

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

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

Absent: Councilpersons Hughes and Murphy.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron - Lagatutta.

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate the swearing-in of Police Officer Michael High. (7:31)

Municipal Clerk Rohal called upon Officer Michael High to present himself to The Clerk for the purpose of subscribing to the Oath Of Office.

Municipal Clerk Rohal administered the Oath to Officer High.

Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business. ( 7:35 )

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2016 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Lisovicz Lefkovits and Dawson voting aye and noes none. Councilwoman Morrow abstained.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Patrick from Richard T. Hammer, Acting Commissioner, Department Of Transportation, State Of New Jersey, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded \$ 240,000. From the N. J. Department Of Transportation 2016 Municipal Aid Program for Various Streets. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Jean Codey Durkin, CTA, Tax Administrator, Essex County Board Of Taxation, advising that the Board has established a percentage of one hundred percent as the ration of assessed to true value of real property as the ratio to be used within the County Of Essex for the calendar year 2016. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Mark Vlazny, Superintendent of the Essex County Division Of Environmental Affairs, enclosing a packet of important mosquito control information and a list of most commonly used pesticides being used in county control operations. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick reported that he met with N. J. Transit officials last Wednesday regarding the construction of a new staircase on the westbound tracks at the Ridgewood Avenue station. Transit officials

reported that pre-fab stairs are being made and should be delivered to N. J. Transit within a week and the project should be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **63** - 16 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 237 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **64** - 16 )

**WATER RATES - ESTABLISHING 2016 FEES**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 238 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **65** - 16 )

**GAMES OF CHANCE - LINDEN AVENUE & MEADOWLANDS**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 239 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. **66** - 16 )

**FORESTRY PROGRAM - DESIGNATING ARBOR DAY**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 239 )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the crews have been working at the town yard to make it more efficient and repairing equipment where it is necessary.

Councilman Dawson also reported that since it was a relatively minor winter there is a good supply of brine and salt at the yard for next winter.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1641** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE  
GRANTS FUNDS FOR VARIOUS  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ( Roads )**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1641** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

Councilman Lisovicz reporting for Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the recreation program is getting its full use at the newly renovated Washington Field.

Councilman Lisovicz also reported that the preparation work is underway for the planned renovation work is about to start at Carteret Park. The renovation will include drainage work, playground equipment replacement and work on the ball fields.

Councilman Lisovicz announced that application for summer work at the pool are now open and that you can now apply on-line as well as purchase your membership on-line also. Councilman Lisovicz also stated that the new renovations at the pool are looking great.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that both Glen Ridge and Montclair are reviewing comments that were made at the last joint Planning Board meeting regarding the Mountainside Hospital redevelopment plans.

Councilwoman Morrow announced that the next joint meeting to receive joint comments and to keep plans moving forward is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the Montclair Fire Department.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Glen Ridge Rotary Club will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and that the Club will be donating 6 elm trees to the Borough and that the Boy Scouts would be planting the trees in The Glen.

Municipal Clerk also announced that the semi-annual clean sweep of The Glen and Glenfield Park will take place on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta thanked the Mayor And Council for the swearing-in ceremony held earlier this evening for Michael High.

Ms. Deborah Dine of 6 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge presented a petition to the Mayor And Council that was signed by 20 Laurel Place residents requesting that the west end of Laurel Place be closed to traffic.

Mayor Patrick presented a summary position of the Council regarding Laurel Place; 1. the recent traffic study that was done in the area was flawed and invalid and will not be considered going forward; 2. another study will be done when conditions are considered to be more normal; 3. cannot and will not do anything regarding traffic flow on Laurel Place until the next traffic study is done and if it is warranted; 4. Traffic flows may have to be considered if plans go through with the redevelopment plans on Baldwin Street. Any and all alternatives will be considered before any plans to close off Laurel Place occur. It is unlikely than anything be addressed or considered regarding Laurel Place for at lease a year.

Councilman Lisovicz stated that all issues must be completed before Laurel Place issues can be addressed. The recent Bay Avenue construction project had a direct and adverse affect on Laurel.

Councilman Lisovicz assured Ms. Dine that any study and / or plans will be shared with the Laurel Place residents.

Councilwoman Morrow reported that the Council must also deal with Mountainside Hospital and site plans have to be received and reviewed and traffic study and flows along with traffic direction have to be reviewed.

Councilman Dawson reported that the Baldwin Street redevelopment plans are nowhere near finalized.

Administrator Rohal reported that there are on-going discussions with Montclair officials regarding traffic signals on Claremont Avenue and Pine Street.

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 7:57 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk