

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, July 9th, 2012 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:50 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, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lefkovits.

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, June 25th, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Borough Administrator Rohal from Frank Santomauro, P.E. Chief Planning Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, advising of a State And Federal cost shared Feasibility level study to determine if flood risk management opportunities are advisable for the Passaic River Watershed in New Jersey and New York. Mayor Hughes ordered that this correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVinceno, Jr., inviting Glen Ridge to join the Essex County Transportation Advisory Board and requesting that Glen Ridge appoint a representative to serve on the Advisory Board. Mayor Hughes ordered that this correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal that was also sent to Dara Callender, P.E., State Of New Jersey, Natural And Historic Resources, acknowledging receipt of the Glen Ridge revised Application for Project Authorization (application) for the Glen Ridge Station Stair Repair Project. Mayor Hughes ordered that this correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Alexander C. Stern, Law Department, PSEG Services Corporation, advising of a Notice Of Filing for Approval of changes in its Electric and Gas RGGI Recovery Charges; and for Changes in the Tariff for Electric Service and the Tariff for Gas Service pursuant to the statutes. Mayor Hughes ordered that this correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported on some volunteer maintenance work that he had done on the bus stop at Bloomfield And Ridgewood Avenues.

Mayor Hughes thanked Mr. Pignatello for all the volunteer work that he does for the Borough.

Mayor Hughes presented the following comments in regards to rumors of a synthetic field at Hurrell Field:

1. Support for a synthetic field surface at hurrell field within at least a portion of the sporting community in GR has not gone away.
2. A group from within the sporting community has indicated that they have significant financial backing for the project
3. In an era of very tight budgets, the Mayor believes that we have to consider the cost benefits of a synthetic field surface funded in large part by private donations.
4. First step is to determine if private funds are truly available. Pledge form has been created and circulated. Time line for response.
5. If pledges are made that are substantial enough to warrant a next step (\$ in excess of \$350K), Mayor would consult with Council and ask that a non-binding referendum be put on the November ballot asking Town if it is in support of a synthetic playing surface at hurrell.
6. Cost estimate is approx. \$1M with \$700K coming from private donations and \$300K from Town. If successful on referendum and if approved by the Council, actual installation would occur in the summer of 2013.
7. Plan would not include lights and would be limited to Hurrell field.
8. Field control does not change. The Town remains the final say on field usage.
9. Field would be striped for up to 4 sports including baseball. We could add tick marks for all sports to cover the possibility of additional usage. Temporary paint lasting up to 3 months would be used if a new sport were added.
10. Field Hockey on Hurrell is a real possibility for home games if not practices. This would greatly improve conditions for the girl's team and reduce maintenance costs at Forest.

Councilman Theodorou reported that a town-wide referendum a few years ago resulted in the turf proposal being defeated and the Borough is obligated to restore the fields to keep them playable.

Councilman Theodorou stated that a synthetic surface on Hurrell Field would mean a savings of approximately \$ 50,000 in our Municipal Budget not to mention the wear and tear on our equipment.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **105 - 12**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 94)

Ordinance No. **1580** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$ 270,000. FOR THE
PREPARAATION AND EXECUTION OF A
COMPLETE REVALUATION OF REAL
PROPERTY IN AND BY THE BOROUGH
OF GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF
ESSEX, NEW JERSEY**

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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1580** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting

aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. **1581** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES
FOR NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES
OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND
FIXING THE 2012 MAXIMUM ANNUAL
SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS
FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1581** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **105** - 12)

BUDGET - LAW ENFORCEMENT - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 95)
(Resolution No. **106** - 12)

BUDGET - MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 95)
(Resolution No. **107** - 12)

BUDGET - UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 96)
(Resolution No. **108** - 12)

BUDGET - DEVELOPERS ESCROW - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 96)
(Resolution No. **109** - 12)

BUDGET - DONATIONS - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 97)
(Resolution No. **110** - 12)

BUDGET - POLICE CONTRACTED SERVICES - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 97)
(Resolution No. **111** - 12)

BUDGET - TAX TITLE LEAN PREMIUMS - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 98)
(Resolution No. **112** - 12)

BUDGET - CABLE LOCAL ACCESS - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 98)
(Resolution No. **113** - 12)

BUDGET - PETTY CASH FUNDS - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 99)

BUDGET - REVALUATION NOTES - RIDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 100 B - D)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Municipal Building will be closed at 2:30 p. m. On Tuesday, July 10th so that PSE&G can replace an electrical transformer that feeds the Municipal Complex.

Councilman Dawson also reported that English Paving, the contractor that is performing our 2012 road reconstruction project will be starting work this week on Mead Terrace and Argyle Place. The crews will then move to Carteret, Hawthorne and Astor Place. Once the handicapped ramps are complete the contractor will mill and pave the roadways.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, extended his thanks to the Glen Ridge Men's Softball League for their cooperation in resolving a small issue with the neighbor's of Carteret Field.

Councilman Theodorou reported on the grass conditions at Carteret and Hurrell Fields and the damage done to the 7 water heads. The heads have been repaired and are working properly.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that the new sod that was recently installed on the Forest Avenue field is in good shape.

Councilman Theodorou announced that the revenue and membership at the Pool is up approximately 20 percent and that a waiting list may need to be created for the pool in the very near future.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 115 - 12)

SHADE TREES - PRUNING - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 101)

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta urged everyone to use due caution in preventing home burglaries and she invited all residents to attend this year's annual National Night Out Crime Prevention event at the town pool on August 7th from 5:30 - 7:00 p. m.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 116 - 12)

ADJOURNMENT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 101)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:17 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk