

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 13th, 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 (at 8:12 p. m.)

The Minutes of The Regular Meeting that was held on November 22nd, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Session that was held on November 22nd, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A petition to Administrator Rohal that was signed by approximately 29 residents of Highland Avenue representing 20 households respectfully asking the Council to institute a three-hour restricted parking on Highland Avenue from the bridge to Belleville Avenue. Mayor Hughes referred the petition to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Michael E. Restaino, Executive Director, North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, presenting a Resolution in opposition to the proposed consolidation / merger of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission And The New Jersey Water Supply Authority. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Bethany O'Toole, Fiscal Officer, The Essex County Utilities Authority, advising of the established tipping fees for processible and non-processible solid waste for the coming year. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter sent to Robert Martin, Commissioner, New Jersey Department Of Environmental Protection and forwarded to Borough Administrator Rohal, from Michael E. Restaino, Executive Director, North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, concerning possible recommendations for the report to Governor Christie to lessen the impacts of the flooding problems that have existed historically along the Pompton And Passaic Rivers.

A notice to Administrator Rohal from Public Service Electric And Gas Company advising of public hearings in regard to modifications to

its manufacturing gas plane remediation component within its electric societal benefits charge and its gas charge. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported that in his opinion there are some trees in the Borough that he thinks are in dangerous condition.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Borough has experienced a very small number of "fall downs" in the past year and that the Borough is very proactive in tree maintenance.

Mayor Hughes presented a proclamation to former Library Director, John A. Sitnik, commending him for his 16 years of service to the Borough.

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 166 - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 197)

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 167 - 10)

CAPITAL APPROPRIATION - CANCELLING EXCESS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 198)

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. 168 - 10)

POOL APPROPRIATIONS - CANCELLING EXCESS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 198)

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. 169 - 10)

2010 BUDGET - AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 199)

Councilperson Seyffarth reported that she has Ordinance No. 1547 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2010 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Seyffarth. It was moved by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1547 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.

Councilman Patrick, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that his Committee has reviewed the petition read earlier in the meeting that supports the Ordinance for parking restrictions on Highland Avenue and therefore the Public Safety Committee will present the Ordinance for final reading and adoption at the December 27th Council meeting.

Ordinance No. **1546** 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 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. **1546** 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.

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. **170** - 10)

GAMES OF CHANCE - PROJECT GRADUATION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 200)

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. **171** - 10)

GAMES OF CHANCE - G.R.H.S. - RAFFLE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 200)

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. **172** - 10)

S.U.V. - POLICE - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 200)

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the Committee will meet in workshop session on December 27th and the meeting is open for anyone who may want to attend.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Public Works fleet is ready for winter and that the salt shed is filled. Councilman Dawson thanked Borough Mechanic Bill Ferdon for the preparation of the vehicles.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Borough will engage in a shared service with the Township Of Montclair by housing their sewer truck in Glen Ridge and that the Borough will also have use of the vehicle as needed.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1548** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
GRANTS 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 Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1548** 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.

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. **173** - 10)

SHARED SERVICES - BLOOMFIELD - STREET SWEEPING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 201)

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. **174** - 10)

ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT - CHANGE ORDER - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 201)

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. **175** - 10)

MASON DUMP TRUCK - LEASE - PURCHASE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 202)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, expressed his thanks to Administrator Rohal, Scott McCleary, Esq. and the firm of Meyner And Landis in bringing a successful disposition to the Hurrell Field remediation project.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that plans are moving ahead to purchase one scoreboard for use by both baseball and football teams at Hurrell Field. This purchase will be a collective purchase between the Borough, The Board Of Education and Glen Ridge Athletic Association.

Councilman Lisovicz also stated that applications for permits to use Watsessing and Brookdale Parks have been completed and submitted.

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. 176 - 10)

HURRELL FIELD - G.R.A.A. - SPECIAL EVENT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 202)

Councilman Lisovicz reported that he attended a G. R. A. A. event that recognized and honored Jim Lopes for his many years of distinguished service to G. R. A. A. and to the Borough.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that this Committee met earlier this evening and the Jitney Bus program was the topic of discussion. Councilwoman Baker stated that our Jitney program is a recognized and valuable institution in Glen Ridge and to eliminate this service would be a huge disservice to the riders that use the Jitney. The funding for our Jitney has been discontinued and the service cannot be sustained for free. Councilwoman Baker stated that the Council will introduce a Resolution at the next meeting establishing fees for the ridership.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported on the shared service with Montclair for the storage of the sewer machine.

Administrator Rohal also reported that the water meter replacement project is nearly complete and residents are reminded to never let anyone into their homes without the proper identification credentials.

Administrator Rohal explained that most residents will see a change in their water usage after the new meters are installed. Meters slow with age. Also, large deviations were noted between the inside meter and the outside register. Residents should not count on historical usage for predicting future use. Based on national statistics, the average family uses slightly less than a 1,000 cubic feet per month. Using this average, a quarterly bill would be approximately \$ 90.00. Administrator Rohal reviewed rates of 15 surrounding utilities. The comparison was prepared by the Montclair Bureau. Glen Ridge had the lowest rate of \$29.98 per 1,000 cubic feet.

West Orange and PSWC and had rates of over \$60.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. The average rate of the 15 utilities is \$42.94.

Acting Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta reported that the Borough has experienced 5 burglaries in the past two weeks and residents are again cautioned about locking their doors and to refuse entry of any person without seeing the appropriate identification.

Mr. Paul M. Di Cicco of 97 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that a majority of the residents of Highland Avenue support the Ordinance calling for parking restriction on their street.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Council has been persuaded by the petition that was read earlier as part of correspondence.

Councilman Patrick informed Mr. Di Cicco that Ordinance No. 1544 enacting parking restrictions on Highland Avenue will be presented for final vote at the December 27th meeting of the Mayor And Council.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. 177 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 202)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:28 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk