

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 20th, 2013 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Hughes announced that today is Student Government Day in The Borough and that tonight's meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council would be run by Student Council leaders from Glen Ridge High School who will be serving in the capacity as The Mayor and The Borough Council.

Mayor Hughes turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor **Beckett Woodworth** who led the Council and the citizens in attendance in a salute to the Flag.

Acting Mayor **Beckett Woodworth** read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Acting Mayor **Beckett Woodworth** introduced the Student Council / Councilpersons and stated for the record whom they will be representing this evening.

Matthew Hopkins will be representing Councilperson Patrick, **Michael Overmeyer** will be representing Councilperson Lisovicz, **Erin Carr** will be representing Councilperson Lefkovits, **Eva Buggy** will be representing Councilperson Dawson, **Liza Howland** will be representing Councilperson Theodorou, **Tess Howland** will be representing Councilwoman Baker, **Sarah Singh** will be representing Administrator / Municipal Clerk Rohal, **Toniann Wissen** will be representing Borough Attorney Malyska and **Caroline Kinley** will be representing Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson and Baker.

Absent: Councilpersons Lisovicz and Theodorou.

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

The Minutes Of The **Regular** Meeting that was held on May 6th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Acting Municipal Clerk **Singh** representing Borough Administrator/ Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Governor Christie advising that Glen Ridge has been selected to receive funding from the New Jersey Department Of Transportation Fiscal Year 2013 Municipal Aid Program for Essex Avenue in the amount of \$ 230,000. Acting Mayor **Beckett Woodworth** ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Michael Russo, Director, Local Aid And Economic Development, Department Of Transportation, advising that the NJDOT is unable to provide a Municipal Aid grant for Herman Street and Edgewood Road. Acting Mayor **Beckett Woodworth** ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Clerk Durkin announcing that his office will be open on Sat., June 1st for voters who are seeking Vote By Mail Applications for the upcoming Primary Election. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Executive DiVincenzo advising of a Job Fair on May 30th at the Robeson Campus Center at Rutgers University - Newark. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission advising that effective July 1st the rate for Non-Contract Waste will increase \$ 3.00 per ton to \$ 55.00. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 70 - 13)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 188)

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson Carr and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 71 - 13)

P.O.A.A. - DEDICATION BY RIDER - BUDGET

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 189)

Acting Councilman Overmeyer, Acting Chairperson of The Public Safety Committee, presented the following report of The Department Of Public Safety as submitted by Chief Of Police Byron-Lagattuta:

The Public Safety Committee met earlier this month, and the following are some of the initiatives that were reviewed: the police department is working closely with the Ridgewood Avenue School administration to finalize a Safe Routes to Walk and Bike to School program. This is not only a healthy and enjoyable alternative to being driven to school, it also would serve to alleviate to some degree the congestion at Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues at rush hour on week-day mornings.

Our police department also took part in a county wide effort to crack down on cross-walk safety and wrote numerous warnings to drivers who failed to show pedestrians in painted crosswalks the right of way on the morning of the Arts Festival and Eco-Fair. The police department is also looking forward to formally swearing in at a council meeting its newest member, Officer Patricia Romaine. Her formal swearing in was delayed due to an injury she suffered making an arrest soon after she joined the department. Finally, Lieutenant Egnezzo released the borough's incident report for last week, and it included two arrests

for shoplifting, two for thefts of personal property and one for trespass. In addition, this evening I present for passage Resolution 72-13, which will approve a permit for Fitzgerald's to cater the Lager Run at Hurrell Field on June 23rd.m

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer, seconded by Acting Councilperson Hopkins and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 72 - 13)

ABC - LAGER RUN - CATERING PERMIT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 189)

Acting Councilwoman Carr, Acting Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported Mr. Mayor, I have no formal report this evening, but I would like to remind the residents of Glen Ridge that there is a coyote on the loose in our borough, and pet-owners should be circumspect in leaving their animals outdoors. My dog, Gloria, was attacked by the coyote in our backyard last Tuesday, and she avoided serious injury or worse only because my mother-in-law saw what was happening and intervened. She struck the coyote on the back with a snow shovel and it ran away.

The state Fish & Game Department is being notified of the incident and will investigate, and possibly set a trap in order to remove the coyote.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Carr, seconded by Acting Councilperson T. Howland and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 73 - 13)

MEMORIAL DAY - KIWANIS - COORDINATING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 190)

Mayor Hughes and Borough Attorney Malyska explained the purpose of adopting this aforementioned Resolution.

Ordinance No. 1591 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD

CHAPTER 8, SECTION 30 (Firewood)

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Carr. Acting Municipal Clerk Singh reported that this Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Carr, seconded by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer that Ordinance No. 1591 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Councilwoman Buggy, Acting Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported the Public works group supported the Glen Ridge

Arts and Eco Fair on Saturday May, 11 2013 with activities including, but not limited to, cleaning Ridgewood Avenue and Woodland Avenue; Procuring rental tables and chairs; and dispersing road barriers to streets that were to be closed. Coordinating with Public Safety and the Glen Ridge Congregational Church to provide required street closures for a memorial service that was concurrently with the Arts and Eco Fair, scheduling sufficient man power to keep trash containers emptied during the event. At the end of the event, collecting rental tables and chairs for return to the supplier. The event was successful, the rain held off until the event was substantially over. The public works group was able to collect the rental equipment, in spite of the heavy rain, remove trash, get Ridgewood and Woodland Avenues reopened and return the rented materials to the vendor. The Public works group continued regular maintenances activities to support the usage of our parks and athletic fields for the use of the school and GRAA athletic programs. These activities include mowing, grading, trash removal and striping of all of our fields. The public works group continued its regular maintenance program of our town vehicles, equipment and buildings.

Ordinance No. **1592** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

CHAPTER 12, SECTIONS

12.12.020 AND 12.12.030 (Sidewalk)

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson Buggy. Acting Municipal Clerk Singh reported that this Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson Buggy, seconded by Acting Councilperson L. Howland that Ordinance No. **1592** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Councilwoman L. Howland, Acting Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the had I do have one ordinance / resolution I would like to present, but before I do that I would like to make several comments concerning various areas of Parks and Recreation.

First, I would like to extend our congratulations to the Girls High School Varsity Lacrosse team. For the second year in a row and for the third time in four years, this team has won the Essex County Tournament championship. Amazingly, the same two teams have now met in the finals for four consecutive years, with Glen Ridge defeating West Essex 8 - 6 in the 2013 championship . We extend our congratulations to the entire team with a special mention for our seniors and of course for Coach Larkin.

Next I would like to give an update on the repairs that have taken place at Carteret skate rink. During this past week we have seen the demolition and removal of the existing playing surface. Also, there have been extensive repairs made to the drainage system with leveling of drains and the sealing and caulking of pipes. Finally, new tiles were installed, and the playing surface was coated with an asphalt sealer. We are happy to report that all has gone well and the rink is open for business.

Next, I would like to remind all pool members that the Town Pool will officially open for the 2013 summer season on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 AM. We expect this to be our biggest season to date and for anyone looking for more information please go to our website at glenridgenj.org/pool.

Finally, as always we invite all residents to the Memorial Day Parade which will take place Monday, May 27th. Marchers will step off at 11:00 AM walking south on Ridgewood Ave. and finishing at the town memorial near the corner of Ridgewood and Bloomfield Ave.. It is a great Glen Ridge tradition whereby we honor all those who were raised in this town and went off to serve on behalf of our nation.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson L. Howland, seconded by Acting Councilperson T. Howland and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **74 - 13**)

HURRELL FIELD - COMMUNITY FUND RACE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 190)

Acting Councilwoman T. Howland, Acting Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reviewed the success of the eco-fair and thanked those involved. She also stated that Boy Scout Troop 55 would be going door-to-door to talk to residents about single-stream recycling.

Ordinance No. **1593** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL

CHAPTER 12, SECTION 24.020 (Zoning)

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Acting Councilperson T. Howland. Acting Municipal Clerk Singh reported that this Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Acting Mayor Beckett declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Acting Councilperson T. Howland, seconded by Acting Councilperson L. Howland that Ordinance No. **1593** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none. Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Borough Administrator Singh presented the following report on behalf of Administrator Rohal:

Essex County is holding a pre-construction meeting for the paving of Ridgewood Avenue tomorrow. Ridgewood Avenue will be paved from Watchung Avenue to the East Orange border line. The Borough will be issuing traffic advisories on our webpage and by email once the construction schedule is released by the County.

Essex County is also planning to replace the Clark Street Bridge over Toney's Brook this year. No start date has been announced.

The reconstruction of Essex Avenue will be a joint effort between the Township of Bloomfield and the Borough. Bloomfield Township received \$268,900 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Essex Avenue project. We are working with the Bloomfield Engineering Department to survey Essex Avenue and prepare plans & specifications. Although we received late notice on the funding for this project, we are trying to go to bid this year.

Primary Election Day is June 4th. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. For information on your polling place or to confirm voter registration, please call 973-748-8400, extension 221.

Acting Borough Attorney Toniann Wissen presented the following report on behalf of Attorney Malyska:

The role of the Glen Ridge Attorney is to assist the Borough in legal matters in which it has an interest. The attorney's job includes

reviewing ordinances before they are passed by the Borough to make sure that they comply with the law and reviewing contracts before the Borough enters into them to make sure that the rights of the Borough are protected. The attorney's job also includes representing the Borough in lawsuits to enforce the Borough's rights and defending the Borough in lawsuits when someone starts a legal action against it. Because a great deal of what the attorney does involves confidential matters, often times the Borough Attorney has little to say in the public session. The Borough Attorney is appointed by the Mayor but the appointment must be approved by the Council. The attorney serves a one-year term and must be appointed from year to year.

Acting Police Chief Caroline Kinley presented the following report on behalf of Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta:

Due to the actions of a concerned resident, a burglary was prevented in the Borough on Friday, May 17, 2013. At 1638 hours a resident of Douglas Road observed a suspicious male go to the front door of his neighbor's home. When the door was not answered, the subject went to the rear of the residence. The resident called the police desk via 911. Officers were able to locate and take into custody a subject who was eventually charged with Criminal Trespassing.

Note: The Modus Operandi used in this Criminal Trespassing case is a very common one within the Borough of Glen Ridge. All residents should be aware that any person who attempts to ring the doorbell or knock on the front door and then move to the rear of the residence should be considered suspicious until proven otherwise.

On Saturday, May 11, 2013 The Glen Ridge Police Department participated in "Cops in the Crosswalks" The Grant program was designed to assist law enforcement in educating drivers about pedestrian safety. During a four hour time frame Glen Ridge officers issued fifteen summonses and sixty seven warnings to drivers of motor vehicles at the intersection of Belleville Avenue and Sherman Avenue. In addition to the . Drivers were provided an educational brochure which gave details regarding fines and an explanation of what a driver is obligated to do when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

The following was introduced by Acting Councilperson Hopkins, seconded by Acting Councilperson L. Howland and adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins, Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. **75 - 13**)

TAX OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 191)

Mayor Hughes introduced Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, Jacqueline S. Yustein, to the members of the student government and those in attendance.

Mayor Hughes thanked Danielle for coordinating this years Student Government Day with Administrator Rohal and Mayor Hughes reported how much the Council looks forward to this event every year. Mayor Hughes also complimented the student representatives for their participation in today's activities.

The participating students reported that they enjoyed their day and their conversations and deliberations over such topics as trees, the paving of Ridgewood Avenue, student parking at the high school, pool parking and overhead vs. underground power lines.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson and Baker voting aye and
noes none: (Resolution No. 76 - 13)

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIONS - RATIFICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 191)

It was moved by Acting Councilperson Overmeyer, seconded by
Acting Councilperson Carr that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion
was adopted by an aye and no vote; Acting Councilpersons Hopkins,
Overmeyer, Carr, Buggy, L. Howland and T. Howland voting aye and noes
none.

Acting Mayor Beckett Woodworth declared that this meeting is
hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:12 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
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Municipal Clerk