

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 28<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, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: Councilman Patrick.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Planning And Development Director Zichelli.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on December 14<sup>th</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.

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Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, wished Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council happy holidays and he briefly discussed parking at the Minnie Lucey School and the Linden Avenue School.

Municipal Clerk Rohal advised Mayor Hughes that parking at school facilities would fall under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairwoman of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the 2009 Municipal Budget and the hope of saving approximately \$ 300,000 at years end. Also discussed was health benefit savings, energy savings, waste disposal savings, the State Infrastructure Loan for water meter replacement and the application for a grant for the Borough's jitney program. Also of note is that the decision on this application has been postponed until the first quarter of 2010.

Councilwoman Seyffarth also reported that the Borough hopes to obtain 2 new jitney buses in 2010.

Councilwoman Seyffarth further stated that the Committee also discussed proposed payroll processing improvements and the Committee reviewed bid proposals for the Borough's financial consultants.

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 198 - 09 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 106 )

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 199 - 09 )

**2009 BUDGET TRANSFERS - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 107 )

Mayor Hughes advised that anyone watching the meeting on Channel 36 can go on-line to view any of the Resolutions being offered on this evenings agenda.

Mayor Hughes stated that the Borough is still within its 2009 budget and that no emergency appropriation / expenditure is needed. Mayor Hughes once again congratulated Councilwoman Seyffarth, Administrator Rohal and the Borough Department Heads for this achievement.

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

Councilpersons Seyffarth, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 200 - 09 )

**2009 BUDGET - CANCELLING APPROPRIATIONS**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 108 )

Councilwoman Seyffarth offered a detailed explanation on the purpose of this Resolution in conjunction with the 2009 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, complimented the Public Works crews on their handling of the snow storm on December 19<sup>th</sup> and he reported that the work on the exterior of the municipal complex is proceeding on schedule.

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that he, Mayor Hughes, Councilman Dawson and Administrator Rohal met last week to address a solution to the Hurrell Field renovation. Councilman Lisovicz reported on a tentative agreement with the proposed design for a certain fix under close supervision with the design engineer. Councilman Lisovicz further stated that it is hoped that once the drainage system is reworked that the field will be usable and that the goal is to have this work completed before the spring athletic season begins.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Planning Board met on December 17<sup>th</sup> and the following agenda items were discussed: the housing of a dumpster unit at Glenmont Square to meet requests from the area residents; new design of the structure by the developer of 117 - 119 Glen Ridge Avenue; and, the draft of the Master Plan was presented and it is hoped that the Plan will be finalized in January.

Borough Administrator Rohal presented an update on "FIOS" in Glen Ridge. Mr. Rohal stated that Verizon is still in the design process for a portion of the Borough and the design is now slated to be completed in mid to ¼ 2010 and the complete roll-out for FIOS is now

scheduled for 2011. Some parts of Glen Ridge are done but Verizon is about a year to a year and a half behind schedule.

Councilwoman Baker discussed the changes to the 2010 garbage and recycling collections. Councilwoman Baker stated that there is no change to the garbage pick-up in 2010. Councilwoman Baker announced that beginning in January recycling will be picked up every week on the same day at residents are presently putting recycling out to the curb. All recycling material can be put in the same container. There is no need to separate glass, newspapers, etc. All plastic material with nos. 1 - 7 on the bottom are now being collected. Milk and juice containers are now part of the recycling program in Glen Ridge. Councilwoman Baker stated that she is proud to announce this tremendous increase in recycling material at a tremendous savings to the residents.

Councilwoman Baker also announced that bulk pick-up will be done on the first Thursday of the each month instead of each Thursday and appliances will be picked up on Wednesday's by appointment.

Councilwoman Baker reminded all residents that they can take their recycling material to the town yard on Carteret Street on the second Saturday of each month and residents are asked to keep their recycled newspaper and cardboard as dry as possible when placing this material at the curb.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 201 - 09 )

**LIBRARY - DEDICATION BY RIDER**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 108 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Baker, Dawson, Lisovicz and Provost voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 201 - 09 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 108 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk