

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 28th, 2011 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Glen Ridge Weeblos (Cub Scouts), Den No. 1, led Mayor Hughes, The Borough 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 and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter / Resolution to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Patricia P. McNamara, Executive Secretary, Local Finance Board, advising that The Borough may proceed to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Ordinance No. 1569. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution to Municipal Clerk Rohal from The Township Of South Orange Village urging support of their Resolution calling for an investigation of information management by P.S.E.&G. and making certain recommendations in that regard. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter / Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal from The Township Of Montclair, advising of proposed zoning changes of the Bay Street Redevelopment Plan. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes reported that the annual Ashenfelter 8K race on Thanksgiving morning was a huge success and that approximately 2,800 runners participated on an absolutely beautiful day. Mayor Hughes thanked race coordinator Dan Murphy and his wife, the many volunteers, the Girls Club, the Women's Club, the Kiwanis Club the Ambulance Squad, Administrator Rohal, Deputy Administrator Zichelli, the Police Department, the crossing guards and the Public Works crews for making this race the success that it was.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program. (7:36)

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. (7:38)

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 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 25)

Ordinance No. 1572 entitled:

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
PAYMENT OF AMOUNT OWING TO OTHERS FOR
TAXES LEVIED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF
GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$ 282,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$ 282,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1572 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that Channel 36 is working to improve the sound quality of their televised meetings and that they welcome any feedback from the residents.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Ashenfelter 8 K was huge success and that all departments worked very well together.

Mayor Hughes commended the Bloomfield Public Works Department for their street cleaning efforts and the Montclair Fire Department for their assistance at the Forest Avenue Water Main project.

Councilman Dawson reported that the road projects on Summit Street, Hillcrest Road, Snowden Place, Ridley Court and Outlook Place are completed. Councilman Dawson reported that certain streets also had hydrants and curbs replaced.

Councilman Dawson also reported that the clean up of debris that was left behind after the October snow storm continues and that the Public Crews are now going around and picking up hanging branches with the bucket loader.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 160 - 11)

C.D.B.G. - GRANT - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 26)

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the Ashenfelter 8 K was a race well done.

Councilman Theodorou announced that Friday Night Rec. will begin this Friday for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. This event has many activities for the children and it is well supervised.

Councilman Theodorou reminded everyone that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 p.m. and that hot chocolate will be served and a special guest will be appearing.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Borough's shade trees were devastated in the October snow storm and that this storm damage magnified the problem with the Borough's shade trees.

Councilwoman Baker reported that the planting of 41 trees went on as scheduled and that 2/3rds of the cost of the trees was borne by donors.

Councilwoman Baker encouraged the continuance of donations to the campaign and urged everyone to check the Borough's website for additional information on how to support this very worthwhile endeavor.

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. 161 - 11)

ALCOHOL EDUCATION - BUDGET INSERTION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 27)

Chief Byron reported that Neighborhood Watch is a very active group of caring residents and that a new watch group was recently formed in the south end of Glen Ridge. Chief Byron stated that anyone interested in neighborhood watch should call the Crime Prevention Bureau.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein, Essex County liaison to Essex County Executive DiVincenzo, brought greetings from the County and an invitation for everyone to visit the Turtle Back Zoo during the holidays.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, appeared before the Council to voice her displeasure with the loud music coming from outdoor speakers at Smashburgers in the Glenmont Mall and the lighting issues that have been previously discussed but have never been corrected or addressed by the ownership of the Mall.

Mrs. Proto also reported that the new curbing and landscape at the Mall has caused severe flooding on her property and in her basement.

Administrator Rohal reported that he will make contact with the Mall ownership to discuss Mrs. Proto's concerns and he will review the Glen Ridge and Montclair Planning Board approvals.

Mr. Anthony Proto complimented the Public Works Department on their storm remediation efforts and he invited the Council to stop at the Glenmont Mall to witness the loud music first-hand.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. **162** - 11)

ADJOURNMENT -

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 27)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:11 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal
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Municipal Clerk