A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, July 13th, 2009 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m.

Council President Lisovicz led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Council President Lisovicz read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Council President Lisovicz, Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker and Provost.

Absent: Mayor Hughes and Councilman Dawson.

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 22nd, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Montclair Mayor, Jerry Fried, thanking him for his letter in support of weekend service on the Boonton Line. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Essex County Freeholder, Rufus I. Johnson, advising that the Freeholders approved the distribution of $4,868,000 in local aid grants from the Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund and that Glen Ridge would be receiving $225,000. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Thomas G. Meeker of 38 Chestnut Hill Place, Glen Ridge, reporting on two dead uprooted trees in the "Bird Sanctuary". Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that the trees have been removed before the end of the week.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Wayne Nunziata of Colonial Surety Company advising that Denco Construction requesting compliance with a "stop Payment" request for the Library Renovations project. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Charles L. Smith, III, Director, Government Affairs for Comcast advising that they have initiated a digital upgrade of its cable television system at various municipal facilities. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Ronald C. Rice, a Newark Councilmember, inviting the mayor to an organizing meeting for the Essex County Municipal Council Alliance on July 30th, 2009. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.
A letter to Administrator Rohal from Rachael Finnecy of 18 Columbus Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Columbus Avenue on July 18th, 2009 for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood “block party”. Council President Lisovicz referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Chrysa Lawson of 121 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Forest Avenue on September 12th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood “block party”. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Sharon Casey of 40 Chapman Place, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Chapman Place and Madison and Lorraine Streets on September 12th, 2009 for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood “block party”. Council President Lisovicz ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge expressed his gratitude again to the Mayor and Council for the recognition he was presented in May and to Channel 36 for a copy of the DVD from the meeting and to the Glen Ridge Voice for their story in the paper.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee is waiting to hear from the State as to the dollar amount of Extraordinary Aid for the Borough in 2009. When this figure is ascertained the Borough will be able to adopt its 2009 Budget.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 138 - 09 )

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 70 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 139 - 09 )

CROSSING GUARDS – POOL EMPLOYEES – CONTRACT
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 71 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 140 - 09 )

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS – TAXES – AUTHORIZING
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 71 )
The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:
Resolution No. 141 - 09
TAX JUDGMENT – AUTHORIZING REFUND
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 72 )
Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. 1522 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SALARY INCREASES
( Library )
for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1522 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1519 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.24 PERMIT PARKING IN PUBLIC PARKING LOTS IN THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1519 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1520 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. 1520 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;
It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that permission be granted to the residents of Columbus Avenue, Forest Avenue and Chapman Place 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, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 142 - 09 )

ENVIRONMENT – SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CERTIFICATION

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 72 )

Council President Lisovicz thanked Councilwoman Baker for her dedication to make Glen Ridge a Green Community.

Councilwoman Baker said that we have come a long way but that there is a distance to go.

Ordinance No. 1518 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Council President Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Lisovicz declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Lisovicz declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Council President Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. 1518 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none. Council President Lisovicz declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Council President Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 143 - 09 )

CHAPMAN PLACE SUBSIDENCE – EXCAVATION

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 73 )

The following was introduced by Council President Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 144 - 09 )

DIVERTER – FOREST AVENUE – INSTALLATION

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 73 )

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that there was a status meeting with the general contractor on the Hurrell Field renovation project on Friday and the
contractor reported that because of the abundance of rain in June that they are approximately 2 weeks behind. Councilman Lisovicz reported that it is hoped that the sod will be in place by July 21st and that the other facets of the project, i.e. the bleacher, track and shed appear to be on schedule.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that there is a Planning Board meeting scheduled for Wed., July 14th at 8:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that Ordinance No. 1521, scheduled for introduction on this evenings agenda has been tabled for further study.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that there will be a prequalification meeting on July 22nd, for work to be done on the exterior of the Municipal Building.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough will soon be going to bid on the summer road program.

Administrator Rohal also reported that repairs to court no. 7 at the Freeman Tennis Courts will be completed by Wednesday, July 15th and the court will be ready for play on Thursday.

Administrator Rohal further reported that work will begin very soon on the creation of 7 parking spaces in the front of the Municipal Building. ADA parking spaces will also be created.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge stated that it is very important for the road project contractors to replace or repair the drains coming from the residences into the streets during the road construction work.

Administrator Rohal reported that the drains are included in the road reconstruction work.

Council President Lisovicz reported to Mr. Pignatello that his name has been mentioned several times at Council committee meetings for his on-going volunteerism to Glen Ridge.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilpersons Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Provost and Council President Lisovicz voting aye and noes none:
( Resolution No. 145 - 09 )

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 73 )

Council President Lisovicz declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michael J. Rohal
Municipal Clerk