

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 9th, 2009 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:37 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 Director Magnier.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to present a Proclamation to Mr. Michael Rumsey recognizing "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month".

Mr. Rumsey, coordinator of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, thanked Mayor Hughes for the Proclamation and he gave a short synopsis of the work performed by the Network.

Mayor Hughes resumes the Regular Order Of Business. (7:42)

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on October 26th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Session that was held on October 26th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Gautam R. Patel, Chief, Bureau Of Financing And Construction Permits, advising and authorizing that the Water Meter Replacement Project is now permitted to be advertised for bidding. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, again reiterated his concerns regarding the signage at the northwest corner of Belleville and Highland Avenue and stating that it is misleading and preventing drivers from making a right on red.

Mrs. Evelyn Reed of 39 Chestnut Hill Place, Glen Ridge, addressed the Mayor And Council regarding the pending garbage contract bid, the lack of enforcement when it comes to recycling and the amount of reusable bulk waste that she sees at the curb on a weekly basis. Mrs. Reed reported that she is a former resident of the Town Of Bloomfield and that they have a very good enforcement program.

Mayor Hughes invited Mrs. Reed to join the very active Environmental Committee and he reported that the Council is presently studying the bulk waste options.

Councilwoman Baker reported that all of Mrs. Reed's concerns are also the concerns of the Environmental Committee. Councilwoman Baker

also stated that the recycling efforts in Bloomfield have made a big impact as a result of summonses.

Ms. Nancy Everitt, aid to Congressman Pascrell, reported that the House Of Representatives passed the National Health Care Reform Bill on Monday and sent it to the Senate for consideration. Ms. Everitt stated this was a tough fight for Congressman Pascrell and the U. S. Congress. On behalf of Congressman Pascrell, Ms. Everitt thanked Glen Ridge for all their support and for the many emails from both the State Of New Jersey and Glen Ridge supporting the Bill.

Mr. Richard Waters of 370 Maolis Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that Channel 36 has obtained two additional cameras for use by Glen Ridge residents and organizations. The use of these cameras will be a good way to promote your organization on Channel 36.

Mayor Hughes reviewed the status of the Hurrell Field drainage problem. Mayor Hughes reported that the Public Works and the Parks And Recreation Committees met earlier this evening to review the status and possible conclusions and that it is hoped that in the next 2 - 4 weeks there will be a lot done.

Mayor Hughes reported that he took advantage of the train service to New York this past weekend. Mayor Hughes stated that the service and the entire experience was great.

Mayor Hughes extended his congratulations to the new Acting-Lieutenants Egnezzo and Wohlgemuth and Acting-Sergeant McCann on their recent promotions.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee is closely monitoring the incoming revenue from the 4th quarter. It appears that we are on target to meet the goal.

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. 178 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 94)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and
Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 179 - 09)

TAX OVERPAYMENTS - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 95)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and
Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 180 - 09)

TAX APPEAL JUDGEMENTS - AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that as a result of the recent promotional exams that Sergeants Egnizzo and Wohlgemuth have been promoted to acting Lieutenants and Patrolman McCann has been promoted to acting Sergeant. Councilman Patrick extended his congratulations to those promoted and to those who participated in the exam process.

Councilman Patrick also reported that Glen Ridge currently has two Police recruits going through the Essex County Police Academy. Graduation from the Police Academy is expected to be in February 2010.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 181 - 09)

RAFFLE - HANCE FAMILY FOUNDATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 97)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 182 - 09)

RAFFLE - FOREST AVENUE HOME & SCHOOL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 97)

Mayor Hughes extended his congratulations to Councilpersons Baker and Lisovicz on their recent re-election to the Borough Council.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairperson of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee offered no report.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Public Works Committee met earlier and discussed, at length, the possible remedies to be made at Hurrell Field.

Mayor Hughes also reported that accountability was also addressed at the meeting.

Councilman Dawson stated that Hurrell Field issues and remedies discussed pertain to soil, core samples, lab studies, causes, findings and responsibilities.

Councilman Dawson also stated that the Council will be developing an action plan and that the Council is currently holding up the payment of any balances due for the project until satisfactory completion.

Councilman Dawson reported that the curb and paving project on Adams Place, Chapman Place, Madison Street and Hawthorne Avenue continues toward completion.

Councilman Dawson further reported that work is about to get underway on the exterior of the Municipal Building.

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. 183 - 09)

WATER METER REPLACEMENT - AUTHORIZING BIDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 98)

Administrator Rohal reported on the a shared service with the Township Of Montclair for the reading of water meters.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, stated that it an absolute priority of the Council to repair Hurrell Field with minimal adverse affect on the community.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the sub-committee of the Planning Board met last week to continue work on the review of the Master Plan and that the Committee is on target to have this review completed by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Provost reported on a meeting she attended of the newly formed Essex Municipal Council Exchange. Councilwoman Provost stated that this was a great opportunity to meet with other governing body members from adjoining municipalities and to discuss such issues as shared services, hybrid police vehicles and the sharing of large equipment vehicles.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough is now in the midst of leaf collection. The garbage contractor will be collecting leaves that are in bags on the 1st garbage collection day of the week and that it is illegal to rake leaves into the street in Glen Ridge.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that a recently enacted law makes is mandatory to vehicle operator to remove all snow and ice from their vehicle before driving the vehicle.

Chief Magnier also reminded all resident to lock both their homes and their garages because, unfortunately, burglaries are on the rise.

Chief Magnier also discussed driving distractions such as talking on the phone and texting while driving.

Chief Magnier also advised that the Police Department has a no tolerance police when it comes to teenage house parties and the consumption of alcohol by minors.

Chief Magnier advised that all residents should check the Borough's website for the latest information on these and other pertinent police department topics.

Chief Magnier discussed the recent police departmental examination process. Chief Magnier stated that the exams are both written and oral exams and that they are administered by the New Jersey Chief's Of Police and the International Association of Chief's

Of Police. Chief Magnier also reported that he is very proud of the candidates that sat for the exam.

Mr. Kenny Mazza of 35 victor Avenue, Glen Ridge, asked questions pertaining to the Hurrell Field study and the financing of the new study.

Administrator Rohal reviewed the financing of the Hurrell Field project, i.e., track costs, field costs, balances due, new costs for the engineering study and the value of the performance bond.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the costs for the independent engineer will be kept at an absolute minimum and that the repairs will move with urgency.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, reviewed the dates and start times for the Montclair Museum and Ashenfelter - 8K races.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, 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. 184 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 98)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:38 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk