

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 11th, 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 March 28th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

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

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Glen Ridge Congregational Church, expressing his gratefulness to the Glen Ridge Police and the Montclair Fire Department for their quick response to an electrical fire on Saturday, April 2nd. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal (original sent to Bloomfield Municipal Clerk Louise M. Palagano) fro Wayne J. Forrest, Executive Director, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners, responding to several concerns and cost savings to municipalities served by the sewerage system brought by the Governing Body of the Township Of Bloomfield. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A Resolution adopted by The Mayor And Council of The City Of Newark requesting that the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners return the cost savings to the municipalities served by the sewerage system. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A notice sent to Administrator Rohal from The Township of Montclair, Planning Board, advising of a public hearing on April 11th for a minor subdivision to subdivide an existing lot into two building lots at 429 Orange Road, Montclair. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Chuck Chiarello, President, New Jersey League Of Municipalities, requesting support for Municipal Priority Funding in New Jersey. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from P.S.E.&G. announcing a series of public hearings pertaining to a proposed rate increase. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from the N.J.D.E.P., Recycling and Planning advising of the 2011 Recycling Poetry Contest for writers in grades 4 - 6 to contribute poems to be showcased in the 2012 recycling calendar. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be forwarded to the Board Of Education.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, advised the Mayor And Borough Council of a potential hazard at the intersection of Baldwin Street and Forest Avenue due to an over-growth of vines.

Mayor Hughes reported that the Public Works Department would look into the matter.

Essex County Liaison, Jacqueline S. Yustein, brought greetings from County Executive DiVincenzo and she reported on the on-going events in Branch Brook Park supporting the annual Cherry Blossom Festival; a photography workshop on April 15th, Bloomfest on April 17th and a lecture series entitled "Bagels and Blossoms" everyday from 8:15 - 9:00 a. m.

Mayor Hughes advised Mrs. Yustein that Glen Ridge is resurrecting the adopt-a-tree program in Glen Ridge and asked that if the County has any information they could share with Glen Ridge it would be very much appreciated.

Mayor Hughes suspended the regular order of business to accommodate a public hearing on the introduction of the 2011 Local Municipal Budget. (7:43 p. m.)

Councilman Patrick presented the 2011 Municipal Budget using a PowerPoint presentation which is attached and made part of the minutes. The presentation is available at -

<http://www.glenridgenj.org/pdfs/2011BudgetCompatibilityMode.pdf>

Councilman Patrick reported that it is hoped that the Mayor And Borough Council will be able to adopt this Budget in May and not August as has been done in previous years.

Municipal Clerk Rohal read the following statement:

Mayor, this is the time for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget for 2011. The amendment was advertised, as required, on March 31, 2011, together with notice of hearing for this time.

Upon completion of Councilman Patrick's comments Mayor Hughes opened the meeting for questions from those in attendance.

With no questions forthcoming it was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that the Public Hearing be closed. 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 resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (8:02 p.m.)

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilman Patrick for his excellent budget presentation.

Councilman Patrick extended his thanks to Borough Administrator Rohal for his assistance in putting this presentation together.

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. 67 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 243)

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. 68 - 11)

ESTABLISHING JITNEY FEES - ANNUAL

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 244)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 69 - 11)

WATER RATES - ADOPTING SCHEDULE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 244)

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1558 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ON-STREET
PARKING AND PARKING PERMIT FEES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. 1558 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. 1559 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 Dawson that Ordinance No. 1559 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 70 - 11)

GAMES OF CHANCE - APPROVING RAFFLE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 245)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the next edition of "Town Talk" will be available on the Borough Website before the end of month.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, gave the following report: the sprinkler systems at all fields have been tested and they are all operational; 1,000 square feet of sod has been laid at Carteret Park; drainage at the Municipal complex has been repaired; the floor in the children's Library has been repaired; new windows have been installed in the storage building at the town yard and the new front-end loader has been put into service.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, announced that the Freeman Tennis Courts have been opened for the season and that the Courts are in great shape. Councilman Theodorou also announced that 40 players have already registered to use the courts.

Councilman Theodorou reported that there is some work that needs to be done to the site improvements and to the restrooms at the Courts.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that the 175 feet of safety netting has been installed at Watsessing Park to protect pedestrian traffic from injury.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the sand at mid-field at Hurrell Field has been removed and replaced with top soil.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that a series of environmental related activities will be presented leading up to Earth Day on April 22nd.

Councilwoman Baker announced that the Glen Ridge Public Library will be holding a paper and book shredding fundraiser in the high school parking lot on April 23rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Councilwoman Baker reminded everyone of the annual Eco-Fair and Arts Festival on Saturday, May 7th.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the 2011 Local Municipal Budget will be posted on the Borough's web page by the end of the week and that the tax increase per household will be less than previously announced.

Mayor Hughes extended his sincere thanks to Kate Patrick for organizing and managing the neck-tie fundraiser to benefit a needy student in the Borough.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 66 - 11)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 245)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:19 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk