

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 14th, 2009 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 Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Lieutenant Dailey.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on August 10th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting that was held on September 2nd, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Session Minutes that was held on August 10th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Richard Loveless, Engineer, Department Of Transportation, advising that Glen Ridge is to receive \$ 324,312.80 for the reconstruction of various streets in Glen Ridge. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Charles A. Richman, Acting Commissioner, Department Of Community Affairs, advising Glen Ridge is to receive \$ 664,200 from the N. J. Historic Trust for the preservation of the historic Glen Ridge Municipal Building / Library. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Joshua Zaitz, Grant Coordinator, County Of Essex, Department Of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs confirming that Glen Ridge has been awarded a 2009 Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund Local Aid Program Grant in the amount of \$ 225,000. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal from Lou Ferrara of 260 Linden Avenue, Glen Ridge expressing thanks for addressing his concerns about a dumpster at the corner of Linden Avenue and Spencer Road. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from County Executive DiVincenzo announcing a Wellness Day on September 22nd at the Richard J. Codey Arena in West Orange. The days events will include; Health Screenings, Farmers Market, Exercise Demonstrations and admission to the Turtle Back Zoo.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Laura Buchmann of 15 Hamilton Road, Glen Ridge requesting permission to close Hamilton Road

on October 3rd for the purpose of conducting their annual neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to receive a presentation from Mr. John Cromhold, C.E.O. of Mountainside Hospital, on the current status of the Hospital. (7:34 p. m.)

Mr. John Cromhold offered a power point presentation on the current status / progress report of Mountainside Hospital. He stated that the Hospital continues to seek and engage in open communication with all of its neighbors. Mr. Cromhold reported that the hospital is 118 years old and there are currently 591 doctors on staff and there are 365 inpatient beds in the Hospital. He also stated that during the year 2008 there were 8,367 patient admissions to the Hospital and that Mountainside Hospital joined the Atlantic Health Care system in 1991.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cromhold's comments there was a brief question and answer period with the Mayor and Borough Council.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business at 8:01 p.m.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge offered his thanks to Public Works Superintendent Weisenbach and the department employees for providing materials needed for improvements he completed around Freeman Gardens and he voiced his concerns on drivers not taking advantage of right-on-reds at the intersection of Bloomfield and Highland Avenues.

Ms. Nancy Everitt, Assistant to Congressman William Pascrell, brought good wishes to the Council from Congressman Pascrell and she reported on 3 health care forums held by Congressman Pascrell regarding the Presidents proposed health care Bills. She reported that the Congressman is very interested on listening to all concerns for providing quality health care for everyone.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge appeared before the Council to once again voice her concerns and complaints of noise and lighting issues at the new Glenmont Shopping Plaza.

Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal addressed Mrs. Proto's concerns and advising her as to what has been done to date.

Mayor Hughes stated that it appears the pressing issue is the noise. Mayor Hughes stated that he will have Chief Magnier contact Montclair Police to discuss jurisdictional issues.

Mayor Hughes personally invited Mrs. Proto to the next Public Safety Committee meeting on October 5th to follow up on this matter.

Councilman Lisovicz asked Mrs. Proto if the noise at the site was abated at all for the last few months.

Mrs. Proto stated that the owners of the property were in compliance for a short period of time.

Mayor Hughes directed Administrator Rohal to make contact with the managers / owners of Panera Bread and 7-11 to attempt to resolve Mrs. Proto complaints.

Mayor Hughes also asked Councilman Patrick for his assistance in these matters.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 161 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 8)

Ordinance No. 1523 entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF LEAD AND LEAD LINED
SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH OF
GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$ 850,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$ 850,000 BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE
COST THEREOF**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. 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 Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1523 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. 1524 entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY SEWER PIPES
THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH IN AND BY THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY
OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING
\$ 410,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$ 410,000 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING
THE COST THEREOF**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. 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 Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1524 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker that permission be granted to the residents of Hamilton Road and Hawthorne Avenue 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, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost and voting aye and noes none.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, commended and thanked Mr. Ron Lang for his volunteer service to the Borough in rehabbing the area around Hurrell and Clay Fields. Councilwoman Baker reported that the area looks spectacular.

Ordinance No. 1525 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2,
SECTION 5210 OF THE BOROUGH CODE
(Board Of Health)**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. 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 Baker, seconded by Councilperson Provost that Ordinance No. 1525 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, cautioned all residents in suggesting that they not cut the roots to Borough trees (between the sidewalk and the street) in that it will cause unnecessary damage to the tree. Councilman Dawson stated that residents should call Borough Hall for specific instructions in tree maintenance.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, stated that it was a pleasure to work with Ron Lang and he stated that Mr. Lang has also volunteered to maintain the area around the two fields.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that Hurrell Field will host its first "official" G.R.A.A. football game on Saturday, September 19th. The first high school football game is Sat., September 26th and County Executive DiVincenzo has been invited to attend this game. The track at the field is being installed over the next few days and the public

is prohibited from entering the field until the track process is completed.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that County Executive DiVincenzo has been invited to the fields grand re-opening.

Councilman Lisovicz announced that the Borough's vendor, Clarcken, will be retained to provide field upgrades to both the Sherman Avenue Field and the field behind the high school.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that the Borough continues to work on field availability for residential use but it is limited to Glenfield, Brookdale and Watsessing Parks.

Councilman Lisovicz also reported that the Freeman Tennis Club ran very well this summer and that revenue was up 20 percent.

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilman Lisovicz for all his extra efforts.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that a sub-committee of the Planning Board will meet on September 16th and that work on the Master Plan continues to be the focus of the Board. The public is invited to attend.

Councilwoman Provost also announced that the next meeting of the Planning And Development Committee will be on September 28th at 5:30 p.m. Site Plan work in the Ford area continues to be an agenda item.

Borough Administrator Rohal announced that Congressman Pascrell would be conducting his annual "Veterans Fair" on Saturday, October 3rd in Cedar Grove and he invited and encouraged everyone to attend.

Administrator Rohal reported that there will be a road paving preconstruction meeting on Wednesday, September 17th and that it is anticipated that the road work will begin at the end of September / early October and the work should be done by November. Administrator Rohal stated that notification to residents in the affected area of the paving and lead pipe installations will be duly notified.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge reported that he is the traveling soccer coordinator and responsible for creating the home field schedule at Hurrell Field for the Borough team and he was very interested in receiving the information pertaining to the track reconstruction time-line. He also cautioned everyone to stay off the track until the work has been completed.

Mayor Hughes reported that there are provisional plans in place for the protection of the track during construction and for weekend use of the field in the event of rain.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, discussed safety issues of driver's using hand held cell phones while operating a motor vehicle.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 162 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 8)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:45 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk