

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Patrick read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Police Lieutenant Faranda.

It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2017 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Councilperson Dawson abstained.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Patrick and The Borough Council from Heather Kobylinski, President, Glen Ridge Community Fund announcing the Annual Fitzgerald's 1928 Lager Run on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Gary Centifonti, M.S., CIH, Environmental And Occupational Health Assessment Program, advising that the 2016 Right To Know Survey is now available online to be completed. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Patrick from Elizabeth Baker and Joan Lisovicz, Glen Ridge Shade Tree Commission, thanking the Mayor And Council for their financial support for the past year and also enclosing the year end report for the year 2016. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Lisa S. Gorab, Esq., advising of Glen Ridge Board Of Education Of The Borough Of Glen Ridge intends to hold a Special School District Election to be held on Tues., March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in regards to the former Central School on High Street. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Councilman Murphy from Meredith Lopez of Willow Street, Glen Ridge asking if anything can be done by the Glen Ridge Council to help immigrants affected by President Trump's new policy regarding federal funding and sanctuary cities. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Deborah E. Collins of 100 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo announced a free seminar being hosted by the County Executive, Board of Freeholders, and The Office of Small Business Development and Affirmative Action on the topic of Estimating Tips for Construction Contractor Workshop. The seminar will be held on Thursday March 2, 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at McLoone's Boathouse Restaurant in West Orange. It will be free of charge but registration is required.

Councilmen Murphy And Lisovicz suggested to Ms. Collins that a meeting be set up with County Executive DiVincenzo to discuss that a walking and bike path be created from Glen Ridge / Montclair to Branch Brook Park in Newark. It was also suggested that a rails for trails be created along the old Boonton rail line.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **35 - 17** )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 53 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **36 - 17** )

**TAX APPEAL - CROSS CLAIM - AUTHORIZING ASSESSOR**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 54 & B )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilperson Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **37 - 17** )

**TAX APPEAL - AUTHORIZING REFUND**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 55 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **38 - 17** )

**TOWING FIRMS - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

( See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 55 )

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that he has received correspondence from a resident via email regarding President Trump's Executive Order pertaining to deportation and suggesting that Glen Ridge become a sanctuary city. Councilman Lefkovits suggested that everyone cooperate with the police and they may not be subject to deportation.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that prior to the snow storm, the DPW roads crew was out cleaning catch basins. Additional crews were replacing faded parking signs and picking up Christmas trees. During the snowstorm on Thursday we had our full staff in working. The Borough roads were completely plowed twice. During the latest icing conditions a small crew came in to salt the roads. We had no major equipment failures or injuries during the cleanup efforts.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, recognized, Megan Giulianelli, Carolee Bol, Eagle Scout Eli Busche, who along with the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scout Troops, and the GRHS Environmental Club handed out recycling flier hangtags door-to-door throughout the Borough.

Councilperson Morrow reported that she has Ordinance No. **1654** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE  
OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE BY  
THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER  
( CHAPTER 11 ) TO BE ENTITLED  
"VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES"  
PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF  
VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES,  
CREDITOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND  
MUNICIPAL POWERS TO REHABILITATE**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Morrow. It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Murphy that Ordinance No. **1654** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilperson Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the last day to register to vote for the upcoming School Board Special Referendum Election is Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The Borough will have expended hours until 9:00 p. m. in order to accommodate any resident who needs to register to vote.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilperson Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk