

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, October 28th, 2013 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou.

Absent: None.

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

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, October 15th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Councilwoman Baker submitting her resignation from the Council along with her Council-related positions on the Board Of Health and the Planning Board effective immediately. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Jonathan J. Moss of 122 Stonehouse Road, Glen Ridge, encouraging the Council to get involved in the issue of school overcrowding and to use its borrowing ability to build additional classrooms. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council and The Board Of Adjustment from Elizabeth Soo Hoo Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, disputing decision's made by the Board pertaining to 9 Laurel Place and 233 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge in which different decisions were made and circumstances were the same. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Jonathan Moss of 122 Stonehouse Road, Glen Ridge, urged the Mayor And Council to consider the value in addressing the school overcrowding issues.

Norman F. Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, personally addressed some of the issues that he raised in his correspondence that was sent and read into the record earlier in this meeting.

Mayor Hughes informed Mr. Marnell that his letter was posted on the Borough's website.

Mr. Steve Reitberger, a staff member and coach at Glen Ridge High School discussed the benefits of a turf surface on Hurrell Field.

Ms. Beth Larkin of 125 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge, a staff member and girls lacrosse coach at the High School stated that a turf field

will help give other field a rest and she stated that the home teams deserve to play on their home field.

Former Councilwoman Yvonne Provost of 49 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge voiced her concerns that girls teams get equal time on the turf as the boys teams get and she was also concerned that the girls softball program will suffer.

Mr. J. Kelly Conklin of 92 Carteret Street, Glen Ridge, stated that he was very disappointed with the actions of the Mayor And Council.

Ms. Sujana Chandrasekhar of 312 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that while she appreciates the comments from both sides of the turf issue she is saddened to see the anger, division and labels this issue has caused among the residents.

Ms. Kit Schackner of 92 Carteret Street, Glen Ridge asked that a letter, regarding the fund raising efforts of the G. R. A. A., that was originally submitted for the record in September 2012 be permitted to be resubmitted. Municipal Clerk Rohal received the letter for filing.

Ms. Alexia de Fays of 38 Herman Street, Glen Ridge, stated that she is very disappointed to see how ugly this issue has gotten in the trenches.

Ms. Alexia de Fays also asked why the Spanish program has been removed from the 1st and 2nd grades curriculum ? Ms. Capra stated that it appears that it is turf instead of education.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business at 7:59 p.m.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **118 - 13**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 219)

Ordinance No. **1598** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2013 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1598** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;

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

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported briefly on the Police Departments ceremony, held earlier this evening, for Patrolman Perigo.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 119 - 13)

PERIGO, MATHEW P. - POLICE OFFICER - APPOINTING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 220)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported on a rehearsal of the Gaslight Players that he attended. Councilman Lefkovits called the Gaslight Players a superbly talented group of people who love what they do and love to give back to the Borough.

Mayor Hughes called the Gaslight Players a group of highly trained actors.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 120 - 13)

MCDC - FIVE GRANT APPLICATION - SUPPORTING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 220)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the D. P. W. crews continue to ready the equipment for winter.

Councilman Dawson also reported that the Community Pool has been winterized; the irrigation system in the parks have been blown out; the catch basin maintenance program continues and the catch basin at 60 Clark Street was repaired today; and, the crews continue to clean the underpass on Clark Street.

Councilman Dawson announced that the in-house tree removals are 90 percent complete and the N. J. Tree Foundation has begun the planting of over 100 trees Borough-wide. This planting program will take about four weeks to complete.

Councilman Dawson also reported that he has met with members of the Ambulance Squad and that they are evaluating several renovations to the squad facilities.

Ordinance No. 1599 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 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. **1599** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the drainage work on Carteret Park has been completed and that all that is needed is some rain to test the system.

Councilman Theodorou thanked the Recreation Department for the very successful "Pumpkin Hunt" that was held last Saturday at Carteret Park. There were 75 children at the event.

Councilman Theodorou congratulated the Glen Ridge High School girls Tennis Team on winning the Group 1 State Championship.

Mayor Hughes commended and thanked Councilwoman Baker for her seven years of service on the Borough Council and that he accepted her resignation with sincere regret.

Mayor Hughes reported that Governor Christie will visit Glen Ridge on November 1st at the Community Center and that this is an important moment in Glen Ridge history regardless of your political preference.

Mayor Hughes thanked County Executive DiVincenzo and other Essex County officials for the paving project and intersection work done on Ridgewood Avenue from town-line to town-line.

Mayor Hughes also asked that everyone support the Glen Ridge Athletic Association's Basketball Tip-Off Party on November 12th from 6 to 9 p. m. at The Glen Ridge Women's Club. Former US Senator / New York Knick, Bill Bradley, will be the special guest speaker.

Mayor Hughes reminded everyone of the polling place changes that went into effect for the Special Election on October 16th and that parking restrictions on both Snowden and Ridgewood will be relaxed for voting purposes of the General Election on November 5th.

Borough Administrator Rohal echoed the Mayor's comments pertaining to the service of Councilwoman Baker.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough received a notice on Friday advising that the Borough's Sustainable Community Program has been recertified.

Borough Administrator Rohal also announced that the Borough has received a \$ 39,500.00 Community Development Block Grant for 2014.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the Police patrols are ready for the annual Halloween event.

Mrs. Yvonne Provost of 49 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, asked Chief Byron if there would be a police presence on October 30th (mischief night) as well.

Chief Byron answered in the positive.

Mr. Joseph Auborn of 254 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, and current Treasurer of The Glen Ridge Athletic Association reported that all financial records / reports and insurances are readily available for public inspection to anyone who would like to see them. Mr. Auborn also reported that they are a 501 K organization and that they are audited annually.

Mr. Auborn also stated that the fields are in the best condition now than they have been in years.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:22 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk