

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 9th, 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 23rd, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Planning And Development Director Zichelli from Dorothy P. Guozzo, Executive Director, New Jersey Historic Trust, congratulating Glen Ridge on being selected for a matching grant award for the preservation of Glen Ridge Municipal Building / Library. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Nancy Everitt, Assistant to Congressman William Pascrell, presented a Congressional Proclamation on behalf of Congressman Pascrell to Councilwomen Seyffarth, Baker and Provost for "Women In History Month".

Ms. Nancy Everitt also presented Mayor Hughes with a beautiful bound reference book entitled Women In Government.

Mayor Hughes offered his sincere thanks to Congressman Pascrell and to Ms. Everitt for all that they do for Glen Ridge.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported that he has donated a plow from one of his old trucks to the Borough for their use.

Mayor Hughes thanked Mr. Pignatello for all that he has done and for all he continues to do for this Borough.

Mayor Hughes reported that he along with several other members of the Council attended the annual Ambulance Squad dinner and that it was a great occasion and a celebration of 58 years of dedicated service to Glen Ridge. Mayor Hughes reported that a recent recruitment drive saw 25 new members join the ranks on the Squad. Mayor Hughes offered his thanks to the Squad and stated that this Borough is very fortunate to have these volunteers as a part of the Borough family.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed the week of March 9th as "Girl Scouts Week" and he urged that all citizens of the Borough support the Girl Scouts.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairwoman of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that Governor Corzines' State budget is due on March 10th and that three-quarters of the monies collected by the State goes back to the citizens.

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. 66 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 31)

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. 67 - 09)

2009 BUDGET - READING BY TITLE ONLY

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 32)

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**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. 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 Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1506 be finally adopted. 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 declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 68 - 09)

LETTING OF BID - CROWN VICTORIA

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 32)

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, commended Glen Ridge High School Senior, Alexandra Nagourney, for initiating the program "Buddy System With Seniors". This program assists Glen Ridge senior citizens with household chores such as snow shoveling and leaf raking. Councilwoman Baker reported that she has received as many as 7 letters thanking the students for this very timely program.

Councilwoman Baker also reminded everyone of the up-coming lecture sponsored by the Clean Communities Alliance on March 11th 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".

Mayor Hughes commended Councilwoman Baker for all her efforts in coordinating the high school Buddy System program and for her work on the Clean Communities Alliance Committee.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. 69 - 09)

COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN - GRANT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 33)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works / Utilities Committee, reported on a meeting he attended with the Freeman Gardens Association and the report of the work done on the sheds electrical panel at Freeman Gardens.

Councilman Dawson also reported that on Wednesday, March 11th there will be a blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross at the Women's Club from 12:30 - 6:30 p. m.

Ordinance No. 1507 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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1507 be finally adopted. 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 declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening with Recreation Coordinator Cowan and the following agenda items were addressed: the projected April 1st completion of the Freeman Tennis Courts Clubhouse project, staffing at the Tennis Courts, check list items needed to complete the Forest Avenue Field project, the re-sodding needed at Carteret Park, the permit process for use of Watsessing Park, Codey Field and Hurrell Field.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, 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. 70 - 09)

SEEMAN, WILLIAM L. - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTMENT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 33)

Ordinance No. 1508 entitled:

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

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Provost. 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 Provost, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1508 be finally adopted. 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 declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that as of today the deadline to introduce the Municipal budget is Wednesday, April 1st so this Council will meet in Special session on Monday, March 30th to introduce the 2009 Local Municipal Budget. Mr. Rohal reported that once the budget is introduced a summary of the Budget will be available on the Glen Ridge web site or you can email him and he will provide you with a full copy of the introduced budget. A Public Hearing of the 2009 Local Municipal Budget will be held in May.

Administrator Rohal also reported that the Environmental Committee will present another lecture in its series Going Green on Thursday, March 19th.

Administrator Rohal advised of funding through a stimulus package will be used for a study of the sewer system especially in the area of recent back-ups and for a grant sponsored by the Essex County Open Space Program for Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes thanked Chief Magnier and Patrolmen McCann and Grogan for their assistance on Sunday with a G.R.A.A. sponsored run to support the High School's Lacrosse Programs.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 71 - 09)

N. J. ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST - SEWER

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 33)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, 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. 72 - 09)

OPEN SPECE TRUST FUND - HURRELL FIELD

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 34)

Councilman Lisovicz reported that this Resolution will provide financial aid from the County for major renovations at Hurrell Field, i.e. synthetic track, natural grass, bleachers, storage shed, back-stop and fencing.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 73 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 34)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:12 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk