

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, October 14th, 2014 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: Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta and Planning And Development Director Zichelli, Jr.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, September 22nd, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from George F. Serio, Jr., Director, Department Of Economic Development, Training And Employment, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded \$ 39,500. Through the Community Development Block Grant Program to fund the Borough's ADA street ramp improvements. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Engineer Michael J. Rohal, from Richard Loveless, Supervising Engineer, State Of New Jersey, Department Of Transportation, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded \$ 474,000. for road aid projects MA-2013 and MA-2014. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter / agreement to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC to purchase # 110CC and Single Stream Recyclables. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Bloomfield Municipal Clerk Palagano advising of a Public Hearing on October 6th in Bloomfield regarding a proposed Ordinance which will amend the Township zoning map. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to Essex County Executive DiVincenzo, presented a brochure of events at the South Mountain Recreation Complex, Kip's Castle Park, The Environmental Center, The Turtle Back Zoo and Riker Hill Art Park for the Autumn and Winter seasons.

Councilman Theodorou reported that he attended a meeting earlier today with County Executive DiVincenzo and that Glen Ridge was awarded \$ 150,000 for the renovation of George Washington Field. Montclair was also awarded a like amount.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the County Executive reported on the improvements to our County parks and that these improvements have had a significant impact on local property values.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge reported that a big tree limb had fallen from a tree in front of her property and she asked that the arborist make a visit to inspect the damage and to see if the tree needs to come down.

Mrs. Proto also stated that there are also some on-going issues at Smashburger and 711, such as night-time deliveries and noise. Mrs. Proto said that the conditions are better than before but they are not perfect.

Administrator Rohal reported that he will have the Borough's arborist visit the Proto's to make a determination regarding the tree and he stated that the 711 at 979 Bloomfield Avenue is in Montclair and that Montclair does not have any regulations or restrictions on delivery times.

Councilman Dawson stated that he will visit the Proto's on Wednesday to follow up on their issues.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 127 - 14)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 76)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the Public Safety Committee will be inviting the residents of Hillside Avenue between Linden Avenue and Washington Street to discuss the recently adopted parking Ordinance imposing parking restrictions on Hillside Avenue. Councilman Lisovicz reported that even though the Ordinance has been adopted it is being held in abeyance.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the D. P. W. crews have been clearing the town yard and making preparations for the upcoming paving project at the yard. The crews have also been working at the town pool by removing two temporary buildings and associated footings without damaging the pool deck. The modular office building and bathroom building from the pool have been successfully sold on Govdeals.

Councilman Dawson also reported that the mechanics have been going through the salt trucks and plows in preparation for winter.

(The following were offered as part of a Consent Agenda)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 128 - 14)

JITNEY BUS - ALLIANCE BUS GROUP - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 77)
(Resolution No. 129 - 14)

SOLID WASTE - SUBURBAN DISPOSAL - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 78)
(Resolution No. 130 - 14)

CITY OF CLIFTON - PURCHASE OF BRINE - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 79)
(Resolution No. 131 - 14)

ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS - RECYCLING - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 79)
(Resolution No. 132 - 14)

F. BASSO - SINGLE STREAM COLLECTION - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 80)

Mayor Hughes detailed some of the aforementioned Resolutions.

Administrator Rohal reported on the new contract with Suburban Disposal. Mr. Rohal stated that their bid was significantly lower than any other bidder and that they have had more than 40 contracts in the last 5 years. Mr. Rohal also reported on the new recycling contractor and that the one major change is that plastic bags are no longer acceptable and only plastic's 1, 2 and 5 are accepted. Mr. Rohal suggested that plastic bags be taken back to the food stores.

Ordinance No. 1619 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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 has 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. 1619 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1620 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY CWA 1040 AND FIXING
THE 2015 MAXIMUM SALARIES AND OTHER
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1620** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou, Murphy 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 bids for the renovations to George Washington Field have been let out and will be opened and awarded in the next couple of weeks. Construction should start in late fall and should be completed by spring weather permitting.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that bids are out for the pool house renovation project. The bids will be opened on October 23rd and should be awarded shortly thereafter.

Councilman Theodorou again reminded everyone that the Community Center will be closed until October 21st for repairs to the floor and some minor touch-up repairs to the interior of the building.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the Freeman Tennis Court will close for the season on Sunday, November 2nd.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Committee is waiting to hear from Mountainside Hospital as to their construction plans and that the Committee is anxious to work with them.

Councilman Murphy also announced that race applications for the annual Ashenfelter 8 K and the Tom Fleming Mile are out and that everyone is hoping for good weather for the event on Thanksgiving.

Administrator Rohal reported that the Department Of Transportation has resumed design plans for the rehabilitation of the Bloomfield Avenue bridge over the N. J. Transit railroad tracks. Mr. Rohal stated that the first maintenance and protection of traffic plan for the project was rejected by both Glen Ridge and Montclair.

Mayor Hughes asked Mrs. Yustein to share this information about the bridge with County Executive DiVincenzo.

Police Chief Byron thanked the Mayor And Council for the departmental promotional ceremony that was held earlier this year.

Chief Byron reported on a suspicious event that was investigated by the police last week and resulted in an arrest. Chief Byron also suggested that cell phone users program their phones to dial 748-5400 that is a call to the police desk. Dialing 9-1-1 on a cell phone does not always put you in touch with the Glen Ridge Police Desk.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 133 - 14)

Councilperson Lefkovits thanked Chief Byron for having the variable message sign programed to alert drivers to the cross walk regulations. Mayor Hughes noted that the **borough is pursuing a project to increase the illumination in the vicinity of the train station.**

GAMES OF CHANCE - RAFFLE PERMIT

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 80)

It was moved by Councilperson Murphy, 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 Murphy voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:14 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk