

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Analisa **WINTHER** will be representing Councilperson Patrick, Michael **OVERMAYER** will be representing Councilperson Lisovicz, Kateri **FISHER** will be representing Councilperson Lefkovits, Matthew **HOPKINS** will be representing Councilperson Dawson, Ruby **MASTRODIMOS** will be representing Councilperson Theodorou and Cara **MULLIGAN** will be representing Councilwoman Baker.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Lieutenant Wohlgemuth And Planning And Development Director Zichelli, III.

The Minutes Of The Workshop Meeting that was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved as submitted.

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

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Richard Loveless, Acting Manager, Bureau Of Local Aid - District 2, Department Of Transportation, enclosing executed Agreements approved by the D.O.T. for the 2011 Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$ 210,000.00. Acting Mayor **Rosen** ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Dori Amarito - Rieman of 8 Oakwood Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close their street for the purpose of holding their annual neighborhood block party on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Acting Mayor **Rosen** ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution to Administrator Rohal from The Essex County Board Of Taxation advising that the County Board has established the percentage of 100 percent as the ratio of assessed to true value of real property to be used within the County for the purpose of assessing the taxable values. Acting Mayor Rosen ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from West Orange Mayor, Robert D. Pasrasi, requesting the Boroughs support for the Walk / Run for the Cure event to be held in West Orange on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Acting Mayor Rosen ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A notice from County Executive DiVincenzo advising that a household hazardous waste day will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and an electronics recycling day will be held on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Both events will be held at the Essex County Fleet Maintenance Facility in Cedar Grove. Acting Mayor Rosen ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Essex County Freeholder candidate Carmen Bucco from Belleville introduced himself to the Mayor Hughes, the Borough Council and the student government officials.

Acting Mayor Rosen presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and urged support for the New Jersey Race For The Cure on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Winther , seconded by Acting Councilperson Mulligan and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 72 - 11 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 246 )

Ordinance No. 1557 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR  
EMPLOYEES OF THE GLEN RIDGE FREE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FIXING THE 2011  
MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND OTHER  
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Winther. Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Winther, seconded by Acting Councilperson Hopkins that Ordinance No. 1557 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting

aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1558** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ON-STREET  
PARKING AND PARKING PERMIT FEES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Winther. Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Winther, seconded by Acting Councilperson Mulligan that Ordinance No. **1558** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Councilman Overmayer, Acting Chairperson of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the Borough has experienced an increase in automobile burglaries and he reminded and urged everyone to keep their vehicles locked at all times.

Acting Councilperson Overmayer reported that he has Ordinance No. **1560** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND COMMERCIAL  
LANDSCAPERS TO CONTROL NOISE IN THE  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, SO AS TO PROTECT  
PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND  
TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE  
TO COMPLY**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Overmayer. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Overmayer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Mulligan that Ordinance No. **1560** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen referred the Ordinance to Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

It was moved by Acting Councilperson Overmayer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Mulligan that permission be granted to the residents of Oakwood Avenue to close their street on May 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none.

Acting Councilman Fisher, Acting Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the electronic version of Town Talk would be out next week. This issue will

concentrate on environmental affairs. Topics include updates on recycling, the Eco-Fair and Shade Tree Commission activities.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Fisher , seconded by Acting Councilperson Mastrodimos and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 73 - 11 )

**MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES - ORGANIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 247 )

Acting Councilman Hopkins, Acting Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Borough weathered the weekend storm without incident. All catch basins were clear and no flooding or down trees were reported.

Contractors along with the Public Works crews have been busy cleaning up the town yard and making improvements to the incinerator building. The windows that have been boarded up for the last thirty years have been opened and replaced with glass block or replacement windows. Minor work to the roof and siding was also completed. The works has not only improved the visual appearance of the building, but has made the building more useable and safe.

The final phase of the exterior work to the Glen Ridge Municipal Building is nearing completion. Drainage improvements and waterproofing work will be completed within the next two weeks. Contractors are also working on painting and installing new carpet in the administrative offices as well.

Two paving projects are currently in design. The engineering plans for the road improvement project and the Public Works parking lot should be completed by the end of May.

Acting Councilman Hopkins also reviewed the excess property which will be the subject of Resolution 74-11. All of the excess items will be listed on Govdeals.com, a website similar to eBay for government property.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Fisher and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 74 - 11 )

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - GOVDEALS - AUCTION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 247 )

Acting Councilman Mastrodimos, Acting Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that I have one ordinance I would like to present, but before I do that I would like to mention one thing concerning the tennis courts:

This coming weekend, Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an open house at the tennis facility. All court time will be free of charge for all participants. In addition, on Saturday starting at noon, there will be a BBQ with free burgers, hot dogs and beverages

for anyone who wants to stop by and check out the courts. So if you have been thinking about joining the tennis program for the upcoming warm weather this is a great opportunity to check it out, meet your neighbors and get in a set or two of tennis.

Ordinance No. **1559** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR  
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF  
THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING  
THE 2011 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES  
AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Mastrodimos. Acting Municipal Clerk Moriarty reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Rosen declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Mastrodimos, seconded by Acting Councilperson Winther that Ordinance No. **1559** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Rosen declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Councilwoman Mulligan, Acting Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that with the assistance of Planning and Development Director Zichelli the clean-up and restoration of the underpass at the intersection of Hillside Avenue and Snowden Place has been completed.

Acting Councilwoman Mulligan also reported that in recognition of Arbor Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a tree planting at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Snowden Place by Glen Ridge Girl Scout Troop No. 673. The tree has been donated by the Fitzgeralds 1928 restaurant.

Acting Councilwoman Mulligan further reported that the annual Glen clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11 a. m. and also on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Glen Ridge Library will be the showing of the film "Crude - The Real Price Of Oil" sponsored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Acting Councilwoman Mulligan reminded everyone that information on the Borough's bulk waste pick up can be found on the Borough's website.

Acting Councilwoman Mulligan reminded everyone that the annual Eco-Fair will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and that the event is again being sponsored by Home Depot.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Mulligan, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmayer and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. **75 - 11** )

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 248 )

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Mulligan, seconded by Acting Councilperson Fisher and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 76 - 11 )

**FORESTRY PROGRAM - DESIGNATING ARBOR DAY**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 248 )

Acting Borough Administrator Moriarty reported that the Borough is receiving \$ 210,000 from the New Jersey Department Of Transportation for our road improvement program this year. The Borough also received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$ 68,500. for the road improvement program. The roads we are planning to improve include Snowden Place, Hillcrest Road, Wells Court, Summit Street, Park Avenue, Outlook Place and Ridley Court. The exact scope of the project will be determined based on asphalt prices in the spring / summer of 2011. It is anticipated that the road work will begin in the summer of 2011.

Acting Administrator Moriarty announced that the Board Of Education elections will be held this Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and that the polls will be open from 7:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m. For information on polling places please call 973 748-8400 ext. 226.

Ms. Moriarty reported that the Borough will be participating in the Clean Ocean Action Clean Sweep initiative by conducting a clean-up of The Glen on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 - 11 a. m. Volunteers should meet at the Gazebo in the Glen to obtain trash bags and gloves.

Borough Attorney Malyska reiterated the intent of Resolution 73 - 11 that only volunteers working at Memorial Day festivities for non-profit organizations will be covered by the Borough's insurance policy.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, commended the student members of tonights Council and he wished them much luck in the future.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 77 - 11 )

**STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIONS - RATIFICATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 249 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 78 - 11 )

**DANGEROUS TREE - REMOVAL - 27 CAMBRIDGE ROAD**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 249 )

Mayor Hughes stated the Council's reluctance to take this action but it was necessary to protect both pedestrian and motor vehicle operators.

Attorney Malyska also stated that it was necessary for the Council to establish a time-line for compliance within the Resolution but that it does not diminish the rights of the Council to do what has to be done.

Police Lieutenant Wohlgemuth reminded everyone of the importance of locking all unattended vehicles.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Winther, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmayer and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Winther, Overmayer, Fisher, Hopkins, Mastrodimos and Mulligan voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 79 - 11 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 249 )

Acting Mayor declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:12 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk