

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 25th, 2016 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

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

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron - Lagatutta.

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **April 11th**, 2016 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Councilman Murphy abstained.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Executive DiVincenzo, advising of some County sponsored environmental events; Essex County Drug Take Back Day on April 30th, Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 7th, Essex County Computer And Electronics Recycling Day on May 21st and Essex County Used Tire Collection Day on June 18th. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge, and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, reported on the Earth Day festivities at the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland on Saturday, April 30th. The day long activities will include; plants, canoeing, eco vendors, food, a 4-H fair, bee keepers and animal shows from the Turtle Back Zoo.

Mayor Patrick reported that he was sorry to announce that Jacqueline Yustein would be retiring from her positions as Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo and Essex County Director to Health and Human Services. Mayor Patrick told Mrs. Yustein that Glen Ridge will miss you and Mayor Patrick thanked her for everything she has done for Glen Ridge over the years.

Mayor Patrick also reported that New Jersey Transit has resumed their work on the west bound staircase at the Ridgewood Avenue station.

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget. (7:41)

Municipal Clerk Rohal read the following statement:

Mr. Mayor, this is the time fixed for the public hearing on the Local Municipal Budget for year 2016. The Budget was introduced on March 28th, 2016 by The Borough Council, and it was advertised in full, as required by law, on Thursday, April 14th, 2016, together with notice of the public hearing for this time. Printed copies have been made available to the public during this past week and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Councilman Hughes reported that it was a privilege to present the 2016 Municipal budget and that the budget will be on the Borough's website tonight in two formats, i.e., the State required format and the easy to read and understand Borough's format.

Councilman Hughes presented the 2016 Municipal Budget using a PowerPoint presentation which is attached and made part of the minutes. The presentation is available at -

<http://www.glenridgenj.org/pdfs/2016BudgetPresentation.pdf>

Councilman Hughes reported that any budget amendments will be presented at the May 9th Council Meeting and the adoption of this years budget could also happen at that meeting.

Councilman Hughes thanked Municipal Clerk Rohal and Mayor Patrick for all their efforts in making this presentation happen.

With no questions forthcoming it was moved by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, that the Public Hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget be closed. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business.
(7:59 p.m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 67 - 16)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 240)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 68 - 16)

GAMES OF CHANCE - G. R. HIGH SCHOOL RAFFLE

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 241)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 69 - 16)

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & PICNIC - KIWANIS CLUB

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 241)

Borough Attorney Malyska reported that this Resolution (69 - 16) extends to all volunteers and that any commercial groups are not covered under the Borough's policies. Attorney Malyska reminded all volunteers to be sure of your coverage and that volunteers are covered and should not be helping the paid workers.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the winter equipment has been cleaned and stored away until next winter; the mechanics are being trained to change the Toro 7210 from winter to summer; the 2016 Spring tree planting project is underway and a total of 116 trees are to be planted; 550 trees have been planted since 2013; the parks crew is in the process of preparing the fields for summer play and the sprinkler systems are being activated for the grass growing season.

Mayor Patrick questioned the monitoring of new trees and the trees that are lost after planting and the types of trees that don't survive.

Councilman Hughes and Municipal Clerk Rohal responded to Mayor Patrick's inquiries.

Ordinance No. **1641** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
GRANTS FUNDS FOR VARIOUS
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Roads)**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy that Ordinance No. **1641** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Little League opening day on Saturday was a huge success and he thanked the D. P. W. crews for all their efforts on the Sherman Avenue Field.

Councilman Murphy announced that renovations to Carteret Park should begin on or about May 15th and that the work will include drainage, replacement of playground equipment, work on the ballfields, and work to develop soccer fields on Carteret.

Councilman Murphy also announced that renovations at the Glen Ridge pool have made this pool a 1st class facility and that pool membership for the year is now open. Applications for summer employment at the pool and at Camp Carteret are also being accepted.

Councilman Murphy reminded everyone on the Earth Day events this weekend and the semi-annual clean-up of The Glen and Glenfield Park. Debris collected at these sites will be documented on a national data base to eliminate the source of water pollution.

Councilman Murphy also advised of the new exercise stations in the Upper Glen have been posted on social media and that he appreciates the comments that have been posted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 70 - 16)

CARTERET PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - AWARDING CONTRACT - COLBY

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 241)

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the next joint Montclair / Glen Ridge Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Wed., May 11th at 7:30 p. m. at the Montclair Fire Headquarters. The purpose of the meeting is to review comment that have been received by both Boards and to receive any additional comments. After this comment period the Board should be in a better position to recommend a position in regard to redevelopment plans.

Councilwoman Morrow also reported that the Glen Ridge Planning Board has appointed a sub-committee to review businesses at the Arcade (855 Bloomfield Avenue) in regard to the proposed Vape Shop.

Borough Attorney Malyska commended the years of service of Jackie Yustein to Glen Ridge and to Essex County. Attorney Malyska expressed his best wishes to Mrs. Yustein.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the Glen Ridge Police Department will participate on Saturday, April 30th in the take-back drugs day and that the department is considering purchasing a bin to be placed in headquarters to receive any drugs at any time.

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:21 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk