

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

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

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter / petition to Mayor Hughes and sent to County Executive DiVincenzo from Christine Campbell, Junior Girl Scout Troop 673 Leader, to transform a neglected eyesore in Glen Ridge ( Benson Street railroad ) into a place where our community can gather and have fun. Together, we can get this 4.5 mile bike / job path at Benson Street built through Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Belleville and Newark. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

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 Drugs Abuse to the Borough Of Glen Ridge for the year 2012 in the amount of \$ 38,950.00. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from The Essex County Board Of Chosen Freeholders, advising that they have adopted a fee schedule for the installation and maintenance of signage on County Roads and rights-of-way. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator of The Essex County Board Of Taxation, advising Glen Ridge to send estimated tax bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2012. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Senator Pennacchio, requesting a Resolution supporting S-302 - "Transparency In Government Act" that would provide access by the public to view and track fiscal matters in New Jersey. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed today, Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> as "Erika Sliwak Day" in The Borough Of Glen Ridge in honor of Erika receiving the Gold Award in Girl Scouts and he called upon all of our citizens to recognize, respect and congratulate her, and her Troop leaders for their accomplishments.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed today, Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> as "Rebecca Sliwak Day" in The Borough Of Glen Ridge in honor of Rebecca receiving the Gold Award in Girl Scouts and he called upon all of our citizens to recognize, respect and congratulate her, and her Troop leaders for their accomplishments.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 85 - 12 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 84 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 86 - 12 )

**TAXES - OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS**

( See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 85 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 87 - 12 )

**COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - K. P. N.**

( See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 85 )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Spring flushing of fire hydrants throughout the Borough will begin today, May 29<sup>th</sup> and continue for the next three weeks. The flushing will begin at Watchung Avenue and continue south to the East Orange line. Councilman Dawson explained that residents might experience some water discoloration and low water pressure during the flushing period.

Councilman Dawson also announced that bids for the 2012 street paving project are due by June 6<sup>th</sup> and once the bids are in the staff will be able to assess how much paving can be done this year.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 88 - 12 )

**REIVAX CORPORATION - CHANGE ORDER**

( See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 86 )

Mayor Hughes extended his thanks to the Department Of Public Works, the Public Safety Department, Administrator Rohal, the Memorial

Day Parade And Picnic Committee, the Glen Ridge High School Marching Band and all the community organizations and participants for making yesterday's Memorial Day events a tremendous success.

Councilman Theodorou thanked Councilman Dawson for all his hard work to make yesterday's remembrance so special.

Councilman Dawson congratulated Mayor Hughes on his great speech.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Town Pool realized a very successful season opening yesterday and that the handicap lift at the pool is up and running. Councilman Theodorou also reported that the pool information meeting that was held last week at the Community Center was very successful.

Councilman Theodorou announced that the Borough will be going to bid for the purchase of 8,000 square feet of sod on the Forest Avenue Field and that the field will be closed for approximately one week and that it will only affect the softball team.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the Borough, per the recommendation of the field experts, will be installing Bermuda grass on Hurrell Field to assist with the drainage problems. The only downside of Bermuda grass is that it will turn brown in the fall.

Councilman Theodorou further reported that Carteret Field is in good shape and that it will be heavily seeded in the Fall.

Councilman Theodorou extended his best wishes to the high school boys and girls lacrosse teams as they prepare to compete in the New Jersey State Championships.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, called the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scouts under the leadership of Christine Campbell "tenacious". Councilwoman Baker reported that this particular Girl Scout Troop 673 has cleaned up the area around the proposed rail - trail ( Benson Street Train Station ) several times and that this Troop is very inspiring. Councilwoman Baker also reported that this Troop worked very hard to write letters and to get signatures on their petition for the rail - trail project to be sent to County Executive DiVincenzo at the recent Eco-Fair.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the Borough has experienced an increase in burglaries in the area of our railroad tracks. Chief Byron reminded everyone to keep their doors and first floor windows locked at all times and to call the Police if they see or hear anything suspicious.

Councilman Dawson also suggested that residents stop their newspaper delivery while they are on vacation.

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

Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting  
aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 89 - 12 )

**ADJOURNED**

( See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 86 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:02 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk