

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Executive Session that was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from the Federal Communications Commission, advising that a new Section 106 ( Collocation Submission Packet ) has been submitted. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from John C. Leon, Senior Director, NJ Transit, Office Of Government And Community Affairs, advising that they will no longer send printed schedules to municipal offices and these schedules can be found at the rail stations. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Ella F. Filippone, Executive Director, Passaic River Coalition, asking for continued financial support in their efforts to improve water quality and assuring an adequate water supply. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to County Executive DiVincenzo from Nutley Mayor Joanne Cocchiola, requesting information on the Municipal Waste Disposal Agreement between Essex County and local municipalities that expired on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Elmer J. Herrman, Jr., Acting Executive Director of the Essex County Utilities Authority, advising that tipping fees in 2010 have been reduced to \$ 82.11 from \$ 88.86 and it is projected that the fees will continue to go down through the year 2014. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, requested that one-way signs be placed at the entrances and exits of the Minnie Lucey School.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that this location is private property and that any signs on the property would be unenforceable.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brewster, Chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Committee, presented the recommendations of the Committee for the renewal of the garbage and recycling contracts. Mrs. Brewster reported that the Committee recommends single stream recycling in order to encourage participation in the program and she stated that the Committee suggests that rear yard garbage continue. Mrs. Brewster also reported that the Committee recommends 1 pick up of garbage and recycling every week. The Committee also suggests that the Council sign the garbage contract for 5 years for once a week collection with an option to change twice a week during the course of the contract. Mrs. Brewster concluded her remarks by thanking the Mayor and Council for their continued support.

Mrs. Evelyn Reed of 39 Chestnut Hill Place, Glen Ridge, thanked Mayor Hughes for putting her in touch with the Environmental Advisory Committee. Mrs. Reed voiced her full support of the Committees recommendations to the Council with the exception of her support of front yard garbage and recycling pick-up.

Mrs. Reed commented on the Borough's street cleaning program and stated that she has never seen a street sweeper on her street.

Mayor Hughes and Councilman Dawson reported that there is a Resolution on tonight's agenda to award a new street sweeping contract.

Administrator Rohal reported that each street in the Borough is swept 6 to 8 times a year.

Mrs. Janet Burnhardt of 246 Washington Street, Glen Ridge voiced her positive support for once a week garbage and recycling pick-up in Glen Ridge and she feels that this should be accomplished all on one day.

Mrs. Burnhardt also voiced her plea for the rehabilitation of the road surface on Wells Court.

Mayor Hughes assured Mrs. Burnhardt that this matter would be looked into by Administrator Rohal.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, up-dated the Mayor And Council on matters addressed and matters not addressed at the Glenmont Square mall property that adjoins her property. She reported that buffer trees are or will soon be installed, signage will be installed prohibiting deliveries after 10 pm and overnight light bulbs will be disconnected. Matters that need to be addressed are; jurisdictional enforcement issues, grading of the parking lot, late night deliveries and repairs to her property along the fence line.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, addressed the Mayor And Council regarding the robbery that occurred at his fire damaged home, declining patronage at the Library, senior citizens, acoustics, sprinkler systems, extinguishers and exits at the Community Center.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, President of The Friends of the Glen Ridge Free Public Library, voiced his support for the Library and the services rendered and he urged continued support for the Bergen County Co-op system.

Mayor Hughes updated those in attendance on the current status of the Hurrell Field redevelopment. Mayor Hughes stated that the Council met in executive session earlier this evening with the Hurrell Field contractor, Pennoni. It has been reported to the Council that the design of Hurrell Field is workable and there will be a meeting this week with the contractor. Mayor Hughes stated that a solution for the repair of the field should be in place before the end of the year. Mayor Hughes also reported that there are discussions daily between Councilmen Lisovicz and Dawson, Borough Administrator Rohal and Planning And Development Zichelli regarding Hurrell Field.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 189 - 09 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 190 - 09 )

**TAX PAYMENT REFUNDS - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 101 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 191 - 09 )

**TAX JUDGMENT REFUNDS - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 102 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 192 - 09 )

**BUDGET TRANSFERS - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 103 )

Councilwoman Seyffarth reported that even with a very tight 2009 Municipal Budget the Borough is in good shape as we approach the end of the year.

