

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Patrick read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, and Morrow.

Absent: Councilors Hughes and Lefkovits.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Public Safety Director Byron - Lagattuta.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Dawson, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 2017 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A Court Order to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Judge Thomas R. Vena advising that the bond referendum Special Election of the Glen Ridge Board Of Education scheduled for Tues., March 14<sup>th</sup> is hereby rescheduled for Tues., March 28<sup>th</sup> as a result of the anticipated snow storm rendering it impossible to conduct the election as scheduled. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

An Executive Order to Municipal Clerk Rohal signed by Governor Christie declaring a State Of Emergency in New Jersey from Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the evening of Tues., March 14<sup>th</sup> throughout the State Of New Jersey. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Patrick and The Borough Council from Jan Huston, Medical Director, Breast Program Chair, Paint The Town Pink and Megan Voytus, Marketing Coordinator, Hackensack UMC Mountainside, inviting Glen Ridge to join with other communities to Paint the Town Pink in May 2017. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Patrick from Amy Arietta, Program And Administrative Coordinator, Clean Ocean Action, inviting Glen Ridge to participate in the Spring Beach Sweeps on Sat., April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sat., October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Dominick Santanna, Manager, National Processing Center, thanking Mr. Rohal and Montclair Officials for their cooperation and assistance in completing their recent Public Protection Classification survey and its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in both Glen Ridge and Montclair. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Deborah E. Collins of 100 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, brought, for information purposes, The Spirit Of Essex, which lists programs and activities in Essex County for the Spring 2017 season.

Ms. Collins also advised of the annual Essex County Job Fair on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Essex County College Gymnasium. Ms. Collins urged all interested parties to register early.

Ms. Collins also reported that County Executive DiVincenzo has voiced his support for the discussion and creation of the walking and bike trail path ( rails for trails ) that was proposed at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting by Councilors Murphy and Lisovicz.

Mr. Shaun McDonough of 9 Woodland Avenue, Glen Ridge, addressed the Mayor And Council regarding the pedestrian crossing signals at Bloomfield And Ridgewood Avenues and Bloomfield Avenue and Freeman Parkway. Mr. McDonough reported that additional time is needed to cross the street safely.

Administrator Rohal reported that he will bring this issue to the attention of Essex County officials.

Mayor Patrick expressed the unwavering support and heartfelt congratulations on behalf of Glen Ridge to The Suburban Essex Chamber Of Commerce in recognition of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Patrick proclaimed the week of March 19<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> as "National Poison Prevention Week" in The Borough Of Glen Ridge and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families and their community.

Mayor Patrick stated the following:

Tonight, we will introduce the 2017 municipal budget. The 2017 Glen Ridge municipal budget was prepared under the direction of the Council Finance Committee in concert with the Library Board, other Council Committees, Administrator and Department Heads. The proposed budget maximizes the resources of the Borough, while at the same time it minimizes the impact on property taxes for municipal purposes.

The introduced budget is a work in progress. A public hearing on the 2017 budget is scheduled for the April 10, 2017 Council Meeting. We anticipate approving amendments to the introduced budget due to additional revenue enhancements and cost reductions which will decrease the proposed tax rate before final adoption. The Budget will not be adopted until we receive notification of the final approval from the state. Hopefully, this will occur in April this year.

Based on the introduced budget, the total municipal and library budget will be \$13,936,017.81. The municipal tax rate will increase by \$214,188.82 which amounts to a 2.01% increase compared to the last year's budget.

I am appreciative of the efforts of the Council members and staff for assistance in the preparation of the Budget. We look forward to hearing from the public in April

Copies of the proposed budget will be available in Room 102 in the Municipal Building as well as the Borough's website.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Murphy that tonight's agenda be amended to reflect a Consent agenda. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Ordinance No. **1655** 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 Councilor Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Dawson that Ordinance No. **1655** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

( The following Resolutions ( **42** - 17 to **51** - 17 ) are a part of the Consent Agenda ):

The following was introduced by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. **42** - 17 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 58 )

( Resolution No. **43** - 17 )

**2017 BUDGET - TITLE ONLY**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 59 )

( Resolution No. **44** - 17 )

**2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - INTRODUCTION**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 59 )

( Resolution No. **45** - 17 )

**PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS - RIDGEWOOD AVENUE**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 60 )

( Resolution No. **46** - 17 )

**WOMEN'S CLUB - SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 60 )

( Resolution No. **47** - 17 )

**BY-LAWS - AMENDING - COUNCILOR**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 60 )

( Resolution No. **48**- 17 )

**2017 WATER RATES - ESTABLISHING**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 61 )

( Resolution No. 49 - 17 )

**RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 61 )

( Resolution No. 50 - 17 )

**NATIONAL JOINT POWERS - PURCHASING - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 62 )

( Resolution No. 51 - 17 )

**SURPLUS AUCTION - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 62 )

Councilor Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. 1658 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES  
FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF  
OF GLEN RIDGE REPRESENTED BY  
PBA LOCAL 58 AND FIXING MAXIMUM  
SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS  
FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Dawson that Ordinance No. 1658 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilor Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. 1659 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10  
OF THE GLEN RIDGE CODE BY AMENDING  
THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF TITLE  
10.32.120 ( Forest Ave. Dead End )**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Dawson that Ordinance No. 1659 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Ordinance No. 1656 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR  
VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
AND EQUIPMENT ( DPW & Parks )**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Dawson. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Dawson, seconded by Councilor Murphy that Ordinance No. 1656 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilor Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the D. P. W. has gone through all of the snow removal gear and that minor repairs have been made to plows and safety lights. The brine truck was out today and there is plenty of salt at the Town Yard and that they are in good shape for the upcoming storm.

Councilor Dawson also reported that the new generator at the Municipal Complex has been tested and is ready to go.

Councilor Dawson announced that there will be no overnight parking on any street tonight, garbage collection scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> has been canceled and recycling has been canceled until March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ordinance No. **1657** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
CHAPTER 10.24.030 TYPES  
OF PERMITS IN PUBLIC  
PARKING LOTS ( Pool )**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Murphy. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1657** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilor Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that you can now register for The Summer Recreation Program and the Summer Day Camp Program on-line.

Councilor Murphy also thanked the D. P. W. crews for their work on preparing the fields for Spring play.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Municipal Building will be open tomorrow although a skeleton crew is expected during the snow storm.

Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta thanked Mayor Patrick for the National Poison Prevention Week proclamation and she reminded everyone that unused and expired medication can be dropped off at the Police Department 24 hours a day.

Chief Byron also reported that the Public Safety Department is prepared for the anticipated snow storm tomorrow.

Chief Byron announced that the Department of Public Safety Department's Juvenile Aid Bureau will be hosting its first ever Junior Police Academy for children in grades 7 - 10 starting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Chief Byron reported that those interested in the program can register on-line at the Borough's website and the Department's Official Facebook page.

Councilor Lisovicz reported that the Public Safety Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month at 5:30 in the Chief's office. The meetings are open to the Public.

Mayor Patrick announced that Congressman Payne had a family emergency tonight and that he was forced to reschedule his appearance before the Council to Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Shawn McDonough of 9 Woodland Avenue, Glen Ridge, questioned the Council regarding the School Referendum scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> and to what effect this referendum would have on property taxes.

Mayor Patrick responded that this is a school budget issue and the Council can only address municipal budget issues that will impact the budget.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Murphy that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk