

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 22nd, 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, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: Councilwoman Baker.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on June 8th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo announced that Essex County will be holding an Open House at the Turtleback Zoo on Sat., June 27th. All are invited to attend and be a part of many new great opportunities and view many new things.

Mrs. Yustein also distributed the Summer Music Concert Series schedule that will take place in the many of the Essex County Parks this summer.

Mayor Hughes reported that Councilpersons Lisovicz and Provost will be updating the Council on the status of the Hurrell Field renovations and the sale of the Benson Street railroad station.

Mayor Hughes reported on a meeting he attended with County Executive DiVincenzo on the planned renovations for Watsessing Park including a new synthetic surface for the baseball field and a new grass surface for the football field. Mayor Hughes is also hoping for additional time for our residents in Watsessing Park.

Mayor Hughes reported that the status of our 2009 Budget is still in a holding pattern with the State.

Mayor Hughes stated that this years budget will have to deal with the impact of the tax revaluations / appeals.

Police Chief Magnier reported the new guns ordered by the Department will be delivered in September.

Mayor Hughes reported that as a result of our Prequalification Resolution it is hoped that the State will act quickly with sending the grant money.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that a review of the 2009 budget numbers show that the budget is on target but tight.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 129 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 65)

Ordinance No. 1516 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING

SALARY INCREASES (Pool & Crossing Guards)

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had 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 Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. 1516 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that permission be granted to the residents of Forest Avenue and Columbus Avenue 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, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none.

Ordinance No. 1513 entitled:

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

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had 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 Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1513 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. 1514 entitled:

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

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had 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. Mayor Hughes reported that this

Ordinance is required by the State to help reduce the amount of pollution going into the storm drain. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. **1514** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1515** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS
FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had 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 Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1515** be finally adopted. 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 declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1518** entitled:

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for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. **1518** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilman Dawson and Bill Ferdon in securing a new jitney bus for the Borough.

Councilman Dawson also thanked Mr. Ferdon and stated that this purchase is a nice solution to a difficult problem.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **130 - 09**)

JITNEY - U.S. COACH - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 66)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **131 - 09**)

TREE REMOVAL - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 66)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost
voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 132 - 09)

FOREST AVENUE - PAVING - CHANGE ORDER

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 67)

Councilman Dawson reported that the curb concerns of the Forest Avenue residents are all being addressed by the contractor.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost
voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 133 - 09)

ESSEX COUNTY - OPEN SPACE GRANT - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 67)

Mayor Hughes expressed his thanks to Essex County Executive DiVincenzo for this grant.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost
voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 134 - 09)

PREQUALIFICATION - MUNICIPAL BUILDING - EXTERIOR

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 67)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on the major renovations that are on-going at Hurrell Field and he reported that although the contractor was ahead of schedule a couple of weeks ago, he is now 7 to 10 days behind because it has rained the past 18 of 22 days. Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Council is working with the contractor

Councilman Lisovicz also reported that the Committee is very dissatisfied with the work that was done last year on Court No. 7 at Freeman Gardens and that the court is presently in an unsafe condition. Councilman Lisovicz did say that that he was happy to report that there is a meeting planned with the manufacturer at the Courts next week to effectuate repairs and get the court back on line.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that he attended the annual meeting of the Glen Ridge Athletic Association and he was very impressed with the 40 + members in attendance and with the number of volunteers that make the your programs work. The G.R.A.A. present girls and boys lacrosse, baseball, softball, field hockey, football, wrestling, soccer, in-town and travel events and he offered his sincere thanks to all for their work.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board met on June 17th and the major agenda item was the appeal of the Historic Preservation Committee decision of the window treatments on a house on Sherman Avenue. Councilwoman Provost reported that the appeal was denied.

Councilwoman Provost reported that additional items on the Planning Board agenda were: the proposed Ordinance that would change wording in permitted uses in an R-5 zone and the reexamination of the Master Plan by the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Provost announced "good news" in that there is a new tenant on the Glen Ridge side of the new mini-mall on Bloomfield Avenue.

Councilwoman Provost announced that there has been a contract agreement for the purchase of the Benson Street railroad station.

Mayor Hughes reported that the final reading and public hearing on Ordinance No. 1517 (R-5 zoning change) will be on July 13th.

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 135 - 09)

HURRELL FIELD - RELAXING SUNDAY WORKING HOURS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 68)

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 136 - 09)

WANAQUE PROJECT - ISSUANCE OF BONDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 69 & A)

Borough Administrator Rohal reminded everyone of the 3rd annual Lager Run that will be held on Sunday, June 28th and the annual Sunset Classic that will be held on Thurs., June 25th.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that most streets on the east side of Ridgewood Avenue, north of Osborne Street, will be closed from 5 - 7 p. m. for the Sunset Classic.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Clerk Durkin reporting receipt of Independent petitions for the General Election for Borough Council for: Councilman Paul A. Lisovicz and Elizabeth K. Baker. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Stephen B. Pearlman, advising that the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission has applied for financing through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for 2009. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Debra Marvel, Deputy Clerk of the Board Of Chosen Freeholders advising that on June 1st Mrs. Deborah Davis Ford was sworn in as Clerk Of The Board. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Senator Pennacchio advising that he has introduced S-445, the "Transparency In Government Act," which

provides for the establishment of a State public finance website which retains and displays date and information on the State's annual revenues, expenditures and total bonded indebtedness. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from John M. Cox, Vice President of First Occupational Recycling And Waste, Inc., advising that they are expanding their line of services to include street sweeping of municipal roads, parks and parking lots. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that he is in receipt of the Board Of Health report for the month of May 2009 from Health Officer Sue Portuese. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal and Registrar Bertram from Joseph A. Komosinski, State Registrar, advising of an office audit that was done by the State and the violations, recommendations that were found and a corrective action plan that must be presented. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Pat Jackson of 235 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Forest Avenue on July 4th 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 Chirag N. Patel, Esq. advising that Plenary Retail Distribution License has been sold to Radhe Medservices Corp. from Mecap Inc. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that he is in receipt of the Public Works Department report for the month of May 2009 from Public Works Superintendent Weisenbach. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes reported that all correspondence that is presented can be found as part of the Council agenda on the Borough website.

Municipal Clerk Rohal stated that we are possibly the only municipality in the state to have the online agenda have active links to all pending legislation and correspondence.

Police Chief Magnier once again reminded everyone to be sure to lock the their homes, garages and cars all the time.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 137 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 69 - A)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:21 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk