

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 24th, 2011 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 Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta.

The Minutes of The Annual Meeting that was held on January 3rd, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Workshop Session that was held on January 10th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on January 10th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Planning And Development Director Zichelli from Michael V. D'Errico, State Coordinator, Community Forestry, D.E.P., advising that the New Jersey Forest Service has concluded that Glen Ridge's second 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan meets the standards set forth by the State and New Jersey Community Forestry Council and is approved for 2010 - 2014 calendar year. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Robin Singer, Muriel Klinger and Joan Baumgarten, National Council of Jewish Women, advising of the "Telephone Reassurance Program Information Card" for homebound seniors in Essex County. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Glen Ridge School Superintendent, John M. Mucciolo, thanking Mr. Rohal and Public Works Department for the work done in salting the school parking lots. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Board Of Chosen Freeholder President, Blonnie R. Watson, advising of the 2011 Freeholder Meeting Schedule. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

An Affidavit to Municipal Clerk Rohal from David Worrall, Publisher of The Glen Ridge Paper, advising of the average net paid circulation of The Glen Ridge Paper for the 12-month period ending September 30th, 2010 was 661. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced that the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1544 (Highland Avenue parking restrictions) will be held at the February 14th meeting of the Mayor And Council. No action on this Ordinance will be taken this evening.

Ms. Barbara Brown of 107 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced her concerns regarding parking in the area of the Minnie Lucey School in particular parking by commuters in the area.

Mr. George Peterson of 325 Forest Avenue, Glen Ridge reported that he uses Highland Avenue on the average of once or twice a week and that any parking prohibition would be a hardship for him.

Mrs. Jacqueline Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge, reported that she placed her recycling at the curb last Friday and that it was not picked up. Ms. Yustein stated that the recycling is now frozen to the ground and she asked that a summons not be issued in light of the recurring snow storms.

Mayor Hughes stated that no summonses would be issued.

Mayor Hughes reported that recycling material collection is up significantly and that bulk waste is down.

Mayor Hughes thanked the Gala organizers for putting together a wonderful event for a wonderful cause.

With the advice and consent of The Council, Mayor Hughes nominated Jeffrey J. Theodorou to fill the one year unexpired Councilman term of Yvonne Provost.

No other nominations were forthcoming.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 35 - 11)

AFFIRMING MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT - THEODOROU - COUNCILMAN

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 227)

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Jeffrey J. Theodorou to present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office. (7:45 p. m.)

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: Councilman Lisovicz.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 36 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 228)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the Channel 36 Advisory Committee met on January 19th and that meetings of the Historic

Preservation Committee, Planning Board and Board Of Adjustment will now be shown on Channel 36.

Councilman Lefkovits also reported that any resident wishing to borrow the Channel 36 video camera may do so and then they can have their video shown on Channel 36.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Borough has received a grant from the Energy Efficiency And Conservation Program and that this grant money was used to upgrade the lighting at the Public Works Yard and in the Municipal Complex. The Borough will realize a 30 percent reduction in power when this upgrade is completed.

Councilman Dawson also reported that acrylics have been installed on the inside of the windows at Borough Hall to make the building more energy efficient.

Councilman Dawson reported that thus far the Borough has used approximately 300 tons of salt and that the Borough used 370 tons of salt for the entire season last year.

Councilman Dawson announced that the Jitney fee program is underway and that it is hoped that this will be enough to maintain the Jitney service to the residents.

Councilman Dawson also stated that the Borough has realized a 33 percent increase with the new single stream recycling program and that this has helped reduce the tipping fees for garbage.

Mayor Hughes reminded everyone that all sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

Chief Byron reported that approximately 100 summonses have been issued thus far to violators of this Ordinance.

Councilman Dawson asked everyone to assist any elderly neighbors in clearing their sidewalks and he urged everyone to clear the snow away from all fire hydrants.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 37 - 11)

BOROUGH SURVEYOR - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 227)

Administrator Rohal reported that proposals were requested for this position in November.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 38 - 11)

BOROUGH UTILITY ENGINEER - APPOINTMENT OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 227)

Administrator Rohal stated that this position was also subject to the bidding process.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, thanked the Mayor And Council for the nomination to serve as Councilman.

Councilman Theodorou reported that The Parks And Recreation Committee met earlier and the principle agenda item was that a County permit has been issued to the Borough for the use of the synthetic field at Watsessing Park for Monday - Friday (3 p.m. to dusk) and Saturdays (9 a. m. - 3 p. m.).

Mayor Hughes extended his sincere thanks to County Executive DiVincenzo and to County Liaison Jackie Yustein for all their efforts in getting Glen Ridge this field.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the inaugural meeting of the Shade Tree Commission will be held on Wednesday, January 26th weather permitting.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the State Of New Jersey has extended the date for the introduction of the Budget from February 10th to March 11th and the adoption of the Budget from March 20th to April 22nd.

Administrator Rohal announced that the Jitney passes will be mailed this week and that a grace period of one week has been issued. Jitney pass applications can be found on the web and Borough Hall will be open for the selling of passes on the 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month. The cost for a Jitney Bus pass is \$ 25.00 per month, \$ 20.00 for a book of 10 passes or \$ 3.00 per ride.

Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta reminded everyone that New Jersey Law required all vehicle operators to clear their vehicles of all snow and ice and that this State Law will be strictly enforced.

Chief Byron also reported that 2011 alarm registration forms are available on the Borough's website.

Mayor Hughes reminded everyone that January is dog license registration month and that applications can be found on the web.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, reported that there were numerous sidewalks in his neighborhood that remain unshovelled.

Mr. Rush initiated a lengthy conversation amongst the members of the Council regarding soliciting, canvassing, do not solicit lists, information pertaining to the same on the website, exceptions, soliciting by minors and reporting procedures to the Police.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote;
Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 39 - 11)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 227)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:21 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk