

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 24th, 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 and Police Captain Wohlgemuth, Jr.

The Minutes Of the **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, June 10th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

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. **84 - 13**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 195)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that he has seen Verizon trucks around Borough Hall and he wondered if FIOS was being installed.

Administrator Rohal reported that Verizon was in the process of installing FIOS at Borough Hall and throughout the Borough but there are issues involving 911 and Channel 36 that are holding up the installations and there are still pockets in the north and south ends that have no service. FIOS installations was to have been completed in January 2011.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following activities of the D.P.W. crews: aided the Board Of Education in prepping for graduation; performed some final detail work at the Glen Ridge Community Pool to get the pool fully functional for the full time season; preparing for the annual Lager Run by patching pot holes, setting out the barricades, tables, tents and other race related gear; clean-up activities today after the Run; and, a crew was assigned to clean-up the rear yard of 2 Freeman Parkway, Glen Ridge as a result of a complaint made at the last Council meeting.

The following was introduced by Councilman Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 85 - 13)

CAPITAL PROJECTS - RIDGEWOOD AVENUE - ESSEX COUNTY

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 196)

Mayor Hughes reported that the good news of the day is that the County has started the repaving project of Ridgewood Avenue.

Administrator Rohal reported that the work on Ridgewood Avenue started today and additional handicapping of curbing at crosswalks due to changes in the standards pertaining to handicap ramps at intersection along with crosswalk repairs and extensive drainage work must be completed before the actual repaving can begin. Mr. Rohal further reported that the commencement of work on this project was delayed until school was out for the year and that this project was a top priority of the County. Actual paving should begin in 2 to 3 weeks.

Mayor Hughes reported on conversations he had with officials from Montclair and Bloomfield to get the Ridgewood Avenue extension north of Watchung Avenue completed.

Mayor Hughes reported that there were over 1,300 runners in the annual Lager Run and that there about 1,150 runners that finished the race. The race produced no major health issues.

Mayor Hughes sincerely thanked race coordinator Dan Murphy, the volunteers from the Community Fund (the beneficiary of the proceeds from this race), Fitzgeralds and staff, Boiling Springs Bank, Park Avenue Associates, the many sponsors, the Department Of Public Works, the Department Of Public Safety, Michael Rohal, Michael Zichelli and staff and the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad.

Mayor Hughes and Councilman Lefkovits also thanked the folks that had water stops along the race route especially the little girls on Forest Avenue.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, announced that the Community Pool is now officially open for the season 7 days a week and thanks to Deputy Administrator Zichelli there is now WIFI at the pool.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that 16,000 square feet of sod was put down at both the Forest Avenue and Carteret Fields. Councilman Theodorou reminded everyone that there will no goal sports permitted on these fields and that only baseball and softball will be permitted.

Councilman Theodorou announced that the Recreation Committee will be starting a new track program that will run on Thursday's from July 8th to August 5th from 6 to 7:30 for 4th through 8th grade students.

Councilperson Theodorou reported that he has Ordinance No. 1594 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2013 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND**

OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Theodorou. It was moved by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1594** 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.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that it was a great pleasure to report on the progress of the safe route to school project.

Councilwoman Baker stated that she never realized the concerns that parents had when their children were walking to and from school.

Councilwoman Baker that there has been a great response from the town and she thanked Marva Torchio and former Montclair Mayor Jerry Fried for their input in this ongoing project.

Councilwoman Baker reported that a drop-off zone for south bound students going to Ridgewood Middle School have been established on Wildwood Terrace and a drop-off zone on Clark Street for north bound is being discussed. Additional guidelines will be implemented by September.

Councilwoman Baker reported that walk / bus and bike days have proven to be very popular and walking route maps are being developed by Captain Wohlgemuth. These routes will be police designated routes and monitored by the police.

Councilwoman Baker also reported that there will be a campaign to eliminate jay walking in front of the middle school and also to eliminate the use of the driveway at the middle school as a cut through to High Street.

Councilwoman Baker also reported that drop-off zones at the Forest Avenue School are in the works and that these zones will eliminate the dropping off of students in front of the school. The new drop-off zone will be on Forest Avenue below the driveway to the school.

Councilwoman Baker also hopes to eliminate the nightmare at Glen Ridge Parkway and Stonehouse Road with this new proposed drop-off zone. It is also hoped that with Bloomfield's assistance crosswalks can be painted at the intersection of Glen Ridge Parkway and Stonehouse Road.

Councilwoman Baker thanked Forest Principal Mike Donovan, Debbie Fitzpatrick as well as staff, parents, Captain Wohlgemuth and Administrator Rohal.

Councilperson Baker reported that she has Ordinance No. **1595** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

CHAPTER 10 (Stop Signs)

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. It was moved by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1595** 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.

Mayor Hughes thanked Councilwoman Baker for her very detailed report.

Administrator Rohal reported that there will be a pre-construction meeting on Thursday to discuss the repairs that will be made to the Clark Street bridge. This project will take approximately 4 - 6 months to complete and it is hoped that it will be done by January 2014.

Police Captain Wohlgemuth reported that the coordination between Public Safety and Public Works during the Lager Run was fantastic.

Captain Wohlgemuth reported that the nixle system is up and running and urged everyone to sign up for this in order to get all text and email alerts.

Captain Wohlgemuth also reminded everyone that the annual Sunset Classic race is this Thursday in the north end of the Borough. Residents should expect road closures and traffic delays.

Councilwoman Baker reported that a senior citizen outreach system is being established to those seniors that may not have access to computers or cell phones to receive any specific alerts. This outreach system may also include personal visits being made.

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz 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 8:30 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk