

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 14th, 2010 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, Provost, Dawson and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

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

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on May 24th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Sonya Twyman of 88 High Street, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close their street on July 4th to conduct their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Marjorie Steffe of 14 Prescott Avenue, Montclair requesting permission to close their street on June 26th, 2010 for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Tonia Oshin of Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Midland Avenue on June 19th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from David B. Pearch of 100 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, advising of a strong pungent odor emanating from the Big Smash - Glenmont and the order is extremely unpleasant. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution forwarded to Mayor Hughes that was adopted by the Cedar Grove governing body asking for support to oppose with voice and vote the imposition the new mandates embodied in S-1352 in its current form. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Police Chief Byron-Lagattuta, recommending that the entire Lager Run start and finish at Hurrell Field to assist the Borough in eliminating security and quality of life issues that would present themselves if the Herman Street parking lot were to be used. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Montclair Health Officer Portuese advising that Public Health Priority Funding for the second half of 2010 has been eliminated in the amount of \$1,032. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Pamela P. Lyons, Director, Department Of Environmental Protection, advising that the contractors achieved SED utilization goal and that this contract is officially closed (renewing and / or transferring services installing hydrants and related water infrastructure improvements). Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported on the deteriorating condition of the Ridgewood Avenue bridge over N.J. Transit and Toney's Brook.

Administrator Rohal reported that this is a County bridge and that the County and N. J. Transit authorities were notified about a year ago and although he knows that there has been an inspection of the bridge the Borough has not yet received a report of the investigation.

Ms. Karin Robinson, President, Glen Ridge Historical Society, presented a letter on behalf of the Historical Society voicing concerns with the location of the downspouts and the paint color on the exterior of the Municipal Building. Ms. Robinson requested that choice of the placement of the downspouts and window paint be seriously reconsidered.

Former Councilman Ken Underwood of 926 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge also voice his concerns to the architectural changes to the exterior of the Municipal Building and he stated that the residents have a right to have them done architecturally correct.

Administrator Rohal stated he will address these issues with the contractor.

Mayor Hughes asked Councilwoman Baker to meet with Administrator Rohal and the Municipal Building contractor.

Mayor Hughes called upon Christina Sliwak of Troop 104 to present her with a Proclamation proclaiming this day as "Christina Sliwak Day" in the Borough in honor of her achieving the Gold Award which is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

Mrs. April Sliwak of 22 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, thanked Mayor Hughes for his acknowledgment of Christina's award and to make the public aware of the work and dedication involved. Mrs. Sliwa stated that she hopes this recognition will encourage other girls to get involved.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 86 - 10)

GOPAUL, TREASOR - APPOINTING REGISTRAR

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 153)

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Treasor Gopaul to present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to The Oath Of Office.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 87 - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 154)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 88 - 10)

ESTIMATED TAX BILLS - AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 153)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 89 - 10)

BUDGET - DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 153)

Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. 1529 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY CWA 1040 AND FIXING
THE 2010 MAXIMUM SALARIES AND OTHER
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1529 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. 1530 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2010 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. 1530 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Patrick reported that the Public Safety Committee met earlier and the main agenda item discussed was cross-walk safety and violators that are parking within 25 feet of a crosswalk. Councilman Patrick stated that the penalty for this particular violation under New Jersey statutes is \$54.00.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 90 - 10)

LAGER RUN - HURRELL FIELD - AUTHORIZING USE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 155)

Mayor Hughes introduced Anna Morrow, President of the Glen Ridge Community Fund and Dan Murphy, Lager Run Producer, who explained the benefits of conducting this event. Last years event raised over \$ 25,000. for the Community Fund and the Athletic Association.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 91 - 10)

ANNUAL LAGER RUN - AUTHORIZING CATERING PERMIT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 155)

(The following were offered as part of a Consent Agenda)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 92 - 10)

MECAP, INCORPORATED - LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 155)

(Resolution No. 93 - 10)

RIDGE BOTTLE KING - LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 156)

(Resolution No. 94 - 10)

MAYFIELD TAVERN - LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 156)

(Resolution No. 95 - 10)

GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 156)

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1531 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 10.32.10 NO
PARKING ANY TIME**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1531 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting

aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that permission be granted to the residents of Prescott Avenue, Midland Avenue and High Street to conduct their annual block parties on the dates and times as stated in their respective correspondence to the Mayor And Council. The motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote: Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that the Committee meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed till next week due to the police promotional ceremony.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the pending summer road project and the streets that are to be paved; the on-going Municipal Building exterior project; the Municipal Building parking project and the drain work at Hurrell Field.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 96 - 10)

JITNEY BUS - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 157)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 97 - 10)

MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM - LETTING BID

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 157)

Mayor Hughes reported that the State announced that they have extra funds for specific road projects and that Administrator Rohal filed an application for said funds and Glen Ridge was awarded approximately \$ 120,000 for our road paving project.

Administrator Rohal reported that if the Borough decided to allocate any of these funds to curbing and driveway restoration that it would take as much as 60 percent of this funding.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 98 - 10)

CLARKTON - CONTRACT - SOD - BARROWS FIELD

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 157)

Councilwoman Provost voiced her objection to the installation of sod and recommended that the Borough follows the Rutgers method.

Mayor Hughes explained the reasons sod was being used instead of reseeding. Time is the major factor since the field cannot be taken off line to allow the proper fallow time for reseeding.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough is still using the "Rutgers Method" at Barrows Field and that we are replacing the worn grass areas with seed so that the field can remain open.

Councilman Dawson reported that the wear on Barrows Field is worse than expected due to the closure of Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes reported that the County has started working at Watsessing Park to install a synthetic field and that the work should be completed in the early spring which would allow our lacrosse teams to play their games there.

Mayor Hughes also reported that the Forest Avenue field will be aerated over the summer and that the field will remain open during this process.

Mayor Hughes further reported that 100 tons of sand has been added to Hurrell Field to assist in the drainage remediation of the field. Mayor Hughes stated that he is happy with the work and that it is hoped that the field will be open for normal use in September.

Councilwoman Baker discussed on-going issues with the new recycling program in the Borough. Once again Councilwoman Baker reminded everyone that recyclables are picked up every week. Lids should be placed on the recycling container especially on windy days. Councilwoman Baker also reminded everyone that recycling is mandatory.

Councilperson Baker reported that she has Ordinance No. **1532** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 8 OF THE GLEN
RIDGE CODE**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1532** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Administrator Rohal reported that it is difficult to break old recycling habits that have been in place for over 20 years. Mr. Rohal asked all residents to flatten all cardboard boxes and he stated that he Borough has realized a 2 - 300 percent increase in recycling since the new program started in January.

Administrator Rohal also reported that the water meter installation project is moving along and that all residents should be

checking the identification of the installer prior to letting them into their homes.

Borough Attorney Malyska clarified the Borough's insurance coverage policy for volunteers that are working at Borough sponsored events. Attorney Malyska reported that personnel paid by the vendors are not covered under the Borough policy.

Chief Byron discussed the Police Department promotional ceremony that was conducted earlier this evening for Lieutenant Wohlgemuth and Sergeant McCann and she offered her sincere thanks to Mayor Hughes, the Borough Council and Administrator Rohal.

Chief Byron also announced that an award had been made by the Police Department to a resident for their assistance to the police in the arrest of a burglary suspect and the Chief once again asked that if you see something suspicious to please call the Police to have the condition investigated.

Chief Byron also advised everyone of the Police Department's "no tolerance" policy with cross walk violations.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 99 - 10)

RAFFLE - LINDEN AVENUE - APPROVAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 158)

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, suggested that mats be place across the track at Hurrell Field to protect the track from the spiked shoes of the baseball and football players and that the Council consider installing track etiquette signs at Hurrell.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 100 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 158)

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