Mayor Hughes complimented Councilwoman Seyffarth and Borough Administrator Rohal on the status of this years budget.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1527 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC  
CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM  
IN THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1527 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Mayor Hughes reported that anyone desiring a copy of Ordinance can get one on the Borough's website.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported on the background of the proposed garbage and recycling Resolutions that are on this evenings agenda. Councilwoman Baker stated that recycling in the Borough is not an option - it's the law. Councilwoman Baker said that all of us need to rethink the way we collect garbage and recycling. Councilwoman Baker stated that both the current garbage and recycling contracts expire at the end of this year and the Council must make a firm decision before the expiration date so therefore time does not permit much discussion.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 193 - 09 )

**RECYCLING CONTRACT - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 104 )

Municipal Clerk Rohal stated that he is encouraging residents to use the 35 gallon containers and that the present collection dates for both garbage and recycling dates will remain the same in 2010.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 194 - 09 )

**GARBAGE CONTRACT - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 104 )

Mayor Hughes expressed his thanks to the Environmental Advisory Committee for all their work.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Department Of Public Works were out on Sunday, salting bridges and sidewalks due to the ice storm.

Councilman Dawson complimented both the Department Of Public Works an the Department Of Public Safety for their work on the very successful Ashenfelter 8 K race that was held on Thanksgiving.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Borough is seeking to add two jitney busses to the very successful jitney bus program in 2010.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 195 - 09 )

**STREET SWEEPING CONTRACT - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 105 )

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that there are a minimum of 6 sweeps of each street in The Borough per year and the possibility of 8 - 10 sweeps could be made available if necessary.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the full Council met in executive session prior to the Council meeting this evening to discuss the Hurrell Field reconstruction project and to update the representatives of the user groups. Councilman Lisovicz stated that the designer stands behind his original design and all parties involved will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss the remediation plan.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that anyone interested in using the Paddle Tennis Courts should contact Ross Stevens, Jr.

Mayor Hughes everyone to take advantage of the Paddle Tennis Courts.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings 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.

Mayor Hughes open the meeting for the acceptance of applications for the 2010 year.

With no applicants / applications forthcoming, Mayor Hughes closed the Public Hearing.

Administrator Rohal reported that the staff recommendation for the 2010 C.D.B.G. application is \$ 70,000. for handicap ramp improvements through the Borough.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 196 - 09 )

**C. D. B. G. - 2010 APPLICATION - PRIORITIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 105 )

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board will be meeting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions pertaining to the Site Plan, the dumpster at Glenmont Square, the development of 117 - 119 Glen Ridge Avenue and to further discuss the Master Plan review.

Public Safety Director Magnier reported that the Department Of Corrections recently inspected the recently completed renovation work on the Glen Ridge holding cells and that everything passed inspection.

Mrs. Evelyn Reed of 39 Chestnut Hill Place, Glen Ridge, reported that she was very pleased to hear the good news pertaining to the additional accepted plastic recycling material and she questioned the new bulk collection schedule.

Administrator Rohal reported that bulk material will be collected once a month after the new year instead of once a week.

Administrator Rohal announced that the new collection schedules can be found on the Borough website and that discussions are underway to have the high school students deliver notices to our residents.

Mrs. Harriet L. Glaser of 9 Hathaway Place, Glen Ridge, suggested that the reverse 9-1-1 system be used for notifying the residents of the new schedules for garbage, recycling and bulk pick-up.

Administrator Rohal stated that the Borough will rely on both he Borough's website and the school's webmail to get the word out.

Mr. Nicholaas ten Velde of 138 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, discussed the following items with the Mayor And Council; the traffic signal cycling at the Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenue intersection, video taping at traffic signal controlled intersections, the sidewalk in front of the Municipal Building, the pedestrian railings in front of the Municipal Building, the garbage pick up schedule, Council Chamber microphones, activities for seniors at the Community Center, cooking facilities at the Community Center, community service for senior volunteers and emergency phone call boxes to the Public Safety Department.

Mrs. Eleanor Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that there are a lot of great programs for the Glen Ridge Seniors being offered at the Community Center.

Mr. Anthony Proto of 92 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge stated that he and the Seniors are very proud of the Community Center.

Mayor Hughes stated that inoculations and health programs are being offered at the Community Center for the Seniors and he offered his sincere thanks to all for their comments supporting Senior activities at the Center.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, stated that both the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs do great volunteer service work in Glen Ridge.

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. 197 - 09 )

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 105 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9:12 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk