

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 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, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker.

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 March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Public Safety Director Magnier announcing his resignation from the Police Department effective as of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Engineer Rohal from Philip A. LiVecchi, Director Essex County Department Of Public Works advising that the County is planning to resurface Bloomfield Avenue from Broadway in Newark to Passaic Avenue in West Caldwell. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from March Leshnow, 187 Stonehouse Road, Bloomfield voicing his concern of the use of the Forest Avenue field by unsupervised minors, particularly the moving of the lacrosse nets causing lacrosse balls, etc. to go over the fence and possibly injuring residents on the streets. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Richard C. Gwinn, Director of Conciliation and Arbitration, Public Employment Relations Commission advising of a receipt of a Petition To Initiate Compulsory Interest Arbitration. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Michael DePhillips of 300 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge, asked the Council for an update on the renovation project at Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes reported that the drains have been opened as an investigative procedure. Mayor Hughes stated that a report has been received and it appears that the drainage issue has been caused by workmanship errors. The field will be playable for the spring season and additional work will be done over the summer and the work will be completed in time for the high school football system.

Mr. DePhillips suggested that the field be crowned.

Engineer Rohal

Mr. DePhillips also voiced his concerns in regards to the school budget and the current state funding program.

Mr. DePhillips suggested the consolidation of the town and school library's as a cost cutting measure.

Ms. Karen Kerris of 92 Essex Avenue and Mr. S. Ricciardi of 68 Adams Place, Glen Ridge asked for an update regarding the condition of the Freeman Tennis Courts.

Administrator Rohal reported that a contract has been signed and in place for the work to begin as soon as the weather allows.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that a small increase ( \$ 10. ) has been approved for the upcoming season.

Ms. Kerris requested the Council's permission to hold holiday events / activities at the Courts.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Council has no objection to any holiday events and he suggested that Ms. Kerris coordinate this with Recreation Coordinator Cowan.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Borough took quick action during the horrific rain storms over the weekend. Several calls were placed to PSE&G and power was finally restored to much of the south end by Tuesday. During the outage the Library and Community Center remained open for residents to recharge their computers and cell phones and the police provided a generator to various streets with their emergency response trailer.

Mayor Hughes expressed his sincere thanks to the Department Of Public Safety, Administrator Rohal and the Department Of Public Works for all of their efforts.

Mayor Hughes reiterated the phase II drain project at Hurrell and he stated that the field will be ready for the baseball season and the remainder of the drains will be repaired and ready for the football season.

Mayor Hughes talked briefly about Governor Christy's plan to cut and shift costs and he stated that although it is an unfair burden the Borough will cut costs to meet the Governors mandate.

Mayor Hughes expressed his regret on the announcement of Chief Magnier retirement.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, updated the Council on the status of the Municipal Budget and stated that the Borough stands to loose approximately \$ 400,000 in state aid and she reported that the introduction of the budget can't be completed until accurate budget totals are received. At this time it is the intention of the Finance Committee to introduce the 2010 Municipal Budget on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 55 - 10 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 136 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 56 - 10 )

**WATER RATES - ADOPTING SCHEDULE**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 136 )

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported that Public Safety Director Magnier will retire effective Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Patrick presented a detailed biography of the years of service for Chief Magnier.

Chief Magnier thanked Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council for their support of the years. The Chief reported that he has worked for 3 Mayors, 2 Administrators and 1 Borough Attorney and although each Council had different agenda's and idea's he is proud of the departments accomplishments over the years.

Mayor Hughes stated that Chief Magnier has created a professional department and that he is very proud of his department and he thanked Chief Magnier for his 25 years of service.

Administrator Rohal echoed the comments made by Mayor Hughes and Councilman Patrick and he wished Chief Magnier the best of luck.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this year and discussed the Film Fund Grant application process. Councilwoman Provost reported that the deadline for the receipt of applications will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Provost reviewed and hi-lited key aspects on the Borough's website including the on-line service request. Councilwoman Provost reported that there have been 3,400 visits to the website.

Councilwoman Provost also reminded all residents to get involved in the Borough's many volunteer organizations / committees and she reported that applications to become a member can be found on the website. When the application is completed it should be given to Administrator Rohal.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that 3 trees were lost during the most recent rain storms and that there was some flooding at the drains. Councilman Dawson reported that there was good response and cooperation from the emergency tree contractor, the police and public works crews.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Department Of Public Works is currently undertaking an inventory of surplus vehicles at the Public Works yard.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 57 - 10 )

**CJR - CONTRACT - WATER METER REPLACEMENT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 137 )

Mayor Hughes reported that our present water meters are now over 30 years olds and many of the meters are now inaccurate.

Administrator Rohal reported that the with the new water meters that they will now be read using a radio system. The meters will no longer have to be read.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that irrigation work being done at Hurrell Field is not repair work and that more investigative conclusions are being reached. Phase I work on the field will begin on Wednesday.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that the Stonehouse Road correspondence regarding additional fencing / netting will be discussed and hopefully resolved this week.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, once again addressed confusion pertaining to the new recycling program, garbage and bulk waste collection. Councilwoman Baker reported that each residence will be receiving a brochure explaining the schedule and new recyclables along stickers for your recycling bin. Councilwoman Baker also reminded everyone that newspapers must be bundled or bagged. There is now only one bulk waste pick-up per month and information on all of this information can be found on easy to read calendar on the website.

Administrator Rohal reported that there will be a special pick-up of yard waste and debris on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Montclair Water Department conducted a test of the Glen Ridge water system and that non-emergency chloroform bacterial was found. Additional tests proved to be negative. Information on this test will be sent to the residents and can also be found on the Borough website.

Borough Attorney Malyska reported that Chief Magnier was a pleasure to work with and he called him the constant professional. Attorney Malyska stated that Chief Magnier lived up to his departments motto.

Public Safety Director Magnier announced that crime statistics are down 25 percent from last year.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, thanked Chief Magnier for his 25 years of dedicated service.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 58 - 10 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 137 )

Public Safety Director Magnier declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk