A Workshop Session of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 13, 2010 in the Mayor’s Office of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Council President Seyffarth Councilpersons Patrick, Baker, Dawson and Lisovicz and Provost.

Absent: Councilperson Provost

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator/Clerk/Engineer Rohal and Attorney Malyska.

JITNEY

A discussion was held on the jitney funding. The operating cost for the program is approximately $120,000. During the first five years, New Jersey Transit fully provided $120,000 per annum for the program. During the next three years, the Borough received partially funding from NJT. The Borough fully funded the jitney in 2010. After a review of declining revenues and the impact of the 2% hard cap, adoption of a fee schedule was suggested. Most if not all the towns which participate in the NJT shuttle program have instituted a rider fee. A recommendation was made to institute a pilot program for the first four months in 2011 with the following fee schedule:
- Monthly Pass - $25.00
- Ten Trip Pack - $20.00 ($2.00 per ride)
- Payment on Jitney - $3.00

Mayor Hughes requested that the fee schedule be placed on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On the motion of Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick, it was resolved to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:55 pm. The executive session was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

WATER

The Mayor and Council reviewed Governor Christie’s proposal to merge the North Jersey Water Supply Commission and the NJ Water Supply Authority. Since the impact from going from a partial owner to a customer and the cost savings are unknown, a comprehensive study needs to be performed.

HEALTH

Councilman Lisovicz informed the Council that the Mountainside Foundation has started a program entitled Partners in Health which may benefit the Borough.

The workshop session was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.