

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 24th, 2014 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, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy.

Absent: Councilpersons Lisovicz and Lefkovits.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Deputy Administrator Zichelli, III and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, March 10th, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from James S. Simpson, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, advising that applications are being accepted for the 2014 Safe Routes To School Program and the 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program. Applications are due on or before May 15th. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Joan Codey Durkin, Essex County Tax Administrator advising of the Certification of New Construction / Improvements / Partial Assessments for Essex County municipalities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Maplewood's Mayor, Victor DeLuca, inviting them to attend the 7th annual Green Day on Sat. May 17th from 11 - 4 at Memorial Park on Valley Street. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Eric Williges, Superintendent of the Essex County Division Of Environmental Affairs, enclosing a packet of important mosquito control information and a list of most commonly used pesticides in used in county control operations. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **52 - 14**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 28)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 53 - 14)

2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - INTRODUCTION

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 29)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 54 - 14)

TAX REFUND - TAX COURT APPEAL

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 30)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 55 - 14)

WATER RATE - ADOPTING FEE SCHEDULE

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 30)

Ordinance No. 1609 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 10 - VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC**

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 Theodorou that Ordinance No. 1609 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. 1610 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2014 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 Theodorou that Ordinance No. 1610 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and

noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the crews are very busy getting the fields and parks ready for the spring season, repairing and replacing street signs, attending "mark out" training, patching pot holes, tree pruning and identifying potential tree hazards on Carteret Street.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 56 - 14)

FORESTRY PROGRAM - DESIGNATING ARBOR DAY

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 31)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 57 - 14)

FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN - ACCEPTING GRANT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 31)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 58 - 14)

INTERLOCAL - COUNTY - LEAVES AND SALT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 32)

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1611 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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 Murphy that Ordinance No. 1611 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, offered his thanks to Essex County officials for the field permits issued to The Borough to use Watsessing and Glenfield Parks. Councilman Theodorou also advised that the safety concerns at Watsessing Park have been addressed and resolved.

Councilman Theodorou reported that due to on-going weather related issues, the Borough fields remain closed.

Councilman Theodorou announced that the Rutgers Study Group will be doing a field study of our fields and they will then advise of the necessary maintenance performed.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the spring maintenance of the Freeman Tennis Courts will begin this week.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported on the Historic Preservation Expansion Program that was held last. Councilman Murphy stated that about 20 homeowners were in attendance. Councilman Murphy also reported that the President of The Glen Ridge Country Club has asked that the Club be excluded from the proposed expansion program.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou, Murphy and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 59 - 14)

WATER PROTECTION ACT - SUPPORTING - HIGHLANDS

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 32)

Borough Administrator Rohal announced that copies the 2014 Local Municipal Budget will be available next week in the Clerk's office and on the Borough's website.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, advised of some County sponsored events in Branch Brook Park relating to the annual Cherry Blossom Festival; a Bike Race on April 5th, a 10K run on April 6th, a 1-mile fun run/walk and Family Day on April 12th and a Bloomfest on April 13th. Mrs. Yustein also announced that there will be Historic Park Tours and Cell Phone Tours.

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk