

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, August 9th, 2010 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

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

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

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

Absent: Mayor Hughes and Councilman Lisovicz.

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

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on July 12th, 2010 were approved with the following corrections: page no. 73, paragraph no. 13, line no. 6, corrected to read, as follows: the review of the impact of the 2 percent cap legislation that was (the) passed . . . page no. 75, paragraph no. 2, line no. 6, corrected to read, as follows: adopted by an aye and no vote: (The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote)

The Minutes of The Executive Session that was held on July 12th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Clerk Durkin advising that he is in receipt of Independent petitions for the November General Election from Stuart Patrick and David Lefkovits. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Ralph LaRossa of Public Service Electric And Gas advising of issues important to the company, customers and communities such as; stable electric rates, lowering gas rates, July's heat wave, the Edison Award and customer satisfaction. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Daniel D. Saunders, Acting Administrator, State Of New Jersey, Historic Preservation Office, advising that the application to install a Railroad Station Ticket Vending Machine at the Ridgewood Avenue Station is approved. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Frank J. Rossi of Boswell Engineering advising that a Freshwater Wetland General Permit has been filed with N. J. Department Of Environmental Protection for the replacement of Watchung Avenue bridges over the Garden State Parkway. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Wayne J. Forest, Executive Director, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners, introducing himself as the new director of the Commission effective on July 1st. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Two Resolutions adopted by the governing body of the Borough Of Park Ridge were sent to Municipal Clerk Rohal. One Resolution calls for support of Governor Christie's proposed 2.5 % constitutional cap on property tax levies with modifications and the other Resolution calls for repealing of Kyleigh's Law. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Therese Brady and Stephen Corum of 151 Sherman Avenue, Glen Ridge, advising of an ongoing business (Five Star Cleaning) at 5 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, commented on the sidewalk repair job that was done on the Ridgewood Avenue bridge near the Community Center.

Council President Seyffarth thanked Councilwoman Baker and Administrator Rohal for all their efforts in getting this sidewalk repair project completed.

Mr. Andrew Miele of 300 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced his concerns on the condition of the Benson Street Station and he also reported the possibility of homeless people living under both the Ridgewood Avenue bridge near Osborne Street and the Baldwin Street bridge. Mr. Miele also suggested that paths be created along the railroad tracks at Benson Street that bicyclists and walkers could use.

Council President Seyffarth reported to Mr. Miele that there was a Resolution on tonight's agenda calling for support of such a pathway.

Administrator Rohal reported that the homeless matter would be referred to the Police for their investigation.

Council President Seyffarth suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2010 Municipal Budget.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reviewed the salient points of the 2010 Budget. Councilwoman Seyffarth further stated that this amendment reflects a \$ 65,000 budget change to allow for the addition of state unemployment insurance.

With no further questions or comments forthcoming, Council President Seyffarth asked for a Motion to close the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that this public hearing be closed. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Councilperson Provost abstained.
(Resolution No. **111** - 10)

2010 BUDGET - AMENDING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 166)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Councilperson Provost abstained.
(Resolution No. **112** - 10)

2010 BUDGET - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 167)

Council President Seyffarth announced that the 2011 departmental budget requests will be submitted to Administrator Rohal in October and the Council will begin there review with department heads in February and the 2011 municipal budget will be introduced by the Council in April of 2011.

Councilwoman Provost reported that she had made an inquiry to the Division Of Local Government Services for information regarding the inclusion of specific contracts in the budget document.

Administrator Rohal reported that contracts are awarded by resolution after a public competitive process and usually are not known at the time of budget preparation.

Councilwoman Provost stated she was abstaining from the budget vote due to the Borough paying for the Board of Education's use of athletic fields.

Attorney Malyska stated that this question will be more fully discussed in closed session when Councilwoman Provost gets her response from the Division Of Local Government Services. Attorney Malyska also stated that the Council has to be mindful as to not disrupt previous Resolutions that provide insurance coverage and protection to all of our Borough volunteers.

(The following Resolutions (**113 - 119** - 10) are a part of the Consent Agenda)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. **113** - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 168)

(Resolution No. **114** - 10)

INFRASTRUCTURE - SANITARY SEWERS - AGREEMENTS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 169 & B)

(Resolution No. **115** - 10)

INFRASTRUCTURE - LEAD-LINED SERVICES

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 170 & B)
(Resolution No. 116 - 10)

INFRASTRUCTURE - NJEIT BONDS - SEWERS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 171, B & C)
(Resolution No. 117 - 10)

INFRASTRUCTURE - NJEIT BONDS - LEAD-LINED SERVICES

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 171 C & D)
(Resolution No. 118 - 10)

WATER OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 171 D)
(Resolution No. 119 - 10)

TAX APPEAL REFUND - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 172)

Ordinance No. 1534 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY P.B.A. LOCAL NO. 58
AND FIXING THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES (Lieutenants)**

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. Council President Seyffarth declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Seyffarth declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1534 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Council President Seyffarth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1536 entitled:

**THE FOLLOWING TITLES FOR EMPLOYEES OF
THE GLEN RIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WERE
ESTABLISHED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE GLEN
RIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, WITH MAXIMUM
ANNUAL SALARIES OR SALARIES AND OTHER
COMPENSATION FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. 1536 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Council President Seyffarth referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported the following Municipal projects: the planned street paving project will begin before Labor Day on Linden Avenue, Highland Avenue,

Roswell Terrace, Sherman Avenue, Oxford Street, Tuxedo Road, Yantecaw Avenue, Oakwood Avenue and Rudd Court.

Councilman Dawson also announced that a grant application is completed for grants for next summer's road project.

Councilman Dawson reported that through a shared service program with Montclair that they have cleaned over 11 miles of sanitary sewer lines in Glen Ridge.

Councilman Dawson announced that the Department Of Environmental Protection has approved a loan application to replace the 250 remaining lead lined services and 10 hydrants.

Councilman Dawson further announced that the Public Works yard will be open for residents to take their electronics and recycling materials.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 120 - 10)

MUNICIPAL ROAD AID - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 172)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 121 - 10)

SAFE ROUTES - TRANSIT - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 173)

Councilman Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1536 entitled:

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

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1536 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Council President Seyffarth 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 Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 122 - 10)

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 173)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 123 - 10)

SAFE ROUTES - TRANSIT - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 174)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. Councilperson Provost recused herself from voting on this Resolution. (Resolution No. 124 - 10)

RAILS & TRAILS - COOPERATIVELY

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 175 & B)

Police Lieutenant Egnizzo reported that this years National Night Out recognition on August 3rd was held in front of Police Headquarters and that it was a tremendous success. Many of the officers who participated in this event volunteered their time and energy.

Council President Seyffarth thanked the Police Department personal for their time and planning to make this event a success.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 125 - 10)

MUNICIPAL TOOL KIT - ADOPTION OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 175 B & C)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 126 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 175 C)

Council President Seyffarth declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:28 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk