000 available for trust programs and that there are 138 applications for \$36,000,000.

Borough Attorney Malyska also extended his congratulations to Irene C. W. Wheat on her promotion.

Public Safety Director Magnier voiced his congratulations to Irene C. W. Wheat and he report that the 2008 Public Safety Report is ready for delivery to the Mayor And Council.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Women's Club is hosting a reception for the Borough's new school Superintendent on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p. m.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, apologized for earlier language used to the Council earlier this evening and he spoke on the projects in the Capital Ordinance that introduced earlier and the garbage contract.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that the Planning And Development Committee discussed the Borough's jitney program and funding proposals for 2009.

Mayor Hughes stated that the jitney service program will be discussed as part of the budget presentations and budget considerations.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, 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. 65 - 09 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 3 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:17 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk