

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, October 26th, 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: Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on October 13th, 2009 were approved with the following correction: page no. 102, paragraph no. 2 and line no. 2 corrected to read as follows: Councilperson **PROVOST** (Lisovicz) and adopted by an aye and . . .

The Minutes of the Executive Session that was held on October 13th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Steven Dilts, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, advising that Glen Ridge has been selected to receive funding from the DOT Fiscal Year 2010 Municipal Aid Program for Various Streets, 2010 Glen Ridge in the amount of \$ 360,000.00. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Dep. Admin. Zichelli from County Executive Divencenzo, inviting Mr. Zichelli to attend the annual awards ceremony where they will announce the DVBG awards on Wed., October 28th in the Hall Of Records. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Richard D. Loccke, Esq., advising that they represent the Glen Ridge PBA and are requesting that negotiations with the PBA begin at an early date in the hope of completing all matters prior to the end of this contract term. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Phyllis Dailey, Trip Coordinator for the Glen Ridge Seniors, expressing their thanks for the buses that are provided to their organization for various outings and other programs sponsored by the Council. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Kenny Myles of 42 Victor Avenue, Glen Ridge, voicing his displeasure with the condition of the newly refurbished Hurrell Field after a very rainy Saturday in which the high school football game was moved to a turf field in Newark. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, commented about the Historic Walk that took place this past weekend from the Benson Street Station. Mr. Pignatello stated that this walk was both interesting and informative.

Mr. Pignatello also reported on recent work performed at the Freeman Gardens and the removal of a dead tree from the property.

Mr. Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge voiced his opposition to the dog prohibition on Hurrell Field and he reported on his disappointment with the road paving and curb replacement project that occurred on his street during the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur holidays.

Mr. John Mulligan of 47 Glen Ridge Parkway, Glen Ridge, thanked the Mayor and Borough Council for all their hard work and he voiced his unhappiness with the unacceptable work done on Hurrell Field. Mr. Mulligan also stated that the present conditions of Carteret Park make the Park unplayable. Mr. Mulligan, once again, stressed the need for a turf field in Glen Ridge.

Mr. Tony Catalano of 94 Stonehouse Road, Glen Ridge, urged the Mayor and Council to do whatever it takes to get Hurrell Field in playable condition for the final home game of the football season and Senior Recognition Day in two weeks.

Mayor Hughes stated that he is very disappointed with the shape of Hurrell Field and its drainage system. He stated that an investigation is being conducted and that both the design engineer and the contractor of the job have been notified and have been to the field. Final payment has been withheld and the bonding company has been advised. Mayor Hughes reported that Hurrell Field will be fixed. Mayor Hughes also reported that present conditions exist at Carteret Park because the Park is over worked and over played.

Councilman Lisovicz echoed Mayor Hughes's comments and he thanked both Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Catalano for their volunteer time and talent. He stated that he is also incredibly disappointed and frustrated with the current condition at Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes proclaimed the month of November as "Pancreatic Awareness Month in Glen Ridge".

Mayor Hughes read a proclamation recognizing The Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club on the 50th Anniversary of their foundation.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met in a workshop session earlier this evening and the following agenda items were addressed: reviewed the current status of all financial matters including tax and water revenues, preliminary 2010 numbers, insurance matters, pending union negotiations, strategy in dealing with pension deferrals, the shared service savings including the sharing public works equipment, etc.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 176 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 93)

It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that permission be granted to the residents of Forest Avenue (between Bay Avenue and Cambridge Road) to conduct their annual neighborhood block party on the date and time as stated in their 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.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, presented a brief status report of the on-going paving and curbing project on Adams, Madison, Lorraine, Chapman and Hawthorne. He reported that there has been satisfactory completion to date; a tree came down on Madison during a recent rain storm; Chapman and Madison are ready to be milled; curbing should be done on Adams before October 31st, Hawthorne Avenue is the next street to be done.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee recognizes the frustrations of the user groups with the current condition of Hurrell Field. The Mayor and Council will seek accountability and look to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

Ordinance No. 1526 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 12
STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES
IN THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. 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.

Mr. Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge voiced his objections to the prohibition of dogs at Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes stated that Hurrell Field is there for the use of recreational activities such as football games, soccer games and track meets. Hurrell is not a place for dogs mainly because owners do not clean up after their dogs.

Councilman Lisovicz echoes Mayor Hughes' comments and stated that Hurrell Field is a field and not a "park".

Councilwoman Baker stated that as a dog owner she has no issue with the dog prohibition at Hurrell Field.

Mr. Goldman stated that one-third of the residents of Glen Ridge own a dog.

Councilman Dawson stated that there are dog runs at Watsessing Park and Brookdale Park in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge residents can also take their dogs to The Glen.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that many towns have the same dog prohibition at their athletic fields.

Mr. Charles Walters of 21 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge also voiced his concerns with the dog prohibition.

Councilman Lisovicz identified the distinctions between Hurrell and Carteret and athletic field vs. park. He also discussed sanitation issues.

Councilwoman Provost also stated that Glen Ridge dog owners can take their pets to The Glen, the Forest Avenue Field and Carteret Park.

Mayor Hughes stated that there are no long-term plans to prohibit dogs from using Carteret Park.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, voiced his strong support of this Ordinance. Mr. Rush reported on the health hazards and he stated that Hurrell Field is "no" place for dogs. Mr. Rush encouraged the Mayor And Council to adopt this Ordinance this evening.

With no further comments forthcoming Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1526** 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.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the sub-committee of the Planning Board that is reviewing the Master Plan will meet in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, October 28th. The Committee hopes to be done with its review of the Master Plan by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Provost commented on the wonderful news from the Department Of Transportation of the \$ 360,000 grant for road aid. Mrs. Provost applauded Administrator Rohal and his staff for applying for this grant.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, asked what safe guards does the Borough have with regard to the renovation of the Benson Street Station.

Mayor Hughes reported that this is a private transaction between the State and an individual and that it is out of our hands. Mayor Hughes further reported that any plans for renovation work to be done at the Station must be reviewed by the State and that he is delighted with the buyer of the site.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the new owner has received a stabilization permit but further permitting is only allowed with the approval of the State Historic Preservation Commission.

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. 177 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 93)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:33 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk