A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 27th, 2010 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.

Council President Seyffarth 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, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker.

Absent: None.

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

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on September 13th, 2010 with the following correction: page no.83, paragraph no. 8, and line no.1, corrected to read as follows:
The Minutes of The Workshop Session that was held on August 9, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of The Workshop Session that was held on September 13th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Mark Astarita of 6 Ferncliff Road, Glen Ridge, advising that because he has recently moved from Glen Ridge that he must resign from the Board Of Adjustment. Mayor Hughes accepted the resignation with regrets.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that he is in receipt of correspondence from the residents of Essex Avenue to close their street on October 2nd, Forest Avenue to close their street on October 30th, Glen Ridge Parkway on September 11th and Clinton Road to close their street on October 23rd for the purpose of conducting a neighborhood block party. Mayor Hughes referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Barbara Murphy, advising that Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund has received a return of surplus from the Community Alliance Pool and Glen Ridge is eligible to realize $17,733. from this surplus. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that he is in receipt of correspondence from County Executive DiVincenzo advising of an Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, October 2nd and a Computer And Electronics Recycling Day on October 16th in Cedar Grove. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.
Mr. Jim Lynch of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, reporting his frustration with the Borough and specifically with the Borough Arborist Steve Schuckmann regarding the removal of a tree in the front of his property that is causing his front sidewalk to shift and buckle.

Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal apologized to Mr. Lynch for his frustration and stated that they would contact Mr. Schuckmann and attempt to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

Mayor Hughes extended his personal thanks to the members of the Borough Shade Tree Task Force for their time and efforts in addressing the urgent issues of shade trees and the long term solutions: Larry Stauffer, Betsy Ginsberg, Roger Nelson, Tim Delorm, Dan Murphy, David Stinson and Sally Ellyson.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that a review of the 2010 Municipal Budget status indicated that spending for the year is in line with current budget figures.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 138 - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF
(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 182)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 139 - 10)

POLICY - BY LAWS - AMENDING
(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 183)

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

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that she attended a meeting of the Channel 36 Advisory Committee and she reminded the members of the Council to use the microphones when giving their committee reports. Councilwoman Provost also reminded Glen Ridge residents that the Channel 36 video camera is available to anyone who may want to film an event. Councilwoman Provost advised anyone using the camera that they should obtain a film event waiver from everyone appearing in the
video. Councilwoman Provost also stated that the taping of Historic Preservation Committee meetings, Planning Board meetings, Board Of Adjustment meetings and 2011 municipal budget presentations in 2011 are being discussed.

Councilwoman Provost asked Administrator Rohal for an update on the installation of FIOS in the Borough.

Administrator Rohal reported that FIOS would be installed in Glen Ridge in the first half of 2011 and per the contract they are obligated to carry Channel 36 to 100 percent of the Borough when it becomes available.

Councilwoman Provost announced that on September 30th she will be attending a meeting of the Essex County Municipal Council Exchange to discuss additional shared service possibilities county-wide. Councilwoman Provost will report on this meeting at the next meeting of the Mayor And Council.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following Public Works Department activities during the month: a sewer problem on Yantecaw Avenue that was repaired with the Montclair Sewer Department and the sewer camera and curbing projects in the area of Mountainside Hospital and Linden Avenue.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on the following Recreation Department activities: Watsessing Park is now on-line; the drainage that is working well at Hurrell Field; boys and girls lacrosse and soccer at Carteret Park; high school and Glen Ridge Athletic Association field usage; soccer at Brookdale Park; the rehabilitation and usage of Carteret Park that is working out well; and, field hockey at Forest Avenue Field.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported on the shade tree crises in the Borough and the sub-committee report that is looking into legal aspects and the reinstitution of the Borough Shad Tree Commission. The report was unanimously adopted by the sub-committee. Councilwoman Baker reported that an Ordinance is being considered by the Planning And Development Committee that would specifically limit tree maintenance and replacement to Borough trees and that this Ordinance is being modeled similar to the Ordinance in affect in Mountain Lakes.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Montclair Health Department will offered flu and pneumonia shots to Borough residents over the age of 18 at the Community Center on October 13th.

Acting Police Chief Byron – Lagattuta reported that Borough homeowners can call police headquarters to request a free crime prevention survey of their residence.
Acting Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta also reminded everyone of the Police Department no tolerance policy of motorists disregarding pedestrians in the roadway. Chief Byron stated that many summonses have been issued and enforcement is on-going.

Chief Byron also reported that the departments juvenile officer is visiting all the schools and is attending their respective back-to-school night activities.

Mr. Richard Walters of 370 Maolis Avenue, Glen Ridge, asked if field hockey activities by the high school children or the G.R.A.A. would take place at Watsessing Park.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that these activities would be only at Carteret Park.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 140 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 18 - 183)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:13 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
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Municipal Clerk