

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 23rd, 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: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Magnier.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a presentation by Rails And Trails. David Wright reviewed the steps the Rails & Trails has made, hurdles they face and requested a letter of support from the Borough. Mr. Wright gave a Power Point presentation which is attached and made part of the minutes.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (7:58 pm)
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on November 9th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Session that was held on November 9th, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Ms. Nancy McMahon of 205 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, requested an up-date on the status of Hurrell Field, the scheduling of alternative field and she requested the Council expedite the investigation on what occurred at Hurrell. Ms. McMahon stated that in her opinion the Forest Avenue Field is already beginning to show wear.

Mayor Hughes addressed Ms. McMahon's concerns. Mayor Hughes stated that the Borough is in a tough spot. He stated that the Council met earlier with the designer, engineer, Recreation Coordinator Cowan and the user groups. Mayor Hughes reported that because this has become a legal matter it may prohibit the dispensing of certain information. Mayor Hughes did report that it is the fervent goal to have a schedule in place before the end of the year.

Councilman Lisovicz reported to Ms. McMahon that this Council will do everything in its power so as to not hurt the kids in any way and he also stated that all the user groups have been great sports.

Ms. McMahon stated that it might be time to revisit the dreaded "t" (turf) issue.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Borough has been in contact with County officials for the use of County fields for the Borough's lacrosse and soccer teams.

Mr. Ken Myles of 42 Victor Avenue, Glen Ridge stated that turf is the only answer to this Borough's field problem and that spending good money after bad is not a solution. Mr. Myles urged the Council to keep turf in their deliberations.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that Hurrell Field must be remediated and that the issues being raised pertaining to turf are good ones.

Mr. Paul Schwern of 568 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge stated that in his opinion the track at Hurrell Field is also unsafe.

Mayor Hughes reported that the track is a regulation track and that it is not unsafe.

Administrator Rohal reported that the track has been approved by the Borough's Recreation Coordinator, Jim Cowan.

Bob Salvatelli of 25 Hawthorne Avenue, Glen Ridge, suggested that a cover be put over the drain that is located in the end zone for safety purposes and he stated that turf at Hurrell Field is still the only viable solution.

Mayor Hughes reported that this past weekend exemplified the volunteer spirit in the Borough with Rotary collection 94 turkeys, 2 hams, 18 crates of canned food and over \$ 500. in monetary donations at the train station and at the same time the Kiwanis Club was hosting a clothing, books, toys and computer drive in the high school parking lot. Mayor Hughes thanked everyone for their good work.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Council is sick over the present condition at Hurrell Field and that this is in no way what was expected. Mayor Hughes stated that cost is not a factor to correct the present situation.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the first of two public hearing on suggested application projects for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that CDGB money can be used to serve low to moderate income population as well as seniors and the disabled. Applicants are required to present their proposal in a public forum. The Council reviews the proposals and presents a Resolution ranking the applications. The applications are then sent to the Essex County Office of Housing and Community Development for final review. The Essex County office will then announce the grant awards. The notice of the award date has not yet been established.

Municipal Clerk Rohal asked that any applicants come forward at this time and present their proposal. There being no proposals from the floor at this time the first public hearing was closed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced that the second CDBG hearing will be held on Monday, December 14th.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 185 - 09)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 99)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 186 - 09)

ROAD CLOSURE - ASHENFELTER 8K RACE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 100)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 187 - 09)

RAFFLE - PROJECT GRADUATION - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 100)

Administrator Rohal reported that the paving of Hawthorne Avenue will be done on Wed., November 25th.

Administrator Rohal reported that the collection of leaves has begun and that Public Works will pick up the leaves in the streets but the homeowner is responsible for bagging leaves on their property and that these leaves will be picked up by the Borough' contractor. It is in violation of Borough Ordinances to rake leaves in the streets.

Mayor Hughes reported that the annual Thanksgiving Day Ashenfelter 8K race will take place on November 26th and that decent weather is expected. Mayor Hughes also announced that 1,200 runners have pre-registered for the event.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the annual League Of Municipalities convention was held last week and that Borough Administrator Rohal was a presenter at the convention.

Councilwoman Provost also reported that the redevelopment of the Benson Street railroad station is proceeding on schedule.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that he has had conversations with County Officials on the replacing of the lights on the Freeman Parkway Bridge.

Administrator Rohal also announced that the annual Borough Holiday Tree lighting ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 p. m. and that the Library will be hosting a reception following the tree lighting.

Administrator Rohal announced that December 14th will be Student Government Day and that selected students will be officiating at the Council meeting on that date.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 188 - 09)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 10)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:47 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk