

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, August 8th, 2011 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Lieutenant Wohlgemuth.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on July 11th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting that was held on July 11th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a P.S.E.&G. presentation from Everton Scott, Regional Public Affairs Manager, Todd McKay and Peter Koenig. (7:34 p.m.)

Mr. Scott discussed plans for upgrades in the area of Gray Street by bringing electric service to street level poles instead of rear yard for better access by P.S.E.&G.

Ms. Barbara Albert of 47 Gray Street, Montclair, voiced her objection to this proposed upgrade.

Mr. Bradley Thatcher of 36 Gray Street, Montclair, presented a petition objecting to the plan to cut many trees on Gray and Harvard Streets.

Mr. John Dorsey of 581 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, to the officials from P.S.E.&G. to do whatever is necessary to provide consistent electricity to the area and Mr. Dorsey stated that he appreciates the assistance from P.S.E.&G.

Mr. Richard Farenci of 388 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge, questioned the representative from P.S.E.&G. about specific problems in the area.

Mr. Alan Lambiase of 60 Gray Street, Glen Ridge, criticized the lack of response from Glen Ridge and Public Service Officials.

Mr. Steve Kelleher of 44 Gray Street, Montclair, criticized the tree removal process in the area.

Mayor Hughes reported that there were 158 homes in the south end without power during the last big rain storm.

Mr. Todd McKay from Public Services reported on the issues affecting the south end of Glen Ridge and possible solutions in the area of Madison Street, Maolis Avenue and Adams Place.

Mayor Hughes reported to the citizens in attendance that these were very new and preliminary solutions that were just presented to the Council earlier this evening.

Mr. Corrado Gigante of 44 Chapman Place, Glen Ridge, stated the entire "grid" in the south end needs replacement not a temporary repair.

Mr. Peter Phelan of 500 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced his disgust with the total lack of communication during this process.

Mike ? from Gray Street, Montclair, stated, that in his opinion the north end was taking the brunt of the burden.

Mr. Everton Scott reported on the replacement of existing poles and the addition of 4 poles and that it was not necessary to apply for permits or to make notifications.

Former Mayor Carl A. Bergmanson of 8 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge, reported that the Glen Ridge polies are in a historical district and that P.S.E.&G. has never made any notifications.

Mr. Bergmanson also stated that poles on the street side of Borough property are unacceptable in Glen Ridge and that he and the Borough residents have high values when it comes to historic preservation in Glen Ridge.

Mayor Hughes reported to Mr. Bergmanson and the public that before anything is done by Public Service in the south end there will be additional public outreach meetings.

Mayor Hughes stated that there is no Ordinance on the books in Glen Ridge that would prohibit public utilities from operating in a right-of-way.

Ms. Lynn Vaux of 60 Chapman Place, Glen Ridge, questioned why time differs so radically from outage to outage.

Mr. Chris Perry of 50 Gray Street, Montclair, reported that the tree damage is unappealing to the neighborhood and he stated that health and safety issues are also a major concern and he asked who is the designated agent at Public Service to receive claims.

Mr. Perry requested that all work be stopped immediately.

Mr. Paul Byrne of 74 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge, questioned the timing of the outages and he questioned the coincidence of the outages at the same time and the same hour.

Mr. McKay reported that the outages have to deal with load issues.

Mr. Perry Jones of 554 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that he is against poles on the streets and he questioned as to why specific problems were not being addressed and whether the placement of poles was ever discussed with Borough administration.

Mr. Scott stated that P.S.E.&G. was ordered by the Board Of Public Utilities to resolve the outages in Glen Ridge.

Mr. Cary Africk, 2nd Ward Councilman from Montclair, reported there has been a breakdown in communications and that he is still unaware of the P.S.E.&G. plan for tomorrow and going forward.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business at 9:16 p.m.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Don Dahringer of 153 Hawthorne Avenue, Glen Ridge, questioning why his power was out for 25 hours when it only took a repairman less than 3 minutes restore. Mr. Dahringer also questioned the poor response time by Public Service. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Sharon L. Barney-Casey of 40 Chapman Place, Glen Ridge, requesting the support of the Council by contacting P.S.E.&G. regarding the numerous power outages in the south end. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Alan Lambiase of 60 Gray Street, Glen Ridge, voicing his disappointment and outrage with recent actions of Public Service and the total lack of communication between the public utility, the municipality and himself. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Pamela Kahl of 76 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close Midland Avenue on August 27th 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 and the Borough Council from Joseph Connaghan of 126 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Forest Avenue on September 27th 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 James Weinstein, Executive Director of New Jersey Transit advising of a series of public hearings to gather information and received comments pertaining to the Senior Citizen and disabled resident transportation Assistance Act. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from James S. Simpson, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, announcing that applications will now be accepted for the N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit Programs. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Charles L. Smith, Director Of Government And Regulatory Affairs, Comcast, advising of a new Comcast program called Internet Essentials. This program will address key barriers to Internet access and adoption. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Victoria Leone of 165 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, requesting that the overnight parking Ordinance be amended to permit handicap residents to

park without a permit. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **116** - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 2 & 2-b)

Councilperson Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. **1565** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 -
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC**

(Bloomfield Avenue)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1565** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, 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.

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits that permission be granted to the residents of Midland Avenue and Forest Avenue to close their respective streets on the dates and times as mentioned in their correspondence to the Mayor And Council for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none.

Councilman Lefkovits reported that the Community Affairs Committee is working with MAC to improve programming.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **117** - 11)

9-1-1 - REMEMBRANCE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 3 & 3-b&c)

Councilperson Lefkovits reported that he has Ordinance No. **1566** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS
ENTITY WHICH MAKES POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS
TO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND MUNICIPAL AND
COUNTY POLITICAL PARTIES IN EXCESS OF CERTAIN
THRESHOLDS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY
TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE BOROUGH
OF GLEN RIDGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lefkovits. It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by
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Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1566** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, 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.

Councilman Lefkovits reported that

Ordinance No. **1564** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS
FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

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 Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1564** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1567** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS
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IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1567** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, 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 was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **118** - 11)

SEWER REHABILITATION - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 4)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 119 - 11)

ROAD PROJECT - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 4)

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Borough's field are in very good condition heading into the fall season.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that Essex County has approved 40 permits for the Borough's use of County fields. Last years field approval was 32. Councilman Theodorou expressed his sincere thanks to Essex County.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 120 - 11)

FORD ESCAPE - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 5)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 121 - 11)

TREE PRUNING - REJECTING PROPOSALS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 5)

Police Lieutenant Wohlgemuth urged all resident to not only lock their homes but to also lock their cars and garages and to leave an outside light on whenever possible.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 122 - 11)

ADJOURNMENT -

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 5)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9:41 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk