

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 13th, 2015 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta and Planning And Development Director Zichelli, III.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, March 23rd, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from James P. O'Grady, Kiwanis Club Parade Committee Chair, offering the services of the Club in coordinating the Borough's 2015 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Matt Harris, Chief Executive, Arbor Day Foundation, congratulating Glen Ridge on earning recognition as a 2014 Tree City USA. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and sent to Mr. Everton Scott, Senior Public Affairs Manager, PSE&G, by Peter Herrigel, Chairperson, Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission, respectfully requesting that any historic gas lamps that are damaged or in need of repair in the future be replaced with an original historic post. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A notice to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Charles A. Richman, Acting Commissioner, Department Of Community Affairs, advising of a public hearing to analyze and discuss the impediments to fair housing choice as they relate to the FY 2015 - 2019 consolidated plan. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Assemblyman Robert J. Auth asking for a Resolution of support for Bill A-4235 which would provide clarity to local property taxpayers and to share proportionally the burden of assessment appeal refunds between all taxing authorities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Mark Vlazny, 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 being used in county control operations. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a presentation from the Shade Tree Commission. (7:40)

Mayor Hughes invited former Councilwoman Elizabeth Baker to make her Shade Tree Commission presentation to the Borough Council.

Mrs. Baker gave a brief history of the Shade Tree Commission and that the Commission started in 1910 and disbanded in 1941. Everything remained status quo until 2000. Mrs. Baker stated that the average shade tree life is 8 years and that many factors affect the life of trees. Mrs. Baker reported that the Commission is developing a master plan which will call for a plan to plant 1,000 trees in 5 years.

Mrs. Baker introduced Mr. David Lustberg, a landscape architect, who is working with the Borough's Shade Tree Commission to develop a Community Forest Master Plan.

Mr. Lustberg presented a detailed power point report that explained how to preserve the Borough's historic character and it showed how to plant, care, identify, celebrate and preserve each shade tree.

After Mr. Lustberg's presentation there was a brief question and answer period with Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council.

Mayor Hughes thanked Mr. Lustberg and the Shade Tree Commission for their wonderful presentation and Mayor Hughes stated that he is looking forward to seeing their proposal.

Mayor Hughes resumed The Regular Order Of Business. (8:02)

Mrs. Kathryn Weissenberger of 184 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge and Home and School President, reported that the high school baseball game scheduled to be played on Hurrell Field on Saturday was cancelled due to "unplayable conditions" of the field.

Mrs. Weissenberger stated that she understands that weather plays havoc on the fields but she urged that all involved parties keep the lines of communication open especially when it comes to budgeting and schedules.

Councilman Murphy told Mrs. Weissenberger that he would welcome the opportunity to meet with her and or her representatives.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Council and the Borough Administration fight the fight when it comes to fields on a daily basis and that we want our student athletes to play as scheduled.

Mayor Hughes reported that the contractors working on the restoration of George Washington Field are making significant progress.

Mayor Hughes told Mrs. Weissenberger that the Council appreciates her passion when it comes to the students and fields.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 61 - 15)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 139)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 62 - 15)

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 140)

Ordinance No. 1627 entitled:

**CHAPTER 3.04 - CLAIMS AGAINST THE
BOROUGH AND TO REPEAL CHAPTR 2.48 -
PURCHASING BOARD**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has 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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1627 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. 1628 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
10.24 PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN
DESIGNATED PUBLIC PARKING AREAS**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1628 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following D.P.W. activities; crews have begun their spring time activities; field preparation is underway, stumps on several trees around the Borough have been ground up and catch basins continue to be cleaned.

Councilman Dawson reported that the new jitney bus has been received by the Borough and that the old bus will serve as a back-up. All three buses will be maintained at the D.P.W. and rotated into service at least once a week.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **63 - 15**)

TREE PLANTING - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 140)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **64 - 15**)

ARBOR DAY - DESIGNATING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 141)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **65 - 15**)

ENERGY PROCUREMENT - AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 142 & 142-B)

Mayor Hughes announced that there will be a ceremonial tree planting in recognition of Arbor Day on Bloomfield Avenue (opposite Borough Hall) on April 27th at approximately 6:15 p. m.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Freeman Tennis Court have opened for the season and that the Committee is addressing issues regarding the hard court.

Councilman Murphy, also reported that the Parks And Recreation Committee is addressing drainage issues on the infields at both Sherman Avenue and Carteret Park.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that she attended a joint meeting at Mountainside Hospital on March 31st to keep the public informed regarding the proposed project at the School Of Nursing. The purpose of the meeting was to present the residents with an overview of the hospital's study.

Councilwoman Morrow reported that the meeting was well attended and that the residents will have a voice pertaining to this project.

Councilwoman Morrow reported that the Planning Board will be holding their monthly meeting on April 15th to continue discussions pertaining to zoning requirements on Ridgewood Avenue.

Councilman Patrick reported that he attended the Hospital meeting and that he thought the meeting was both informative and beneficial to those in attendance. The main issue is the difference between an area in need of redevelopment versus an area in need of rehabilitation. Councilman Patrick stated that it would be a tremendous advantage to the Borough to in the way of redevelopment.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Essex Avenue construction project has started with the replacement of storm sewers and driveway aprons. It is anticipated that this will be a 2 - 3 month project.

Municipal Clerk Rohal also reported that April 25th will be the annual Glen Ridge Library shredding day and that the event will be held in the Glen Ridge High School parking lot and it will also be the day for the annual clean-up in The Glen.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reminded everyone that the last day to register your alarm system for 2015 is April 15th.

Chief Byron also reported that the Public Safety Committee swore in Patrolwoman Fuquanna Holley at their last Public Safety Committee meeting. The formal Oath ceremony will take place at a future Council meeting.

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

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:35 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk