

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 9th, 2013 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, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

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 Monday, August 12th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A notice to Mayor Hughes from Essex County Executive DiVincenzo advising that there will be a 9-1-1 ceremony at Eagle Rock Reservation on September 11th at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Bernice Rotella of 24 Clark Street, Glen Ridge, voicing her concerns with the pending closure of Clark Street for the rehabilitation of the bridge over Toney's Brook. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Board Of Adjustment Secretary, Michael P. Zichelli, advising that the owners of 233 Baldwin Street have filed an application with the Board Of Adjustment for approval to renovate and convert the existing carriage house into a dwelling unit. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from NJ Transit advising that their Senior And Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program will be videotaped and posted on the New Jersey Transit website. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Anthony L. Marchetta, Director, New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, requesting assistance in promoting the Sandy Homebuyer Assistance Program, that would provide up to \$50,000 in forgivable mortgage assistance to qualified borrowers seeing to purchase a home. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Karen Dillon, Licenses and Permits, PSE&G Delivery Projects and Construction, advising that they have applied to New Jersey, for a flood hazard area verification permit-hardship exception northeast grid reliability project. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from NJ Transit advising of Public Hearings at various locations in New Jersey in order to gather information and receive comments pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Essex County Surrogate, Theodore N. Stephens, II, appeared before Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council to advise them and the members of the public as to the functions of his office and that of the Surrogate's Court. Surrogate Stephens reported that his office deals with "all anxious moments". Surrogate Stephens also announced that his office has extended their hours on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month an additional two hours from 4:30 - 6:30 by appointment and that additional information can be obtained from their new website at www.essexsurrogate.org.

Mr. John D. Allemand of 19 Clark Street, Glen Ridge, thanked the Mayor And Council for providing parking arrangements to the residents of Clark Street during the reconstruction of the Clark Street bridge.

Mr. Richard T. Waters of 370 Maolis Avenue, Glen Ridge and a member of the Channel 36 Advisory Committee reported to the Mayor And Council that Verizon has provided a feed to the Borough that will allow Channel 36 to air the Council meetings live.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. **1596** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY CWA 1040 AND FIXING
THE 2013 AND 2014 MAXIMUM 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 Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1596** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, 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 Resolutions (**101 - 106 - 13**) are a part of the Consent Agenda):

The following was introduced by Councilman Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **101 - 13**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 209)
(Resolution No. **102 - 13**)

RAFFLE - APPROVAL OF - YOUTH CONSULTATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 210)
(Resolution No. 103 - 13)

CLARK STREET - TEMPORARY PARKING REGULATIONS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 210)
(Resolution No. 104 - 13)

BICYCLES - DONATION - ROTARY CLUB - PEDALS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 210)
(Resolution No. 105 - 13)

GRANTS - NJDOT - MUNICIPAL AID APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 211)
(Resolution No. 106 - 13)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - KRIEN - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 211)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, provided an update to the Council of the on-going paving project of Ridgewood Avenue and the recently completed sewer project.

The following was introduced by Councilman Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none:
(Resolution No. 107 - 13)

SEWER CONTRACTS - DECLARING EMERGENCY

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 212)

The following was introduced by Councilman Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none:
(Resolution No. 108 - 13)

AWARDING CONTRACT - UTILITIES

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 218)

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1597 entitled:

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

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1597 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, 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 Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that schools are open and the fall sport season is up and running.

Councilman Theodorou thanked Borough Recreation Coordinator Cowan, Athletic Director Liddy for all their efforts and the cooperation of Essex County officials for all their cooperation in securing more time for Glen Ridge to use Glenfield Park. Councilman Theodorou reported that Glen Ridge experienced a 15 percent cut in allotted time on Watsessing Park.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that the 3 main field in Glen Ridge are up and running. Field hockey is at Forest Avenue and the port-a-john on that field has been put in a place that was agreeable to all the residents. Football is at Hurrell Field and soccer is at Carteret Park. Councilman Theodorou stated that they are receiving the cooperation of the user groups to minimize the impact at each field.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the sod that was place on all three field has taken very well.

Councilman Theodorou announced that the high school tennis team will be using the Freeman Tennis Courts everyday from 3 - 5 p. m. and that the Courts will close every day at 7 p. m. because of darkness.

Councilman Theodorou further reported that the town pool closed for the season on Labor Day and that this has been the most successful season to date.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported on the dramatic change at Forest Avenue with the newly implemented drop-off zones. There is still some "tweaking" to be done there but overall there has been a lot of positive feedback.

Councilwoman Baker also commended Captain Wohlgemuth for developing the walking route maps that the students use so that the children are channeled into using specific routes to get to and from school.

Councilman Baker stated that the police deserve all the credit in developing and making this program work.

Administrator Rohal reported that the town yard will be open this Saturday, September 14th to accept the recycling of electronics and donated bicycles. The bicycles will be donated to the Pedals For Program sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta agreed with Councilwoman Baker on the success of the Safe Routes To School Program and that a lot of children are using this program to get to and from school. Chief Byron agreed that most of the changes are at the Forest Avenue School and that most of the positive response is from the schools. Chief Byron expects that it will take a couple of weeks to get everyone familiar and comfortable with the program and the goals and that the

police will be in attendance at the back-to-school nights to promote the program and school safety.

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:09 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk