

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 26th, 2010 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Council President Seyffarth led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Council President Seyffarth read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Council President Seyffarth, Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson and Baker.

Absent: Mayor Hughes and Councilman Lisovicz.

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

The Minutes Of The Regular Meeting that was held on April 12th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from James P. O'Grady, Kiwanis Club Parade Committee Chair, offering the services of the Kiwanis in coordinating the Borough's 2010 Memorial Day Parade And Ceremony. Council President Seyffarth referred the correspondence to the Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Mark Callazzo of 14 ½ Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge advising that he is applying for a variance to construct a new home and tearing down the existing one. Council President Seyffarth referred the correspondence to the Board Of Adjustment.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Kenneth A. Underwood of 926 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, voicing his strong reservations, specifically to the choice of color for the window trim on the (black) on the Municipal Complex and requesting that it be painted the traditional light color. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge thanked the Mayor And Borough Council and Chief Byron for their service to the Borough and he also discussed parking at the Minnie Lucey School.

Administrator Rohal reported that the parking plan for the Minnie Lucey School was constructed with Planning Board approval and that the plan for the parking lot can't be changed without the Planning Board's review and approval.

Council President Seyffarth reported that she was happy to have Boy Scout Troop 255 in attendance for this evenings meeting.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairwoman of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Borough is in receipt of a \$ 10,000. Clean Communities Grant from the State.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 71 - 10)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 145)

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson, that permission be granted to the residents of Midland Avenue to conduct their annual block parties on June 19th and September 6th, 2010. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none.

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reminded everyone that the application deadline for a Film Fund Grant is Friday, April 30th.

Councilwoman Provost also announced that the annual Glen Ridge Arts Festival and Eco-Fair will be held on Sat., May 8th.

Councilwoman Provost thanked the many volunteers from Channel 36 for the television broadcasts of Glen Ridge events.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and the following agenda items were discussed: capital programs and projects, the water meter replacement project, the Bloomfield Avenue paving project, the paving of Linden Avenue, Highland Avenue extension, Wildwood Terrace, Rudd Court, Highland Avenue, Roswell Terrace, Sherman Avenue, Inness Place, Oxford Street, Oakwood Avenue and Yantecaw Avenue this summer (funded by a Department Of Transportation Grant), curb replacements, the exterior work on the Municipal Complex including the window repair and painting, the Municipal Building parking cut-out on Bloomfield Avenue, interior painting of the Administrators office, the computer wiring upgrade, Hurrell Field restoration project and the testing of the new drainage at the Field, a security test of the Borough's computer system and the replacement of Borough's water meters that will begin in approximately two weeks.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 72 - 10)

RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 146)

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that an eyesore at Clay Field has been landscaped with shrubbery and colorful plantings by Ron Lang and will be maintained by Ron at no cost to The Borough.

Councilwoman Baker reported that with the single stream recycling system implemented in the Borough that recycling has increased 40.8 percent and that the tipping fees have been significantly reduced.

Councilwoman Baker announced that the Eco-Fair on Sat., May 8th will be an educational opportunity for one and all thanks to the Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee. There will be demonstrations on the very simple things that can be done at home to help the environment. Home Depot will also be present to assist in the demonstrations.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **73** - 10)

ARBOR DAY - DESIGNATING

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 146)

Councilwoman Baker reported that a study by the Borough arborist states that our trees are in trouble and that many of our maple trees and majestic oaks might not survive. Councilwoman Baker asked all residents to assist the Borough in maintaining all our trees.

Administrator Rohal announced that the County Of Essex will be sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 1st and a Computer And Electronics Recycling Day on May 15th.

Administrator Rohal also announced that applications have been submitted to the Planning Board for outdoor seating by both Smashburger and the Ice Cream Store and applications have also been submitted for a 24 hour ATM at PNC at Glenmont Square.

Administrator Rohal also reported that an application has been received from 117 - 119 Glen Ridge Avenue requesting that condo's be permitted at that address.

Administrator Rohal reported that 30 volunteers participated on Saturday in the Clean Ocean Clean Sweep in The Glen.

Acting Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta urged all drivers to use caution and safety when driving in areas that children are walking, especially now that the spring season is here.

Acting Police Chief Byron also reported that April's crime report showed a slight rise in burglaries to home and garages in the Borough. Chief Byron reminded everyone that if they see anything suspicious to please call the Police

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 74 - 10)

MEMORIAL DAY - AUTHORIZING - VOLUNTEERS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 147)

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, reported on some problems and confusion that he has experienced with the new single-stream recycling program.

Mr. Rush also reminded everyone that the Friends Of The Library will be conducting a book sale at the Library on Sat. May 8th and that book donations are always welcome. Mr. Rush reported on the Governor's state aid cuts to our libraries and he stated in light of these cuts the service at the Library is incredible. Mr. Rush urged everyone to support our Library.

Council President Seyffarth thanked the Boy Scouts in attendance for attending tonight's Mayor And Council Meeting.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello thanked the Department Of Public Works for their assistance in fixing a water leak at Freeman Gardens.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Provost, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 75 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 147)

Council President Seyffarth declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:11 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk