

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 12th, 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, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: Councilpersons Lisovicz and Lefkovits.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on August 8th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting that was held on August 8th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes along with a draft Uniform Construction Code Inter-local agreement / Uniform Shared Services. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Jackie Mroz, 34 Harvard Street, Montclair, requesting permission to close their street on September 24th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Betsy Emerson of 22 Wildwood Terrace, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close High Street on September 17th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Beth Ege of 83 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close their on September 24th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Betsy Emerson of 22 Wildwood Terrace, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close High Street on September 17th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Robin Klein - Barbero of 20 Columbus Avenue, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close Columbus Avenue on September 24th for the purpose of conducting their

annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Tim McGreevy of 14 Stephen Street, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close their Street on September 25th for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Borough Clerk Rohal from Laura Buchmann of 15 Hamilton Road, Glen Ridge, requesting permission to close Hamilton Road on October 1st 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 Patricia C. Kenschaft of 50 Gordonhurst Avenue, Montclair, voicing her displeasure with loud music being played at the Glen Ridge Country Club on a recent afternoon. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Richard And Edna Moriarty, Benson Street Train Station, Glen Ridge, bringing to the attention of the Council the practices of the building inspector and his repeated attempts to violate the Borough Ordinance regarding Zoning Compliance Certification. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Gautam R. Patel, Chief, Bureau Of Construction Management, advising that the Borough is authorized to award the bid award of Sanitary Sewers on Chestnut Hill Place an Glen Park Road. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from William Harclerode, Chair, Union Township Environmental Commission, asking for support to help reduce noise from diesel truck mufflers by adopting a Resolution calling for the aggressive enforcement of noise and muffler laws for truck in New Jersey. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Nancy D. Everett, Constituent Services, from Congressman Pascrells office, distributed a hand-out pertaining to information, contact information, phone numbers, hurricane guide, tax issues, etc. pertaining to services offered by F.E.M.A.

Mayor Hughes asked Ms. Everett to relay his appreciation to Congressman Pascrell for all that he has done for Glen Ridge.

Mayor Hughes and Chief Byron reported on the Borough's storm preparation and actions taken during the storm.

Mayor Hughes reported that there were approximately 250 homes without power; there were approximately 4 trees down and additional trees will have to be addressed; street and curbing repairs are being done; Montclair Fire Department assisted with the pumping of about

25 basements; and, cost estimates are being prepared that will include storm damages and overtime.

Mayor Hughes stated that fortunately the Borough prepared for a much bigger storm than it received.

Councilman Dawson reported the Public Works Department and the construction official were on-call, the sink hole on Bay Avenue has been repaired and the D.P.W. equipment did it's job during the storm.

Administrator Rohal commended and thanked the Montclair Fire Department and officials from Waste Management for all that they did before and after Hurricane Irene.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **123** - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 6)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **124** - 11)

TAX REFUNDS - APPEALS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **125** - 11)

RECYCLING GRANT - AMENDING BUDGET

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 7-B)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **126** - 11)

MORRIS COUNTY COOP - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 8)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **127** - 11)

AUDIT - CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 8)

Ordinance No. **1565** entitled:

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

(Bloomfield Avenue)

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 Dawson that Ordinance No. **1565** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **128** - 11)

GAMES OF CHANCE - RAFFLE - EMMANUEL FOUNDATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 8)

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that permission be granted to the residents of Stephen Street, High Street, Hamilton Road, Douglas Road and Columbus 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, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none.

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

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 Patrick that Ordinance No. **1566** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **129** - 11)

ROAD AID - GRANT APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 9)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 130 - 11)

ELECTRONIC AUCTION - GOV DEALS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 9)

Ordinance No. 1567 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. 1567 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, 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. 1568 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 Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. 1568 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, 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 the Committee met earlier this evening and the following agenda items were discussed: access to Hurrell Field by the high school was never an issue and was never denied; George Washington Field is being used for some practices; preservation of Hurrell Field the main concern of the Committee; responsibilities of The Parks And Recreation Committee was discussed (can be found on the Borough's website) and they include but are not limited to: the Ashenfelter 8 K race, Senior Community Center, Youth Programs, Memorial Day, Tree Lighting, Egg Hunt and field use and maintenance.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the high school football season is underway and that the first home game was held this past week and that Hurrell Field is in reasonably good condition.

Councilman Theodorou reported that Hurricane Irene had a major impact on our fields in particular at Watsessing Park and this has forced the high soccer team to play their home games at Carteret Park.

Councilman Theodorou reported that new turf has been placed in the goal mouth at the Forest Avenue Field and that the Freeman Tennis Courts held up well during the storm.

Councilman Theodorou stated that financially the recreation pay programs are in the black and that this includes the pool, tennis courts and summer recreation.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reminded everyone of the "Plant 600 Campaign" and that the tree planting season is upon us and that this is the perfect time to donate a tree.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 131 - 11)

CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL - MONTCLAIR - SHARED SERVICES

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 10)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 132 - 11)

TRANSIT AID PROGRAM - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 10)

Police Chief Byron thanked all the residents that participated in the very successful and annual "National Night Out" recognition on August 2nd.

Chief Byron also thanked the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad for their volunteer service during Hurricane Irene.

Chief Byron reported that back to school has been working very nicely and that the Borough's juvenile officer will be attending the back to school events at the schools.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, thanked the Borough employees for the work they did on his driveway.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 133 - 11)

ADJOURNMENT -

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 10)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:36 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk