

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 22nd, 2010 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, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker.

Absent: None.

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

The Minutes of The Regular Meeting that was held on November 8th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that he is in receipt of the General Election results from the November 2nd election indicating that Stuart Patrick and David Lefkovits were elected to serve as Councilpersons for a 3 year term to commence on January 1st, 2011. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Ted Bongiovanni of 21 Coolidge Avenue, Glen Ridge, urging the Council to change the permit only parking policy at the Hillside Avenue parking lot specifically on weekends to facilitate travel into the city. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution, adopted by the Mayor and Municipal Council of the City Of Clifton, urging support by way of a Resolution calling for the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to implement a wage freeze for all public employees for a period of no less than two years. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Nancy Everitt, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Pascrell, brought greetings from the Congressman and his thanks for the support shown by the Borough in his recent reelection to Congress.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 328 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, brought greetings from the County Executive and his thanks shown by the Borough in his reelection as County Executive.

Mrs. Yustein also invited everyone to see the Holiday Lights Spectacular at the Turtle Back Zoo on various dates from November 26th to January 2nd.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, appeared once again before the Mayor And Council to voice her concerns regarding the on-going problems associated with the stores at Glenmont Square, i.e. late night deliveries, recurring police activity,

lighting and fencing. Mrs. Proto did report that significant progress has been realized, thanks to Smashburger, in the installation of a new exhaust/ventilation system.

As previously reported, much of the problems pertain to the issue of multi-jurisdictional and two individual Planning Board Resolutions, one by each municipality.

Acting Police Chief Byron reported that the police have been instructed how to handle calls and complaints pertaining to Glenmont Square.

Administrator Rohal reported that he will make a call to the Montclair Planning Board to discuss possible remedies to Mrs. Proto's complaints.

Mayor Hughes reminded everyone of the Ashelfelter 8 K race on Thanksgiving. Mayor Hughes announced that there are already 2,000 runners that have preregistered and that the race will benefit the Glen Ridge Education Foundation. Mayor Hughes also thanked all the volunteers for their efforts including the Public Works And Public Safety Department and race organizer, Dan Murphy.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program. (7:47)

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced that there is a Resolution on tonight's agenda to support the staff recommendations for ADA ramp improvements throughout the Borough and ADA bathroom improvements to the bathrooms in the Municipal Complex.

There were no other recommendations forthcoming.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (7:50)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 161 - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 194)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 162 - 10)

C.D.B.G. - 2011 GRANT APPLICATION - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 195)

Ordinance No. 1540 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10

PERMIT PARKING IN PUBLIC PARKING LOTS

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 Seyffarth that Ordinance No. **1540** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1541** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
10.32.10 NO PARKING ANY TIME**

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 Baker that Ordinance No. **1541** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1542** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
MAXIMUM SALARIES OR SALARY
RANGES AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS
FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE GLEN RIDGE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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 Provost that Ordinance No. **1542** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1544** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER
10.32 PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ON DESIGNATED STREETS**

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.

Ms. Maureen Morgan of 24 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that the passage of this Ordinance would be more of a detriment to the Highland Avenue neighborhood than it would be a benefit. Ms. Morgan stated that her personnel survey of the area revealed that there is one commuter, a nanny and a caretaker that are presently using the street during the day. Ms. Morgan further stated that she has a short driveway and that this would be a big inconvenience and a burden to her when she would have company visiting. Ms. Morgan asked the Mayor And Council to reconsider any adoption of this Ordinance.

Councilman Patrick stated that Ms. Morgan presented some good arguments for not adopting this Ordinance. Councilman Patrick also stated that the biggest problems with parking appear to be at the northern end of Highland Avenue.

Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. **1544** be tabled pending further review and study. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none.

Councilman Patrick asked Chief Byron to do a quick survey of the parking on Highland Avenue and he said that the Public Safety Committee would review the findings and present them to the full Council.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. **1546** entitled:

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

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth that Ordinance No. **1546** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reminded and invited all residents to apply for an appointment on the various boards, committees and commissions of the Mayor And Council.

Ordinance No. **1545** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE BY
REPEALING CHAPTER 2.72.010
ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL ETHICS BOARD"
BOARD SERVES A REDUNDANT FUNCTION
WHICH IS ALSO HANDLED BY THE LOCAL**

**FINANCE BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Provost. 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 Provost, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1545** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Department is working very hard on leaf collection, cleaning storm drains and sewers.

Councilman Dawson also stated that the salting and plowing equipment is ready to go.

Councilman Dawson also thanked the volunteers from the Kiwanis Club for their successful clothing drive and the Rotary Club for the turkey / food drive.

Administrator Rohal reported that there was 95 + turkeys collected along with 70 bags of food and \$ 625.00 in cash donations was also collected.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **163** - 10)

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - AUTHORIZING SALE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 195)

Ordinance No. **1539** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS
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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1539** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz, Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee had met earlier this evening and the following agenda items were discussed: field conditions, field preparation for spring activities, the application for use of Watsessing Park and the core aerating or re-sodding (according to the Rutgers Plan) of Hurrell Field, Carteret Field or the Forest Avenue Field.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that a new scoreboard will be installed on Hurrell Field in collaboration with Glen Ridge Athletic Association, Glen Ridge High School and The Borough.

Councilman Lisovicz also reported that there will be a restructuring of the organizational chart at the pool with a more direct reporting system to Jim Cowan.

Ordinance No. **1543** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF
GLEN RIDGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADDING
CHAPTER 12.26, SHADE TREE
COMMISSION TO THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE**

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.

Councilwoman Provost read a prepared statement objecting to the adoption of this Ordinance and the creation of a Shade Tree Commission.

Councilman Patrick, Councilman Dawson, Mayor Hughes and Councilwoman Baker addressed some of the concerns that were presented by Councilwoman Provost, i.e., commission vs. committee, commission term limits, sunset provision, role of the arborist, master plans and long term care of Borough trees.

With no further comments forthcoming, Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1543** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Dawson, Lisovicz, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and Councilwoman Provost voting no. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Acting Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta reported that information on the upcoming Ashenfelter 8 K race can be found on the website including a map of the race course.

Chief Byron also reported that information on the Glen Ridge stalker can be found on the web including a detailed description of the alleged actor.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Seyffarth and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker
voting aye and noes none: Resolution No. **164** - 10)

CANCELLING BALANCES - PUBLIC SAFETY

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 196)

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, commended the Mayor
And Council on the adoption of the Shade Tree Ordinance and for the
timely filing of permit applications for the use of Watsessing Park in
Bloomfield.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded
by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker
voting aye and noes none: Resolution No. **165** - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 196)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9:07 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk