A REGULAR Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 27th, 2012 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Lieutenant Egnezzo.

The Minutes Of the REGULAR and the WORKSHOP Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, February 13th, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, advising that effective March 1st new rates will go into effect for tipping fees per ton for Non-Contract Waste, Hudson County Waste and Essex County Waste. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from John Ruth, Jr., Supervisor, EEO Monitoring Program, State Of New Jersey, Contract Compliance Audit Unit, advising that Glen Ridge is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:5-31, et. Seq. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Robert T. Pollock, Manager-Transmission Permitting, P.S.E.&G., advising of a Modified Freshwater Wetlands Statewide General Permit # 1 for installation of New Natural Gas Distribution Mains in public Rights-of-way. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal, from Eugene J. Chebra, Acting Assistance Director, Department Of Environmental Protection, confirming that the last payment requisition number 8 will be the final payment and that the remaining fund share of the loan will be deobligated. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge suggested that the Borough consider conducting a gun surrender program in view of the tragic Ohio school shooting.

Lieutenant Egneazzo reported that this type of program is run through the Essex County Prosecutors Office.

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 Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 47 - 12)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF
(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 63)

Ordinance No. 1575 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GLEN RIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FIXING THE 2012 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES

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 Dawson that Ordinance No. 1575 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. 1576 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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1576 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 48 - 12)

RAFFLE - APPROVAL OF - FOREST AVENUE
(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 64)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote;
RAFFLE – APPROVAL OF – PROJECT GRADUATION
( See Resolution Book No. 18 – Page No. 18 – 64 )

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the Committee met recently to discuss putting Channel 36 on the Internet. The delay in bringing about this change is because Verizon has not provided FIOS service to the north end of the Borough.

Administrator Rohal reported that Verizon was to have provided this FIOS service by January 2011 and they now report that FIOS service will be installed first in the urban areas and the County seats before individual municipalities receive this service.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Boroughs new Tax Assessor now has a link on the Borough’s website under “What’s New” that will provide information on and from the Tax Assessor’s office.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Borough’s Water Main Project in nearing completion and that 71 water services need to be transferred to the main to complete the project. Councilman Dawson reported that 44 hydrants needed to be replaced in this water project.

Administrator Rohal reported that the cost of this project is $ 556,000. and that a grant has been awarded through a New Jersey Environmental Trust Loan.

Administrator Rohal also reported that, with weather permitting, the water project should be completed by March 1st and the curbing replacements should begin on March 8th or 9th.

Ordinance No. 1574 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT
was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. 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 Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. 1574 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that The County Of Essex has raised their hourly
fees at their parks from $10 to $15. This price change will add an additional $3,000 to the Parks And Recreation Budget.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 50 – 12)

DAWSON – 3RD RIVER – APPOINTING
(See Resolution Book No. 18 – Page No. 18 – 64)

Councilman Theodorou also reported on the recently concluded Friday night recreation program and the Committee is discussing the possibility of including another grade level in the program next year.

Councilman Theodorou further reported on the annual Electronics Workshop that is run annually during the Spring school break. Councilman Theodorou stated that this is a very well-run program and that about 20 participants attended the program this year.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the sanitary sewer program will start when the water main project is completed and that should be early next week. Mr. Rohal stated that the purpose of sewer project is to reline the manholes.

Administrator Rohal also reported that there has been no information from Trenton about the Borough’s annual road aid grant application. This non-action will probably cause this year’s road projects to start in the fall.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 51 – 12)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
(See Resolution Book No. 18 – Page No. 18 – 64)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Michael J. Rohal
Municipal Clerk