

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 14th, 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 Lagatutta.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting that was held on February 28th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Workshop Meeting that was held on February 28th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Shivaun Gaines, Director, Montclair State University, advising of a public hearing on the campus on Wed., March 16th to voice concerns specific to education and local governments affected by Governor Christie's proposed FY2012 NJ State Budget. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from William F. Harrison, Jr., Chairman of the Montclair Board Of Adjustment advising of a Board meeting on March 16th to discuss a variance for proposed construction of an enclosed entranceway at 312 Linden Avenue, Montclair. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Borough Forester Stephen Schuckman, resigning from his position with the Borough effective immediately. Mayor Hughes accepted the resignation with regrets and ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter Mayor Hughes that was sent to the New Jersey Senate and Assembly from Michael E. Restaino, Executive Director, North Jersey District Water Supply Commission, voicing opposition to proposed Legislation which would subject all actions of the N.J.D.W.S.C. which is not part of the of the Executive Branch of State Government. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

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. 58 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

Councilman Patrick gave a summary of the proposed budget prior to the introduction of the 2011 Budget Resolution.

Councilman Patrick reported that this year's budget decreases annual appropriations from \$11,924,982.96 to \$11,891,657.70, a reduction of \$33,325.26. Even with a reduction in expenditures, the tax levy for 2011 increases \$295,413.06 or 3.2% due to revenue reductions. Municipal expenditures have decreased by \$334,583.79 since 2008.

The 2011 Municipal Budget presented indicates an estimated 2011 Local Municipal Tax Rate of \$0.6714 per \$100 of assessed valuations compared to \$0.649 in 2010. The increase in the tax rate is 3.5%. The difference between the levy and rate percentage is due to loss of assessed valuations. The assessed valuation for the Borough decreased by \$4,210,518 last year and \$23,777,277.00 since the 2008 revaluation.

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General Revenue - (local revenues, state aid & surplus) decreased \$328,752.43 from 2010. Most significant reduction was in surplus which was used in previous years to compensate for loss of state aid. Although state aid will be the same as 2010 (\$399,541.00), it has decreased \$360,519 since 2007.

The largest cost driver in the 2011 budget is Pension Contributions which increased \$121,370 or 16%. The 2011 pension contribution will be \$889,722.

A public hearing on the 2011 Budget is scheduled for the April 11th Council Meeting. A detailed review of the proposed budget will precede the public hearing. The Budget is scheduled for adoption at the April 25th Council meeting.

Councilman Patrick stated he look forward to hearing from the public at the April 11th public hearing or by email at budget@glenridgenj.org.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available in Room 102 in the Municipal Building, the Library as well as Borough's web page.

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. 59 - 11)

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET - INTRODUCTION

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 238)

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilman Patrick for his detailed explanation and the Mayor stated that this was the budget only and the public hearing on the 2011 Municipal Budget will be held in April. Mayor Hughes stated that copies of the budget will soon be available to the public and the Mayor encouraged public participation in the budget process.

Councilman Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1555 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2011 MAXIMUM ANNUAL 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. 1555 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 Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. 1556 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9.12
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND DECENCY**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1556 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 Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the activities of the Department: the vehicles and the snow removal equipment remains in good shape after a very difficult winter thanks in part to the preventative measures that were taken; street signs are being replaced or repaired; pot holes are being repaired and catch basins are being cleared; storm debris is being

picked up; bulk pickup of white goods has resumed; parks are being cleaned up and prepared for the spring activities; and, new water meters are being tested during the overnight hours for any leakage.

Councilman Dawson also reminded the residents that the Public Works Yard is open to accept recyclables on the second Saturday of each month.

Administrator Rohal advised Councilwoman Baker that the Public Works Superintendent has been directed to put the no parking signs back at the intersection of Ridgewood Avenue and Snowden Place.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, presented a field status report for the Borough's fields. Hurrell Field is in need of some work, i.e., some soil testing and some top soil and seeding. Councilman Theodorou reported that the new drainage system at Hurrell has been very effective.

Councilman Theodorou reported that Carteret Park is in good shape but that some sod will be needed.

Councilman Theodorou stated that Forest Avenue Field will only need some general maintenance and the Sherman Avenue Field will be graded and raked.

Councilman Theodorou advised that a contract has been signed with the same vendor that the Borough used at the Freeman Tennis Courts last year and that their work was very satisfactory.

Councilman Theodorou reported that new safety netting has been installed at Watsessing Park to protect pedestrians from being hit by stray lacrosse balls and that the County has been very responsive and helpful to the Borough requests for field usage.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Theodorou, 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. 60 - 11)

CLARKTON - FIELD MAINTENANCE - CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 239)

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that Spring leaf pickup will be done between April 3rd and the 16th and he reviewed the procedure for leaf collection.

Administrator Rohal reported that the new water meters have revealed that 12 percent of the residents with the new meters have some degrees of water leakage.

Administrator Rohal announced that the next meeting of the Mayor And Council will be on March 28th and that it will be Student Government Day in the Borough.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reminded all residents with residential house alarms to register or re-register their alarm on or before April 15th.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 61 - 11)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 239)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 7:59 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk