

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker.

Absent: None.

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from James S. Simpson, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, advising that Glen Ridge will receive funding in the amount of \$ 210,000 for Fiscal Year 2011 Municipal Aid Program. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Michael Russo, Director, Department Of Transportation, advising that the Department Of Transportation is unable to provide a Municipal Aid grant for Watchung Avenue Sidewalks. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Michael Russo, Director, Department Of Transportation, advising that the Department Of Transportation is unable to provide a grant for the Sidewalk Replacement Program. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Deborah E. Collins, Esq. advising that due to work-related obligations it will be necessary to resign her position on The Glen Ridge Board Of Adjustment effective immediately. Mayor Hughes accepted the resignation with regrets and ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Library Director Jennifer Breuer, commending Michael Zichelli for the outstanding assistance he has given the Library in the past sever weeks regarding their technology needs. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Linda von Nessi, Clerk of the Board Of Elections requesting permission to use the Ambulance Headquarters and the Community Center on April 27, June 7<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup> for Election Day purposes. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Charles L. Smith, Director of Government And Regulatory Affairs, Comcast, enclosing a check in the amount of \$ 19,879.00 for the use of municipal rights-of-way by

Comcast during the calendar year 2010. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Verizon advising of the Annual Remittance Statement Franchise Fee for 2010. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Secretary Of State Kim Guadagno advising of the 2011 Campaign Contribution Notice. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Alexander C. Stern, Assistant General Regulatory Council, Public Service Electric And Gas Company, advising of a Petition for an extension of Three Subprogram Components of Its Energy Efficiency Economic Stimulus Program. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Paul T. Fader, Esq., requesting a Resolution granting permission for rights-of-way agreement for Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, Inc. Mayor Hughes ordered the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Andrey Tsimal of 144 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, advised the Mayor And Council of a petition brought to the Bloomfield Board Of Adjustment to erect a cell phone tower on the corner of Broad And Bay Avenue. Mr. voiced his objection to this petition and asked the Council to persuade Mr. O'Boyle to withdraw his petition.

Ms. Gay Overby-Coles, Manager of the Head Start program at the Minnie Lucey School voiced her concerns regarding with the proposed parking restrictions on Highland Avenue and the adverse affect it might have on her employees / teachers.

Mr. Paul DeCicco of 97 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, presented pictures to substantiate the parking problems on Highland Avenue and in front of his home on a daily basis. Mr. DeCicco voiced his support of the proposed Ordinance.

Ms. Maureen Morgan of 24 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that she was opposed to any parking restriction on Highland Avenue and that it would be a big inconvenience to the homeowners.

Mrs. Nancy Scanlon of 97 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that drivers constantly park across of very near to her driveway making it very difficult to get in an out of the driveway. Ms. Scanlon support the adoption of the Ordinance.

Mr. Michael Nelson of 103 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that during the recent snow storms the street was significantly narrowed due to the snow and at time it was impassable. Mr. Nelson suggested that the Council might want to consider restriction parking to only one side of the street.

Ms. Maureen Jane Morgan of 24 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that restricting parking on Highland will only force commuters, etc. to park on Argyle Street and Mead Terrace and that this Ordinance is not the best solution to the existing parking problems on Highland.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that half of the parking spaces in the Hillside Avenue Parking Lot are unused every day and permits are available for purchase as well as on street parking near the train station. Information of parking availability can be found on the Borough's website.

Police Chief Byron-Lagatutta reported that the police usually extend parking courtesy to any resident needing the same for visitors to their residence.

Ordinance No. **1544** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10.32  
PARKING RESTRICTION ON DESIGNATED STREETS**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. With no additional comments forthcoming Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1544** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Council will continue to monitor this situation and that the Council is always open for further discussions.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **40** - 11 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 229 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **41** - 11 )

**FEE SCHEDULE - ADOPTING FOR 2011**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 230, B - K )

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. **1551** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR EMPLOYEES  
OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE REPRESENTED BY  
CWA 1040 AND FIXING THE 2010 MAXIMUM SALARIES AND  
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1551** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. **1552** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO  
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK ( N.J.S.A. 40:A:4-45.14 )**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1552** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **42 - 11** )

**2011 - BUDGET - READING BY TITLE ONLY**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 230 )

Municipal Clerk Rohal stated that after the Municipal Budget is introduced it will be posted on the Borough's website and copies of the Budget can be obtained in the Clerk's Office in Borough Hall and in the Glen Ridge Library.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **43 - 11** )

**DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX - SURPLUS - MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 230 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **49 - 11** )

**RAFFLE APPLICATION - FOREST AVENUE - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 232 )

Ordinance No. **1549** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
CHAPTER 5.16 -  
CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the

Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1549** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1550** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
CHAPTER 1.08 -  
GENERAL PENALTY**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. **1550** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. **1553** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR EMPLOYEES  
OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE REPRESENTED BY  
PBA LOCAL 58 AND THE LIEUTENANTS BARGAINING  
UNIT OF PBA AND FIXING MAXIMUM SALARIES AND  
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1553** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Theodorou voting aye and noes none. Councilwoman Baker recused herself. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **44** - 11 )

**RAFFLE APPLICATION - FOREST AVENUE - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 230 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **45** - 11 )

**LICENSE EXPANSION - MAYFIELD TAVERN**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 231 )

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that he has not received any letter of objection to the license expansion and that this expansion has been advertised in the newspaper twice.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **46** - 11 )

**SOCIAL AFFAIR LICENSE - WOMEN'S CLUB**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 231 )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the snow removal budget is still within budget for the year. Councilman Dawson reported that Public Works has used 700 tons of rock salt thus far and there is about 120 tons still available. In the 2006 - 2007 snow season there was a total of 270 tons of salt used.

Councilman Dawson also announced the streets to be repaved during this summers road project.

Councilman Dawson reported on the on-going Benchmarking Program. This program has been used by the Borough Administration for the past 5 years and it has been very useful.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1554** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS  
FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1554** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. Mayor Hughes referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on a Committee meeting held earlier this evening and the Glen Ridge Pool was the principle agenda item. The volunteers that have been running the pool operation over the years have done a great job but the time has come to restructure the organizational chart and putting the pool operation of the pool in the custody of Recreation Coordinator Cowan.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **47** - 11 )

**BOARD OF HEALTH - MONTCLAIR - SHARED SERVICES**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 231 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 48 - 11 )

**DOG SERVICES - MONTCLAIR - SHARED SERVICES**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 232 )

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that jitney passes will be available for purchase during evening hours at the Train Station on Thursday's February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There have been 189 passes sold for the month of February. Mail purchases or renewals should be sent in at least 10 days before the end of the month to assure receipt by the beginning of the next month.

Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta reminded everyone of the procedures that need to be followed to obtain a canvassers permit and how to get your name on the do-not-solicit list.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, 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. 50 - 11 )

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

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 232 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:44 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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