

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 11th, 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, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

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

Mayor Hughes Suspended The Regular Order Of Business for the purpose of making an appointment.

With the advice and consent of The Borough Council, Mayor Hughes appointed Daniel T. MURPHY to the position of COUNCILPERSON. This appointment is to fill the vacancy of Elizabeth K. Baker.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 121 - 13)

MURPHY - COUNCILPERSON VACANCY - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 221)

Municipal Clerk Rohal requested that Daniel T. Murphy present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, October 28th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Donna P. Drewes, Co-Director, Sustainable Jersey, advising that Glen Ridge has achieved Sustainable Jersey recertification at the Bronze level. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from George F. Serio, Jr., Director, County Of Essex, Division Of Housing And Community Development, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded \$ 39,500. through the C.D.B.G. Program to fund the Borough's ADA street ramp improvements. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Planning And Development Director Zichelli, from Alan G. Trembulak, Esq., Board Of Adjustment Attorney, to Elizabeth Soo Hoo Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, advising that the variance for 233 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, was denied by the Board Of Adjustment

and that the situation involving property of Laurel Place is substantially different from the Baldwin Street matter. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Paul J. Mourt, P.E., advising of a Green Acres Public Hearing on December 12th at the Millburn Public Library. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

The following residents addressed the Mayor And Borough Council on various issues regarding the defeated referendum for installing an Hurrell Field; crumb rubber vs. grass and other materials, investigation of other alternatives, difficult decisions, transparency, volunteering, divisive issues, referendum options, field hockey, equity in sports programs, communication via internet, environmental issues, costs, environmental issues: Beth Low of 65 Midland Avenue, Patricia A. Topping of 434 Ridgewood Avenue, Christine G. Heinicke of 9 Hathaway Place, Paul Schwern of 568 Ridgewood Avenue, Yvonne Provost of 49 Douglas Road and Alexia deFays of 38 Herman Street.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the Board Of Health remained neutral and the Board Of Education supported the turf issue.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, reported on the annual Essex County Holiday Lights Spectacular at the Turtle Back Zoo from November 29th to January 1st and the Winter Camp for children ages 5 - 7 at the Environmental Center in Roseland.

Mayor Hughes acknowledged the comments made on the internet and he reported that Councilperson Theodorou did a great job in presenting the cost factors and the and the environmental issues and he stated that there is must be a need for an acceptable way to move forward and that there are significant issues against moving forward with a grass surface on Hurrell Field.

A representative from the Gaslight Players addressed the Mayor And Council on the upcoming presentation of "Secret Garden Day" and she reported that Glen Ridge should be very proud of the impressive performers that work hard on these presentations. She also stated that she is hoping for a lot of community support for this weekends performances.

Mayor Hughes declared Friday, November 22nd, 2013 at "SECRET GARDEN DAY" in The Borough in honor of the dedicated members and their hard work, nurturing creativity, confidence and compassion and community through the performing arts.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 122 - 13)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 222)

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1600 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1600 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1601 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE
NO. 1354 - ON-STREET PARKING AND
PARKING PERMIT FEES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits that Ordinance No. 1601 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 123 - 13)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 223)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the D.P.W. crews have begun removing leaves in the cobble stone gutters and parks.

Councilman Dawson reminded the residents that leaves cannot be blown or raked into the streets and that they leaves must be bagged in either clear plastic bags or biodegradable bags and that they are picked up by the garbage contractor on the first pick-up day in your respective zone.

Councilman Dawson reported that the in-house tree removals are 95 percent complete and the fall tree plantings of over 100 trees is 70 percent complete and this project should be completed by weeks end.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 124 - 13)

ADA RAMPS - STANZIALE - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 223)

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that he was both disappointed and surprised with the election results on the turf referendum. Councilman Theodorou stated that he and the Recreation Committee will look at all the referendum information to make the best possible recommendation and that \$ 400,000 on grass for Hurrell is not the way to go.

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilman Theodorou for all of his time and efforts on this referendum issue.

Mayor Hughes presented a detailed biography on Councilman Murphy including but not limited to: founder of the Ashenfelter 8 K, Lager Run, service on 12 - 14 community organizations and an extensive background on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Hughes stated that Councilman Murphy was a natural choice to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, thanked Mayor Hughes for his confidence in nominating him to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Murphy also reported that the Historic Preservation Committee is looking to expand the district.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Rotary Club will be conducting their 13th annual turkey drive and food collection at the Community Center on Sat. November 13th. Mr. Rohal also stated that cash donation will also be accepted.

Administrator Rohal also reported that the Kiwanis Club will also be holding their semi-annual clothing drive to benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sister Organization.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the Safe Routes To School program has experienced a decrease in the number of students walking to and from school due to weather related conditions. Chief Byron reported that police assistance is always available to the students.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1602** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR
VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1602** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Murphy voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 125 - 13)

JITNEY BUS - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 223)

It was moved by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Murphy 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 8:38 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk