

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 26th, 2011 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Hughes announced that today is Student Government Day in The Borough and that tonight's meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council would be run by Student Council leaders from Glen Ridge High School who will be serving in the capacity as The Mayor and The Borough Council.

Mayor Hughes turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor **Catie ROSEN** who led the Council and the citizens in attendance in a salute to the Flag.

Acting Mayor **Rosen** read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Acting Mayor **Rosen** introduced the Student Council / Councilpersons and stated for the record whom they will be representing this evening.

Matthew HOPKINS will be representing Councilperson Patrick, **Michael OVERMEYER** will be representing Councilperson Lisovicz, **Liza HOWLAND** will be representing Councilperson Lefkovits, **Joseph WESTON** will be representing Councilperson Dawson, **Rachel HEGARTY** will be representing Councilperson Theodorou, **Shelly RUSSOMANO** will be representing Councilwoman Baker and **Maggie MORIARTY** will be representing Administrator / Municipal Clerk Rohal.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker (Councilwoman Baker was excused from the meeting at 7:40 p. m.).

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta And Planning And Development Director Zichelli, III.

The Minutes Of The Workshop Meeting and The Regular Meeting that was held on March 12th, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Acting Municipal Clerk **Maggie MORIARTY**, representing Borough Administrator / Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Carl Quazza, Chairman of The Hudson-Essex-Passaic Soil Conservation District advising that a review of the soil erosion and sediment control plan for The Glen Ridge Country Club Tennis Courts reports that the plan meets the Standards For Soil Erosion And Sediment Control in New Jersey and that the plan is certified by the Conservation District. Acting Mayor **Rosen** ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from the New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection, Division Of Land Use Regulation Application advising project by and for the City Of Orange Township to create a new park for residents of Orange to enjoy on a former Brownfields site

on High And Alden Streets in Orange. Acting Mayor Rosen ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Acting Councilwoman Russomano, Acting Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, gave an update on the work of the Shade Tree Commission that was formed over a year ago to address the fact that Glen Ridge street trees are dying at an alarming rate. The Commission has also launched a "Plant 600" campaign, soliciting donations for the planting of street trees and thus far 41 trees were planted this fall. Another important aspect of the Commission is to educate the public about the situation of the trees and their care and information will again be available at the Eco-Fair on May 12th. Acting Councilwoman Russomano reminded everyone that the Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Municipal Building.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Russomano, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 57 - 12)

FORESTRY PROGRAM - ARBOR DAY

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 69)

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Hegarty and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 58 - 12)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 70)

Acting Councilperson Hopkins reported that he has Ordinance No. 1577 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS
FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Hopkins. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer that Ordinance No. 1577 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen referred the Ordinance to Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Acting Councilman Overmeyer, Acting Chairperson of The Public Safety Committee, presented highlights of the monthly report of the Department Of Public Safety for the month of February 2012 as submitted by Chief Of Police Byron-Lagattuta.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Hopkins and adopted by an aye and

no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **59 - 12**)

2012 - LEASE / PURCHASE - FORD EXPLORER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 71)

Acting Councilwoman Howland, Acting Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the Channel 36 Advisory committee met on Wednesday, March 21 and discussed issues related to internet broadcasting and the fact that Channel 36 is not yet on Verizon FIOS.

- We decided to "test the waters" of internet broadcasting by putting some programming, including the Borough Council meetings, on YouTube;
- We resolved to use our membership in the Jersey Access Group to try to accelerate the inclusion of Channel 36 on Verizon FIOS. JAG is an organization of New Jersey's public, educational and government television stations.

In addition, we learned that videos of the Glen Ridge High School lacrosse games would soon be available for broadcast on Channel 36.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Howland, seconded by Acting Councilperson Weston and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **60 - 12**)

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES - AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

Acting Councilperson Howland reported that he has Ordinance No. **1578** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING HEALTH
CARE WAIVERS AND THE STATE
HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Howland. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Howland, seconded by Acting Councilperson Weston that Ordinance No. **1578** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen referred the Ordinance to Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Acting Councilman Weston, Acting Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that The Public Works Department is responsible for constructing and maintaining the Borough's infrastructure including streets, water distribution system, sewer system, parks and public buildings. We accomplish some of the work with our employees and equipment; the rest is contracted to private firms, such as garbage collection and large paving projects. In this way, our citizens receive the benefit of the best service at the least possible cost.

Water Infrastructure Improvement -
The Borough is nearing the completion of the current water infrastructure improvement project. 75 water services have transferred from the substandard 4" water main onto a 12" water main. The

replacement of 44 outdated hydrants is complete. 3 obsolete and redundant hydrants were removed. The contractor has restored the curbing and placed new top soil in the areas that were disturbed. Patching of the road surface remains to be complete.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Weston, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **61 - 12**)

WATER RATES - ESTABLISHING 2012 RATES

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Weston, seconded by Acting Councilperson Russomano and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **62 - 12**)

SURPLUS PROPERTY - AUTHORIZING GovDeals

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

Acting Councilwoman Hegarty, Acting Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that Summer Day Camp registration will begin next week and that the summer program will begin on June 25th and run for 7 weeks for children ages 5 - 12.

Mr. Hegarty advised that the Freeman Tennis Courts will open during the first week of April and tennis permits are required.

Mr. Hegarty also reported that the Glen Ridge Youth Track and Field Team will begin on April 10th and that the team will meet on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Mr. Hegarty further reported that the annual Egg Hunt will be held on Sat. April 7th on Carteret Field at 9:00 a. m.

Mr. Hegarty announced that field maintenance will begin next week and residents may notice that fields will be closed from time to time for maintenance purposes and residents are cautioned to clean up their dog's litter and that strict enforcement of local Ordinances will occur.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hegarty, seconded by Acting Councilperson Howland and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **63 - 12**)

LEGISLATION - SUPPORTING ENERGY TAX

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hegarty, seconded by Acting Councilperson Howland and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **64 - 12**)

FIELD MAINTENANCE - SHARED SERVICE - BOARD OF EDUCATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

Acting Borough Administrator Moriarty reported that the regarding Councilperson Hegarty's resolution, the Borough has lost

almost \$1,500,000 in state aid since 2006 due to the changes in the funding formula. This year's reduction is \$366,592 based on calculations provided by the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. If the Borough received state aid consistent with the original intent of the legislation, there would be no tax levy increase for 2012.

The Borough is receiving \$210,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for road improvements this year. We also received a Community Development block grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the same program. The roads we are planning to pave include Carteret Street, a portion of Hawthorne Avenue, Argyle Street & Mead Terrace. The exact scope of the project will be determined based on asphalt prices in the late spring/summer 2012. Work is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2012.

The application to construct an additional tennis court at the Glen Ridge Country Club before the Glen Ridge Board of Adjustment has been continued to the April 12, 2012 meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 65 - 12)

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIONS - RATIFICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Russomano and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Howland, Weston, Hegarty and Russomano voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 66 - 12)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

Acting Mayor Rosen declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:09 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk