A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 27th, 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, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on April 13th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. advising that the 2009 Congressional Health Fair will take place on May 4th at St. Mary’s Hospital in Passaic. This Fair will feature free health screenings not limited to blood pressure. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from John C. Leon, Senior Director, Office Of Government and Community Relations requesting the Borough’s assistance in keeping NJ Transit customers informed about traffic detours that affect regularly scheduled bus service as a result of road construction, parades or other activities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Gregory Eisenstark, Assistant General Corporate Rate Council for PSE&G advising that they have filed a Petition with the Board Of Public Utilities requesting an increase in the charges for electric and gas service. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, commended Councilwoman Baker on the presentation she made earlier regarding the Borough shade trees and the establishment of a Shade Tree Commission and he also reported to the Mayor and Council on some volunteer work that he performed on this date at the Freeman Gardens.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge addressed the Mayor And Borough Council on current issues at the Freeman Tennis Courts and the Borough’s policy regarding the returning of phone calls to residents.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo brought greetings from the County Executive and she announced that Essex County is sponsoring a job fair at Essex County College on May 14th and she expects there to be many job opportunities available that day.
Mayor Hughes reported that 2 volunteer organizations in Glen Ridge assisted in the annual Glen clean-up day. Mayor Hughes thanked all the volunteers who participated and he stated that over 30 bags of garbage was collected.

Mayor Hughes announced that Administrator Rohal will be filing grant applications for Department Of Transportation for continued support for the Jitney, an Open Space Grant from Essex County in the amount of $225,000 and a Historic Trust Fund Grant to assist in the renovations of the Municipal Building.

Mayor Hughes reported that the celebration held last week at the Women’s Club to honor former Councilman Myles J. Sachs and all Borough Volunteers was a tremendous success. Mayor Hughes stated that many of the Borough’s volunteer organizations were represented and he hopes that this recognition celebration will become an annual event.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct a Prequalification Hearing for the proposed improvements to the Municipal Building.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that this hearing is permitted by law due to the historic significance of the Municipal Building. Administrator Rohal also reported that this same process was followed for the Ridgewood Avenue Train station and the Borough was satisfied with both performance and cost.

Councilman Dawson reported that this is the time allowed for anyone to pick up the bid package.

Mayor Hughes, observing that no one wished to be heard, closed the Prequalification Hearing.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 93 - 09 )

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 46 )

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. 94 - 09 )

POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE – PURCHASE OF
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 47 )

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 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Councilwoman Baker reported that the day is shaping up to be a very exciting day.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons  Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 95 - 09 )

ARBOR DAY - BOROUGH DESIGNATION
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 47 )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works / Utilities Committee, reported that the Borough staff is working with consulting engineers to prioritize street rehabilitation.

Councilman Dawson reported that a deep aeration procedure has been done at the Forest Avenue field renovation. He also reported that usage levels at the field and heavy rains in April are presenting a problem.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 96 - 09 )

RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT – AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 48 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 97 - 09 )

MUNICIPAL BUILDING – RESTORATION – PREQUALIFICATION
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 48 )

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that Recreation Coordinator Cowan has closed the fields, from time to time, in the Borough due to heavy rains and usage.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons  Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 98 - 09 )

HURRELL FIELD REDEVELOPMENT – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 49 )

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Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board met on April 15th and that the Board continues to review the Master Plan and she hopes to have the Master Plan review completed by the end of the year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, 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. 99 - 09 )

TROJANOWSKI, NORBERT – PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 49 )

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Public Hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget will be held on Monday, May 11th. Mr. Rohal
also reported that copies of the Budget are available in the Municipal Clerk’s office, the website and by email.

Administrator Rohal announced that Essex County is sponsoring a Hazardous Material collection day in Cedar Grove on Saturday, May 2nd. Information on the material being collected is available on the Borough’s website.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that the Borough has recently sent an email blast pertaining to the Swine Flu epidemic from the Poison Control Center. Residents should check the Borough’s website for additional information.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. 100 - 09)

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE / BOARD OF HEALTH – APPOINTMENTS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 – Page No. 17 – 50)

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge discussed his position regarding machine vs. shovel at the Forest Avenue road construction site.

Mayor Hughes advised Mr. Pignatello that he and Borough Engineer are very comfortable with the job performance that was done at the Forest Avenue site.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge discussed his following agenda items: the sidewalk at his residence, permit parking on Essex Avenue, tree trimming, television programming at the Community Center the High School student volunteer program, the awarding of bids and the Borough overall maintenance program.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 101 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 – Page No. 17 – 51)

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Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:13 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
Municipal Clerk