

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 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, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: Council President Lefkovits.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta and Planning And Development Director Zichelli, III.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes Elaine Becker, Community Outreach, Lackawanna Coalition, advising to the Borough's membership is due and asking the Borough to appoint a resident to represent Glen Ridge on the Lackawanna Coalition. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Richard Wolowicz, Borough Arborist, from Alexander J. McCartney, New Jersey State Forestry Services, advising that the Glen Ridge Borough's third 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan meets the standards set forth by the State Forestry Council and is approved for 2015 calendar year. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Hughes opened the meeting for comments of the public.

Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, appeared before the Mayor And Council with greeting from the County Executive and to drop off flyers pertaining to the annual Cherry Blossom Festival activities in Branch Brook Park including a bike race, 10K run, family day and Bloomfest. Mrs. Yustein also brought an Essex County brochure that included a guide to events, activities and facilities in the Essex County Park System.

Mayor Hughes asked Mr. Yustein to relay to County Executive DiVincenzo the Borough's need for the County to plant more trees along Ridgewood Avenue.

Councilman Murphy reported that the County has added many trees to the landscape in Brookdale Park.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 56 - 15 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 136 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 57 - 15 )

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCTION - 2015**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 137 )

Borough Administrator Rohal read into the record a prepared statement pertaining to the 2015 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Glen Ridge continues to deliver a very high level of service despite a significant reduction in state aid.

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1627 entitled:

**CHAPTER 3.04 - CLAIMS AGAINST THE  
BOROUGH AND TO REPEAL CHAPTR 2.48 -  
PURCHASING BOARD**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1627 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow 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 on the following D.P.W. activities; crews have been out cleaning up, removing debris and repairing traffic signs, now that the snow has been melting; and, temporary patching material to fill potholes is being used until the weather warms.

Councilman Dawson requested that residents use the Service Request Center found on the Borough website to report pot holes. The Service Center can be found on the Borough's website.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 58 - 15 )

**WATER FEES - ESTABLISHING**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 138 & 138-A )

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, provided a report on the Borough's usage of the county parks and fields. He stated that due to the weather conditions this year field maintenance has not just begun but is expected to begin this week.

Councilman Murphy reported that a drainage expert has been retained to assist in bringing a solution to drainage problems on the Sherman Avenue Field.

Councilman Murphy also reported that the pool house project is on target to open as scheduled on Memorial Day weekend and the Freeman Tennis Courts are being prepared to opening for the season soon.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Morrow and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 59 - 15 )

**ATHLETIC FIELDS - MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 138 - A )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Murphy, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote;  
Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 60 - 15 )

**POOL FEES - ESTABLISHING FEES**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 138 - A )

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that Mountainside Hospital will hold a Redevelopment / Rehabilitation Investigation Neighborhood Meeting on Tues., March 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the process and implications of an area in need of redevelopment or rehabilitation. Notices of this meeting can be found on the Borough website and neighbors living within two hundred feet of the area in question will received a notice directly.

Councilwoman Morrow also reported that the Planning Board met last week to continue discussions regarding changes to zoning and lot requirement sizes in R-1 zones along Ridgewood Avenue.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the introduced Municipal Budget will be posted on the Borough's website and copies will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Spring flushing program will start on March 31<sup>st</sup> and that the testing of fire hydrants will also done at this time.

Administrator Rohal also reported that Stanziale Construction has started the road construction project on Essex Avenue. This project will also include sewers and curbing. Residents will be advised of project construction in their specific area on a block by block basis.

Administrator Rohal also advised that the Ridgewood Avenue sewer project should be completed within a week.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that the members of the Police Department have all be trained in the use of NARCAN that will reverse the affects of heroin and other narcotic medicines / overdoses.

Chief Byron also reported on the unexpected passing of Michael Woods, a per diem dispatcher in the department. Chief Byron reported that Mr. Woods was a great addition to the department and that he brought over 20 years of communications expertise to Glen Ridge.

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

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:08 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk