

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 6th, 2013 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 (7:45 p. m.) and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, April 22nd, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Joan Codey Durkin, CTA, Tax Administrator, Essex County Board Of Taxation, advising that the County Board has established the percentage of 100 % as the ratio of assessed to true value of real property within the County. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from James P. O'Grady, Parade Committee Chair of the Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge offering their services in coordinating the Borough's 2013 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 27th. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Engineer Sanjeev Varghese, P.E., P.P., advising of the County's 2013 Roadway Resurfacing Program that will start by mid-May that includes Ridgewood Avenue from Watchung Avenue to the East Orange line. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Ms. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo, announced that the County is sponsoring a computer / electronic recycling event in Cedar Grove on Sat. May 18th.

Mrs. Yustein also reported that Essex County sponsors and participates in several charity events including a recent Susan G. Komen Cancer walk and an upcoming "Muckfest" on June 15th at South Mountain Reservation.

Ms. Karen M. Palm of 430 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, addressed The Mayor And Council on the possibilities of putting a port-a-john at the Forest Avenue Field.

Councilman Theodorou reviewed the history of the many attempts to find a suitable solution to this issue that will please all.

Councilman Theodorou reported that compromise has been very difficult to come by with approximately 80 percent happy with any given solution and 20 percent unhappy.

Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council discussed several possible proposals of remediation amongst themselves and Mrs. Palm.

Mayor Hughes presented a Proclamation recognizing the life of Bruce Ernest Ferguson and thanking and commending him for his contributions to the Borough Of Glen Ridge for 34 years.

The following was introduced by Councilman Patrick, 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. 68 - 13)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 186)

The following was introduced by Councilman 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. 69 - 13)

TAX OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 187)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the Public Safety Committee met this evening and reviewed the Safe Routes to School initiative.

Administrator Rohal reported that the repaving of Ridgewood Avenue from Watchung Avenue to the East Orange line is expected to begin in mid-May and that the Department Of Transportation grant for the repaving of Essex Avenue will be done in 2014.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1591 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADD
CHAPTER 8, SECTION 30**

(Firewood Storage)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. 1591 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 Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1592 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CHAPTER 12, SECTIONS**

12.12.20 AND 12.12.030

(Sidewalk Repairs)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. **1592** 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 Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. **1593** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL
CHAPTER 12, SECTION 24.020**

(Driveway Exceptions)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. **1593** 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 Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that the work on the skating rink at Carteret Park is about to start and that the repair would should last about a week. It is possible that the Park may have to be closed for a time during this construction period. Councilman Theodorou thanked the G.R.A.A. for funding approximately 2/3rd's of this project.

Councilman Theodorou reported that pool registrations are up about 20 percent over 2012.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reminded everyone that the annual Eco-Fair and Arts Festival is on Saturday, May 11th rain or shine.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the next meeting of The Mayor And Council will be on Monday, May 20th and that it will be "Student Government Day" in the Borough.

Borough Attorney Malyska presented his reflections on the contributions of former Councilman Bruce E. Ferguson both as a Councilman and as a member of the Board Of Education.

Mr. Matthew DeLuca of 11 Highland Avenue, Glen Ridge, questioned some of the proposals in the newly introduced Ordinance 1591 pertaining to the storage of firewood on residential property.

Mr. DeLuca's questions and concerns were addressed by Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal.

It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that this meeting be adjourned. 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 declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:19 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk