

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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 ( departed at 8:08 ), Provost, Dawson ( departed at 7:58 ), Lisovicz and Baker.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Acting Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta.

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of The Executive Session that was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Rich Boornazian, Administrator, Department Of Environmental Protection, advising that funds are available from the Green Acres Program for land preservation and park development projects and urging all municipalities to apply for Green Acres funds. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Governor Chris Christie advising of reforms and initiatives that he is offering to address the states property tax crisis; collective bargaining reform, civil service reform, employee benefit reform, red tape and unfunded mandates and pension fund. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Library Director, John Sitnik, advising that the Library Board Of Trustees unanimously adopted a Resolution opposing Assembly Bill A2555 that would rescind the minimum funding formula for municipal libraries and urging the Council to adopt a similar Resolution. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Tonia Oshin of Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission close Midland Avenue between Linden Avenue and Carteret Street on June 19<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Eileen McCann of 7 Summit Street, Glen Ridge, thanked Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council for all they do. Ms. McCann also voiced her displeasure with the new ownership of the Glen Ridge

Pharmacy citing the large area of the store that is dedicated to the selling of alcoholic beverages.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli reported that he will look into the licensing regulations to verify that square footages are being complied with.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, again voiced his concerns with a "stop here on red sign" that is at the corner of Bloomfield and Highland Avenues.

Mayor Hughes reported to Mr. Pignatello that this matter will be discussed at Wednesday's Public Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Arthur Balgalvis of 214 Linden Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced his distain for the property tax system in New Jersey and he said that he has supported the school system in Glen Ridge although his children never attended the schools and that the tax system should be equal for all.

Mayor Hughes told Mr. Balgalvis that he was sympathized with his plight and that the tax system in New Jersey is beyond the power of this Council and that it would require actions of the State Legislature to change the present tax structure.

Mr. Balgavis also addressed the issue of oil tank removal on the residential property and he stated that information was difficult to obtain other than on websites and that he has discovered that grants are available from the state for this purpose.

Planning And Development Director Zichelli stated that grant information is available at the Department Of Environmental Protection website and that the funding for this grant fluctuates.

Mayor Hughes reported that the annual Arts Festival and Eco Fair, held this past weekend despite the weather, was a tremendous success and that big crowds participated in many of the wonderful demonstrations that were presented by Home Depot. Mayor Hughes thanked Councilwoman Baker and her committee for a wonderful event.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Council's plan, as stated many times in public, is to maintain our 3 grass fields.

Mayor Hughes stated that reported that the drainage plans that have been presented will fix Hurrell Field. Mayor Hughes stated that it has rained several times and the field is draining as it should be. The field has also been aerated and seeded and it is hoped that the High School baseball team will be able to play at least one home game on the field before the season ends.

Mayor Hughes stated that it is hoped that Glen Ridge will have access to a County synthetic surface field to help take the load off our fields. Mayor Hughes reiterated that at this time there is no

plans for a synthetic field in Glen Ridge. Mayor Hughes also reported that the Council is developing field contingency plans.

Mayor Hughes reported that the following Resolutions have been added to tonight's Council agenda: Library Aid Support, Dare Clothing Bin and CWA Union Contract.

( Councilman Dawson left the meeting for personnel reasons  
7:58 p. m. )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 76 - 10 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 148 )

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost, that permission be granted to the residents of Midland Avenue to conduct their annual block parties on June 19<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reviewed the status of the film fund applications that have been received.

Councilwoman Provost also reported on a meeting she attended on April 9<sup>th</sup> with other County officials to discuss shared services.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that he has received many letters and emails voicing complaints on the maintenance of the fields.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Council is currently in a 3 year field maintenance program. Currently Carteret Field and Forest Avenue Field are open and Hurrell Field is closed to the public. Councilman Lisovicz reported that the Committee continues to work on obtaining out-of-town fields and that they are doing their very best with limited manpower and economic resources.

Councilman Lisovicz expressed his thanks to County Executive DiVincenzo for all efforts in assisting the Borough in obtaining County Field use.

( Councilman Patrick left the meeting for personnel reasons  
8:08 p. m. )

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that although the weather on the day of the Eco Fair was dreadful the event itself was tremendous. Lots of planning by the committee and in particular Megan Guilanelli, Joan Lisovicz, Sydney Young and Jackie Yustein made the day great. Councilwoman Baker also thanked Bill Ferdon from the Department Of Public Works and Deputy Administrator Mike Zichelli for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Baker thanked Essex County Engineer for the pedestrian crossings that have been painted at Clark Street and Ridgewood Avenue, Woodland and Ridgewood Avenues, Darwin Place and Ridgewood Avenue and Glen Ridge Parkway and Ridgewood Avenue.

Councilwoman Baker also thanked Chief Byron for her study of traffic flow initiatives at Linden Avenue and Forest Avenue.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli also thanked Bill Ferdon and Henry Wagner from the Public Works Department for their efforts on the day of the Eco Fair. The rain and the wind on this day saw 3 trees snap and a lot of branch debris fall.

Mr. Zichelli also reported that Fios service is being installed from lines in Montclair and East Orange.

Chief Byron reported that enforcement has begun at the designated drop-off school safety zones.

Chief Byron also urged the public's assistance with a recent rise in burglaries and stated that "if you see something - say something".

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Provost, Lisovicz, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 77 - 10 )

**LIBRARY - OPPOSING LEGISLATION**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 14 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Provost, Lisovicz, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 78 - 10 )

**DARE CLOTHING RECEPTACLE - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 14 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Provost, Lisovicz, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 79 - 10 )

**CWA UNION CONTRACT - ACCEPTANCE OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 14 )

Mr. Kenneth Miles of 42 Victor Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that the road condition at the intersection of Carteret Street and Hawthorne Avenue needs to be address and he thanked the Mayor And Council for all the attention given to the fields.

Mr. Peko Rasic of 90 Carteret Street, Glen Ridge, urged enforcement of stop sign violations at the intersection of Carteret Street and Midland Avenue and he suggested that a speed hump be installed.

Mayor Hughes asked that a traffic study of the intersection be instituted and he reported that state requirements may prohibit a speed hump.

Mr. Rasic questioned who manage the fields ?

Councilman Lisovicz reported that the fields are managed by Recreation Director Cowan and that the conditions are strictly monitored and enforced.

Mr. Arnis Balgalvis of 214 Linden Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced his concerns regarding noise and exhaust fumes from ice cream trucks and lawn mowers.

Mayor Hughes reported that new regulations regarding noise were put into affect in Glen Ridge several years ago.

Chief Byron reported that all noise complaints made to the police are investigated.

Ms. Heidi Walters of 21 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge, asked if a study has ever been done by the Council as to the number of fields in Glen Ridge per capita.

Mayor Hughes stated that there always new sports programs and new uses for our limited number of fields in Glen Ridge.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Provost, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 80 - 10 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 14 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:55 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk