

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 11th, 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 27th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from County Executive DiVincenzo advising that Essex County has approved a grant award from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to the Borough in the amount of \$ 38,950. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Kit Schackner of 92 Carteret Street, Glen Ridge, advising that in her opinion the Borough has sent out an election notice which includes material intending to influence the election. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Michael Locascio advising that the Montclair Water Bureau will begin the Spring Hydrant Inspection and Flushing Program in Glen Ridge during the week of May 10th from 10:00 p. m. to 5:00 a. m. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from John A. Patterson, Chief, Department Of Labor And Workforce Development, advising that a follow up inspection of the Police Department, the hazards and / or violations have been abated. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter from Marianne Stock, Senior Director, Community Mobility, advising of the wheelchair lift maintenance schedule for all Transit owned vehicles. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Sandra Krietzman, Chief, Bureau Of Safe Drinking Water, advising of The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from third graders Erin Molloy of 280 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Julia Crowther of 217 Linden Avenue, Glen Ridge asking if Glen Ridge could go green and stating that Glen

Ridge can make a difference in the world. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee for the appropriate response.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported on the work that he did recently at Freeman Gardens including the redirection of water run-off.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto and Mr. Anthony Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge reported on quality of life issues at their property since the new shopping mall opened at the former Montclair / Bloomfield Ford Dealership site. The issues discussed pertained to lighting, parking, garbage, fencing and buffer zones.

Mayor Hughes advised the Proto's that Borough Administrator Rohal would be in contact with Montclair officials to determine if violations of Montclair Planning Board Resolutions and stipulations are occurring.

Mayor Hughes reported on the very successful Eco Fair and Arts Festival that was held this past Saturday. Mayor Hughes thanked all the volunteer organizations that participated in the event.

Mayor Hughes announced that the Council will conduct a Public Hearing tonight on the 2009 Municipal Budget. The adoption of the budget will not happen for a couple of months due to the fact that the amount of extraordinary aid from the State is still unknown at this time.

Mayor Hughes stated that reconstruction of the field and track at Hurrell Field will begin on May 26th.

Mayor Hughes also reported that the Borough awaits a favorable reply to it's Historic Trust Fund application for extensive work that needs to be done on the Municipal Building.

Mayor Hughes announced that the Library Association will conduct their annual meeting on Wednesday, May 13th and their guest speaker will give a presentation on the history of Bloomfield Avenue.

Mayor Hughes called upon Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairman of the Finance And Administration Committee, to detail the major portions of the 2009 budget.

Councilwoman Seyffarth detailed at length the major expenditures and revenues of the 2009 Municipal Budget. Councilwoman Seyffarth gave a power point presentation which is attached and made part of these Minutes.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that this is the time fixed for the public hearing of The Local Municipal Budget for the year 2009. The Budget was approved on March 30th, 2009 by The Borough Council and it was advertised in full as required by law on Thursday, April 9th, 2009 together with a notice of the public hearing for this time. Printed copies have been made available to the public during the past week and a supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Mayor Hughes outlined the procedure for the public hearing on the budget and he then declared the public hearing on the 2009 budget open.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, asked as to when the tax rate for 2009 would be established.

Councilwoman Seyffarth responded that the rate will not be set until July or August because of the State and amounts unknown at this time for extraordinary aid. Councilwoman Seyffarth advised that in all probability estimated tax bills will have to be sent by the Borough Tax Collector in July because we won't have a rate by then.

Mayor Hughes entertained a Motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that the public hearing on the 2009 Municipal Budget be closed. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Hughes declared the Motion adopted and he resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (8:38 p. m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 102 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 52)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 103 - 09)

WATER OVERPAYMENTS - REIMBURSEMENT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 53)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 104 - 09)

PERSONNEL - AFFIRMING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 53 & 53-B)

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilwoman Seyffarth for all of her hard work on the Budget presentation.

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, congratulated Chief Magnier for obtaining a clean inspection report from the State of New Jersey.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, thanked everyone who assisted in making the Eco-Fair that was held this past Saturday a tremendous success. Councilwoman Baker expressed her sincere thanks to Megan Guilanelli,

Jacqueline Yustein, Janet Burkhardt, Joan Lisovicz, Sally Ellison, Michael Zichelli and Michael Rohal for their tremendous and loyal support.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 105 - 09)

AUTHORIZING GRANT - HISTORIC TRUST

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 53-B)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Parks And Recreation Committee, Recreation Coordinator Cowan, Athletic Director Liddy and G. R. A. A. Representative Robert Salvatelli met prior to this evenings Council meeting and the following agenda items were discussed: field user groups and a review of possible suggestions for field maintenance, Hurrell Field renovations underway from May 26th to September 7th, Essex County approval of \$ 225,000 grant, Watsessing Field use being discussed with the County and defective work done at Court No. 7 and possible remediation efforts being undertaken.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Forest Avenue field was aerated on this date and that the new sod is taking hold.

Councilman Lisovicz reported on the successful outsourcing of field maintenance on the fields and he thanked Administration Rohal and Deputy Administrator Zichelli for all their cooperation in getting this done.

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. 106 - 09)

POOL LANDSCAPING - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 54)

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Board Of Adjustment hearing on 117 - 119 Glen Ridge Avenue has been adjourned until June.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that the Planning Board will meet on May 20th to discuss the appeal of the Historic Preservation ruling of window installations at 237 Sherman Avenue and discussions of the Borough's Master Plan continue with the Board.

Councilwoman Provost also announced that the Planning And Development Committee will meet on May 26th at 5:30. All are invited to attend.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported the Montclair Water Department will begin the annual flushing of Borough hydrants this week and that this flushing process should last approximately 2 weeks.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge thanked Mr. Larry Stauffer for his assistance at the Freeman Gardens.

Mayor Hughes extended his thanks to Mr. Pignatello for all of his volunteer work in the Borough.

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. 107 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 54)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9:03 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk