

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 26th, 2012 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, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Public Safety Lieutenant Egnezzo and Deputy Administrator Zichelli, III.

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, November 12th, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli presented the following written communications:

A letter / affidavit to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Nina Barakat, Glen Ridge Voice, attesting to the circulation of the Glen Ridge Voice for the period October 1st, 2011 to September 30th, 2012. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A notice to Municipal Clerk Rohal from P. S. E. & G. advising of a petition for approval of extension of a solar generation investment program and associated cost recovery mechanism and for approval of a solar loan III program and an associated cost recovery mechanism and for changes in the tariff for electric service. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Anthony L. Marchetta, Executive Director, New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, announcing the continued availability of the New Jersey HomeKeeper Program which is intended to help assist New Jersey homeowners in jeopardy of foreclosure, stabilize our neighborhoods, preserve the municipality's tax base and help to restore the vitality of our impacted communities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Jacqueline S. Yustein, Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, presented information on the County's Emergency Supplemental Nutritional Program and she reported that the Essex County Holiday Lites festival is now open at the Turtle Back Zoo and it is suggested that food, clothing or toys be donated in lieu of a fee to get into the light show.

Mayor Hughes reported on the very successful running of the annual Ashenfelter 8K race on Thanksgiving morning and he thanked the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety, Glen

Ridge High School, Kiwanis Club, Women's Club, race sponsors, the many volunteers and race coordinator Dan Murphy for making this race a huge successful.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the first of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program. (7:41 p. m.)

Deputy Administrator Zichelli 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 proposals 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.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli 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.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli reported that the administration will be submitting requests for additional barrier free enhancements, handicap crosswalk ramping and road projects. Mr. Zichelli also reported that annual funding is usually in the area of \$ 38,000.

Councilwoman Baker made a plug asking that consideration be given for funding Complete Street Program that would increase the number of crosswalk ramps.

Mayor Hughes suggested that the Administration consider placing the bathrooms on the second floor of the Municipal Building on the list of consideration.

Deputy Administrator Zichelli announced that the second CDBG hearing will be held on Monday, December 10th.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (7:45 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, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **156** - 12)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 128)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **157** - 12)

TAX OVERPAYMENTS - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 129)

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

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 158 - 12)

AMENDING BUDGET - BODY ARMOR GRANT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 129)

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

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 159 - 12)

4TH QUARTER TAXES - EXTENDING GRACE PERIOD

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 130)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the annual Ashenfelter 8K was held on Thanksgiving morning. All available Public Works staff and Public Safety staff worked. The race gets bigger and better each year with over 2,500 runners participating. The race went off seamlessly thanks to race coordinator Dan Murphy and the Public Safety and Public Works Departments.

Prior to the race Public Works crews and independent contractors worked diligently to get the entire Borough free of debris from super storm Sandy and repair as much of the public right of way as possible. In the coming weeks the D.P.W. crews will continue to restore the right of ways, sweep the streets and prepare for winter.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 160 - 12)

HURRICANE CONTRACTS - AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 130)

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, congratulated the high school girls soccer team on reaching the Group 1 finals.

Councilman Theodorou also announced that the very successful Friday Nite Recreation Program for grades 3 to 6 will begin on December 7th at the Ridgewood Avenue School and that registration is limited to 40 children and the program is free.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 161 - 12)

GREEN SKY INDUSTRIES - RENEW CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 131)

Councilwoman Baker reported that Green Sky has been very responsive to our communities concerns and that everyone is very pleased with this Company.

Deputy Borough Administrator Zichelli reported that the Borough's electronics dumpster, that in the past cost the Borough money to dispose of, will now be a revenue maker for the Borough.

Mr. Zichelli reported that some of the debris from Sandy in the rights-of-way still needs to be removed as does two tree stumps.

Mr. Zichelli reported that all the damaged sidewalks and curbs have been replaced.

Mr. Zichelli reported that the two Borough jitney bus drivers, Larry and Judy, stepped up big time during the storm will all the confusion with the many changes in the train schedules.

Mr. Zichelli further reported that CityLogs Corporation in Newark was also a big help after the storm by removing most of the street trees and using them to make new railroad ties, pallets and fencing.

Councilman Dawson reported that members of the Kiwanis Club will be conducting a clean-up day at Freeman Gardens on Sat., December 1st.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **162** - 12)

ADJOURNMENT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 131)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:14 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk