

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Computer And Electronics Recycling Day on May 21<sup>st</sup> and Essex County Used Tire Collection Day on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reminded all residents that the Town Yard is open on the second Saturday each month to accept electronics for recycling.

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a presentation from Essex County Surrogate Theodore N. Stephens, II.

Surrogate Stephens reported that his office deals with "all anxious moments" and he reported that his office probates will and non-will estates, guardianships, adoption applications and trust funds for minors. He stated that all the necessary forms can be found on-line and can be filled out on line.

Surrogate Stephens also announced that his office has extended their hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month an additional two hours from 4:30 - 6:30 by appointment and that additional information can be obtained from their new website at [www.essexsurrogate.org](http://www.essexsurrogate.org). Surrogate Stephens also announced that his office will open a satellite office at the Codey Arena in West Orange in January 2015.

Borough Attorney Malyska commended and thanked Surrogate Stephen's and his staff for the efficiency in handling some very delicate matters at some delicate times.

Councilman Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (7:41)

Ms. Christina Gabriel of 14 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, questioned the Mayor And Council regarding any new information on the redevelopment plan at Mountainside Hospital.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the next meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Montclair Fire Headquarters. Mr. Rohal reported that both the Glen Ridge Planning Board and the Montclair Planning Board along with Hospital Officials will be in attendance to present the latest, most up-to-date information to those in attendance.

Mayor Patrick addressed neighborhood concerns and requests for a cul-de-sac on Laurel Place. Mayor Patrick reported that when and if the project is approved and completed the Council will determine if a traffic study is necessary, the impact this would have on the neighborhood and safety issues.

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. **71** - 16 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 242 )

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. **72** - 16 )

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - INTRODUCTION**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 243 - A & B )

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the effective on June 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Quinn will be promoted to Captain and Acting Lieutenant Timothy Faranda will be appointed to Lieutenant.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported on the successful Arts Festival / Eco Fair. Councilman Lefkovits also reported that there was an Arbor Day Ceremony held in The Glen and that there were several elm trees planted curtesy of Rev. Stinson and the Glen Ridge Rotary Club.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Parks crew continues to prepare and maintain the athletic fields and have begun making preparations for the opening of the town pool; the road crew have spent a lot of time last week cleaning out the catch basins to minimize any roadway flooding; a majority of the 2016 spring tree planting project is complete; all trees have been inspected by the Borough's forester and tagged with the name of the tree and care instructions and over 550 trees have been planted,

Councilman Dawson also reported that the Glen Ridge Arts Festival and Eco Fair was held this past weekend. Thanks to the Glen Ridge Rotary Club, 6 new disease resistant elm trees were planted in the

Glen during the fair. Additionally Boy Scout Troop 55 was out installing tree collars on the 200 trees that were planted last year. The tree collars will protect the young trees from string trimmers.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the planned renovations to Carteret Park should be starting in the coming week.

Councilman Murphy also encouraged our residents to join the newly renovated pool and to sign up for the summer recreation program and that you can sign up on-line or at the Recreation Office at the Community Center.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that he visited all the parks this past weekend and that it was great to see lots of activities on our parks and fields.

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ms. Christina Gabriel of 14 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, questioned jurisdiction issues regarding the hospital's planned redevelopment.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that Glen Ridge and Montclair Planning Board's will make recommendations to their respective governing bodies and that each Council will approve, by Ordinance, a redevelopment plan. Mr. Rohal also explained that each Ordinance is published and advertised and open for comment at a Public Hearing.

Mayor Patrick stated that there are many moving parts in this plan and many things to look at including impact on surrounding streets and alternatives such as left and right turns, traffic studies, etc.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Mayor And Council will not be negotiating any time in the near future with the Hospital regarding any proposed cul-de-sac. Any plans for a cul-de-sac will be a decision of the Mayor And Council based on Public Safety issues as to what should be done.

Administrator Rohal reported that the cul-de-sac on Hathaway Place was based on the separation with the driveway of the Ambulatory Unit.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the next meeting of the Mayor And Council will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and not on May 23<sup>rd</sup> as previously scheduled.

Administrator Rohal also reported that it hoped that the 2016 Municipal Budget will be adopted at the May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the Take Back The Drugs Day on April 30<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Chief Byron reported that the department intends on putting a bin in headquarters to collect old medication on a continuous basis.

Chief Byron reported that the Public Safety Department is experiencing a spike in burglaries on High Street. Chief Byron announced that the department will conduct a Neighborhood Watch meeting for the High Street neighborhood on May 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss crime prevention measures. Chief Byron once again reminded all residents to be sure to keep their homes, garages and cars locked at all times and if they should see any suspicious activity they should call 911 immediately.

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, Morrow and Mayor Patrick voting aye and noes none:( Resolution No. **73 - 16** )

**KEOUGH, GENE - LACKAWANNA COALITION - APPOINTMENT**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 243 - A )

Councilman Lefkovits reported that the objective of this coalition is to uphold the level of service to the passengers.

Mayor Patrick reported that he hopes that this transit advocacy group, that is based on Morristown, would be a very proactive group in their communities and that this group would put some pressure on their legislators to do something with the transit trust fund.

It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Morrow 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 8:13 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk