

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 13th, 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 (arrived at 8:05 p. m.), Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Lieutenant Dailey.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on March 23rd, 2009 were approved with the following corrections: page no. 37, paragraph no. 1, line no. 4 corrected to read as follows: Department on the handling of the major water line break that occurred at . . . page no. 41, paragraph no. 9, line no. 1 corrected to read as follows: Council President Lisovicz (Mayor Hughes) declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting that was held on March 30th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Elizabeth And Peter Zazzali of 14 Rudd Court, Glen Ridge, advising again about the deplorable condition of their street. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that the design faze of the work to be done on Rudd Court has been completed and that it is hoped that the project will go to bid in September with work to begin in October.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from John Rosenow, Chief Executive, Arbor Day Foundation, congratulating Glen Ridge on having achieved Tree City USA status for 2008. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Madeline Ruggiero of 26 Madison Street, Glen Ridge, commending the character of Borough Jitney Bus driver, Roy Campbell. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from James A. Landers of 93 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge, commending the character of Borough Jitney Bus driver, Roy Campbell. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from James P. O'Grady, Memorial Day Parade Committee Chair, offering the services of The Kiwanis Club Of Glen Ridge in coordinating the Borough's 2009

Memorial Day parade and ceremony. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Library Director John A. Sitnik, urging the support of the Mayor And Council of a Resolution adopted by the Library Board Of Trustees, in opposing New Jersey League Of Municipalities Resolution No. 2008-03 or any other legislation that would reduce already tight funds for public libraries. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that he is in receipt of Public Works reports for the month of February and March 2008. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution to Mayor Hughes adopted by the Cedar Grove Governing Body urging support of Assembly Bill No. AJR97 designating October as "Italian - American Heritage Month". Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Essex County Executive, Joseph N. DiVincenzo advising of water management projects carried out by the County Division Of mosquito Control that will include the cleaning of streams, tributaries, rivers and ponds. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Stephen Dilts, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, announcing that applications are now being accepted for the New Jersey Department Of Transportation Municipal Aid, Bikeway, Centers Of Place, Transit Village and Safe Streets to Transit Programs. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Bethany J. O'Toole, Fiscal Officer, advising that Essex County Utilities Authority has achieved a further reduction of \$ 0.31 cents in tipping fees for processible waste at the Resource Recovery Facility from \$ 89.17 to \$ 88.86. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from David Harris of 66 VanReyper Place, Belleville, voicing his concerns of the traffic signal located in front of Mountainside Hospital. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Attorney Malyska reported that the letter read earlier supporting Jitney Driver Campbell have been forwarded to the Bloomfield Municipal Court Prosecutor and to Mr. Campbell's attorney.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, commended the Mayor And Borough Council for all the volunteer hours that they give to this Borough and he voiced his concerns regarding pedestrian traffic in the Borough.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo announced that the annual breast cancer walk will be held in Branchbrook Park on April 26th and that approximately 10,000 people walked in last years event. Mrs. Yustein urged everyone to attend.

Mayor Hughes reported that Essex County has made significant upgrades in Branchbrook Park in recent years including a new visitor center.

Mayor Hughes reminded everyone of the Celebration of Volunteerism that will be held at the Women's Club on Thursday, April 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Former Councilman Sachs will be honored at this event. New residents are invited to attend to learn more about Glen Ridge civic organizations.

Mayor Hughes also reminded everyone of the annual Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club clothing drive will be held on Saturday, April 18th. The beneficiary of this clothing drive will be Covenant House.

Mayor Hughes reminded and encouraged everyone to vote at the annual School Election on Tuesday, April 21st.

Mayor Hughes announced that the bid opening for the Hurrell Field track work will be held on April 17th.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Borough has entered into a one year contract with the Borough employee Union for a zero percent increase. Mayor Hughes commended the Union for their spirit of cooperation.

Mayor Hughes announced that prior to the April 27th Council Meeting, (6:30 p. m.) Councilwoman Baker, Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, would be making a presentation on the possibility of creating a Shade Tree Commission.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 85 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 42)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 86 - 09)

JUDGEMENT - AUTHORIZING STIPULATIONS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 43)

Ordinance No. 1511 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT
OF WATER METERS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH
IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, IN
THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY
APPROPRIATING \$ 1,500,000. THEREFORE AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$ 1,500,000.
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR
FINANCING THE COST**

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 Patrick that Ordinance No. **1511** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the Committee met on April 6th and the following agenda items were discussed: discussions continue regarding a sidewalk on Watchung Avenue between Ridgewood Avenue and Glenfield Road. The current and most cost effective plan being discussed calls for a pedestrian lane into the roadway.

The Committee continues to discuss the proposals set forth by Joe Marigliano. Additional signage has been installed and sight-lines have been significantly improved. The Committee has determined that at the present time no areas are in real danger and they Committee will continue to monitor the situation on an area to area basis.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **87** - 09)

RIDGEWOOD AVENUE CLOSURE - ECO-FAIR

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 43)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **88** - 09)

RAFFLE - GRANTING APPROVAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 43)

Ordinance No. **1509** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
10.16.25 THROUGH STREET AND
STOP INTERSECTION DESIGNATED**

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.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge reported that this is a very good Ordinance.

With no additional comments forthcoming Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. **1509** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reminded everyone of the Eco-Fair that will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Councilwoman Baker reported that this Eco-Fair will have something for everyone and that it will be a fun day for all.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 89 - 09)

MEMORIAL DAY - AUTHORIZING VOLUNTEERS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 44)

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. 90 - 09)

SUPPORTING LEGISLATION - S-2508 & A-2872

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 44)

Ordinance No. 1512 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 20, SECTION 8**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. 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 Baker, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. 1512 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.

Ordinance No. 1510 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
AMENDMENT OF FEES FOR THE
FREEMAN TENNIS COURTS AMENDING
SECTION 12.40.010 OF THE
BOROUGH CODE**

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. 1510 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 work on tennis court no. 7 at the Freeman Tennis Courts should be corrected within 30 days and that the Committee is monitoring the sod replacement work at the west end of Carteret Park.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 91 - 09)

POOL FENCE - AWARDING CONTRACT / BID

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 45)

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on April 15th at 8:00 p. m. and that discussions pertaining to the Master Plan is on the agenda. Everyone is invited to attend.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that Clean Communities teams will be meeting in The Glen for a clean-up day along Toney's Brook.

Administrator Rohal also reminded everyone that the annual School Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 21st and that the polls are open from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Zoning Board Of Adjustment will meet in session on Thursday, April 16th at 8:00 p. m. and that the application of 117 - 119 Glen Ridge Avenue is on the agenda.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge reported that during the annual Glen Ridge Arts Festival on May 9th, the Friend Of The Glen Ridge Library will be conducting their annual Book Sale and that book donations are accepted at the Library.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge reported that there are numerous pot holes on Baldwin Street.

Councilman Lisovicz announced that Recreation Coordinator Cowan will make the determination as to whether or not to close Carteret Park depending on the cooperation of the weather.

Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal reported that the on-line problem reporting system is up and running and that it can be accessed through the Borough's website.

Administrator Rohal reported that at the present time the system is being used more internally than externally.

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. 92 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 45)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:22 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk