

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, May 26th, 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, Deputy Administrator Zichelli and Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on May 11th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from County Executive DiVincenzo, announcing that the Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board has recommended that Glen Ridge receive a \$ 225,000 grant from the 2009 Local Aid Stimulus Program. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Joe Marigliano of 16 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, requesting additional stop signs at the intersections of Hawthorne and Maolis Avenues and Carteret Street and Hawthorne Avenue. Mr. Marigliano also is requesting "crosswalk ahead signs" at the intersections of Ridgewood Avenue and Snowden Place, Ridgewood Avenue and Winsor Place and Ridgewood Avenue and Appleton Place. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct a Prequalification Hearing for the proposed improvements to the Municipal Building. (7:35 p. m.)

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that this hearing is permitted by law due to the historic significance of the Municipal Building. Administrator Rohal also reported that this same process was followed for the Ridgewood Avenue Train station and the Borough was satisfied with both performance and cost.

Mayor Hughes, observing that no one wished to be heard, closed the Prequalification Hearing and resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (7:37 p. m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, 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. 108 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 55)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 109 - 09)

AUDITOR - REAPPOINTING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 56)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 110 - 09)

TAX OVERPAYMENTS - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 56)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 111 - 09)

JUDGEMENT - AUTHORIZING TAX REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 57)

It was moved Councilman Patrick, seconded by Councilwoman Seyffarth that permission be granted to the residents of Prescott Avenue to conduct their annual block party on June 13th, 2009. The motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote: Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Proto voting aye and noes none.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, offered her thanks to Jim O'Grady, the Kiwanis Club and everyone who made the Memorial Day parade and ceremony the wonderful success that it was.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. 112 - 09)

LAGER - CHARITY RUN - 2ND ANNUAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 57)

Councilperson Baker reported that she has Ordinance No. 1513 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DUMPSTERS
AND OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS THAT
OUTDOORS OR EXPOSED TO STORM WATER
TO BE COVERED AT ALL TIMES . . .**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. 1513 be passed on first reading. 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 referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilperson Baker reported that she has Ordinance No. 1514 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE RETROFITTING
OF EXISTING STORM DRAIN INLETS WHICH ARE
IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH REPAVING, REPAIRING,
RECONSTRUCTION OR RESURFACING . . .**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1514 be passed on first reading. 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 referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 113 - 09)

PREQUALIFICATIONS - MUNICIPAL BUILDING RESTORATION

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 114 - 09)

C.D.B.G. - STIMULUS GRANT APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 58)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by The Committee Of The Whole and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 115 - 09)

PIGNATELLO - VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 58)

Mayor Hughes extended his personal thanks to Mr. Pignatello for his constant energy and persistence.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the long anticipated work at Hurrell Field started today and will continue throughout the summer. Councilman Lisovicz stated that it is hoped that the new sod will be in place by July 6th and that this will be followed with a new track, back-stop, bleachers, etc.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board met last Wednesday, May 20th and heard an appeal from an Historic Preservation Committee ruling and the appeal was denied.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that the Borough awaits a July response on a Department Of Transportation grant for our Jitney.

Councilwoman Provost reported that there will be an update regarding the Benson Street railroad station in June.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, 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. 116 - 09)

MUNICIPAL LAND USE - REZONING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 59)

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that the Public Safety Department has sent an email blast to all residents regarding recent burglaries of homes and vehicles. Chief Magnier urged all residents to be sure their homes, vehicles and garages are locked at all times.

Mayor Hughes encouraged all residents to be vigilant and if they see something that is out of the ordinary to call the police and they will respond immediately.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, thanked everyone for making Memorial Day a tremendous success.

Mr. Anthony Kennedy of 80 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, thanked Councilwoman Provost and the Borough Council for Resolution No. 116 that was adopted earlier and he asked the Council to keep the neighborhood informed and involved.

Mrs. Eleanor and Mr. Anthony Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, appeared again before the Mayor And Council to voice their displeasure with the ongoing disturbances at the new Glenmont Mini Mall on Bloomfield Avenue that abuts their property. Mrs. Proto presented newspaper articles stating that business hours are to be restricted and deliveries will not take place outside of regular business hours.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that this situation at the mini mall is totally unacceptable.

Administrator Rohal reported that he has been attempting to make contact with the property developer.

Mr. Proto reported that lights at the property are on constantly and that this was not in the original plans that were presented at the Planning Board meetings.

Mayor Hughes reported that trucks are not allowed in Glen Ridge.

Mr. Proto asked for the Council's help in resolving this unfortunate situation and he thanked the Council for their support.

Mrs. Kathy Homer of Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge urged the Council and the Planning Board to act with all do haste.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Council will never forget the neighborhoods concerns.

Mayor Hughes extended a warm welcome to both Nancy Everitt from Congressman Pascrell's office and to Jacqueline Yustein from County Executive DiVincenzo's office and he extended his sincere thanks to each constituent for their constant support and funding.

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

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Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 116 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 59)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:26 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk