

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 11th, 2015 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 Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

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

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick, 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 27th, 2015 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Councilwoman Morrow abstained.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Gary Obszarny, Department Of Utilities, Township Of Montclair, advising of new water transmission fees effective as of May 1st, 2015. This new rate will remain in effect till April 30th, 2016. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Raymond Sobers of Roaches Towing, stated that his company has been the sole towing provider for the Borough for over 25 years. Mr. Sobers wanted to ensure that the Council was aware of all the services currently being provided by his company and that with his long history with the Borough there have been no issues with that service. A discussion ensued between the Council members and Mr. Sobers with regards to the proposed fee schedule and foreseeable issues that will arise by moving forward with a towing rotation. It was suggested that Mr. Sobers appear at the next Public Safety meeting as the committee will discuss this issue in greater detail.

Mr. William J. Ewing, Esq. of Montclair, reported that he has known Mr. Sobers for many years and that he was a reputable individual and an honest business man. Mr. Ewing requested that a meeting be scheduled to address any concerns of the Mayor And Council.

Mayor Hughes and Councilman Lisovicz invited Mr. Sobers and Mr. Ewing to the next Public Safety Committee meeting on June 1st.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to Essex County Executive DiVincenzo, reported that Presby Gardens will open this Saturday for the season and that there will be many activities for the children.

Mrs. Yustein also reported that there will be an open house at Turtle Back Zoo on May 30th and lots of family activities will be offered.

Mrs. Yustein reported that the Borough's annual Arts Festival and EcoFair that was held this past Saturday was one of the Borough's most successful events ever.

Mayor Hughes thanked everyone involved with the Arts Festival and EcoFair on Saturday and especially Administrator Rohal, Asst. Admin. Zichelli, Elizabeth Baker and Megan Guilanelli. Mayor Hughes called Saturday's events a signature event for Glen Ridge.

Mayor Hughes asked Mrs. Yustein if she could provide the Council with a time-line from the County regarding the donation of trees.

Mrs. Yustein reported that she will report back at the next meeting.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that the Public Safety Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Police Chief's office. All are invited to attend the meetings.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that some of the agenda items discussed at May's meeting were: speeding on Lincoln Street, the striping of High Street and traffic issues in the area of Glenfield Road and Watchung Avenue.

Ordinance No. **1628** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 10.24 - PARKING
RESTRICTIONS IN DESIGNATED**

PUBLIC PARKING AREAS (Herman Street Parking Lot)

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1628** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1629** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 15 - HOUSING CODE**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson

Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1629** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilman Patrick and seconded by Councilperson Dawson. (Resolution No. **75 - 15**)

TOWING FEES - ESTABLISHING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - 149)

After a brief discussion between Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council it was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz, that this Resolution be Tabled for further study until the next Council Meeting. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

(Note: Councilman Lisovicz left the meeting at 8:06 p. m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **74 - 15**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 150)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following D.P.W. activities: daily field preparation every day includes grass cutting, garbage removal and striping, lining and dragging the fields; two staff members now work on Saturdays to ensure that all fields are in best possible shape for play.

The roads crew spent the week preparing for the annual Arts Festival and EcoFair. This event also saw wonderful weather, coordination between event organizers, Public Works and Public Safety.

Mayor Hughes reported that he and Assistant Administrator Zichelli are investigating vendors to pick-up winter yard waste.

Councilman Lefkovits and Councilman Patrick reported rusting conditions on the east and west staircases leading to and from the New Jersey Transit train platforms.

Administrator Rohal was asked to report this existing condition to N. J. Transit.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on the progress being made on the construction of the Pool House and the synthetic surface being put down on Washington Field.

Councilman Murphy also reported on a possible engineering study to look into irrigation and drainage initiatives for Carteret Park. Lacrosse play and over-use of the field at Carteret continues to present problems.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the 109 page Mountainside Redevelopment report can be found on the Borough's website.

Councilwoman Morrow also reported that there will a joint meeting on May 18th between the Glen Ridge and Montclair Planning Boards which will be held at the Montclair Fire Headquarters to discuss the proposed Mountainside Redevelopment Project.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the field surface for Washington Field is expected to arrive on May 18th. Parking on the south side of Baldwin Street will be prohibited for a period of two to three weeks.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reminded everyone that the annual Memorial Day festivities / parade will convene at the corner of Baldwin Street and Sherman Avenue at 10:30 on Mon., May 25th.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported on some recent car break-ins and she reminded everyone to lock their vehicles at all times and to keep their valuables out-of-site in their vehicle.

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

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:22 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk