

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, August 12th, 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, July 8th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes Of the **SPECIAL** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, July 30th, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A notice to Mayor Hughes from Richard Loveless, Acting Manager, Department Of Transportation advising of an executed agreement by the Department Of Transportation for Essex Avenue Municipal Aid Program in the amount of \$230,000.00 and advisement that the award of this project must be made no later than December 14th, 2014. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Governor Christie advising that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department Of Transportation 2014 State Aid programs; Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeways and Safe Streets To Transit. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Administrator Rohal from Sanjeev Varghese, County Engineer, advising that the County intends to rehabilitate the Clark Street Bridge over Toney's Brook. Construction is expected to commence on or about September 13th. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Daniel D. Saunders, Administrator, Department Of Environmental Protection, Historic Preservation Office, advising that a boundary increase of the Glen Ridge Historic District (Boundary Increase # 2) in Glen Ridge was entered into the New Jersey Register Of Historic Places. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal advised the Mayor And Council that the 2013 Consumer Confidence Report Certification Form for the Community Water System (Borough Of Glen Ridge) was mailed on June 28th, 2013. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Administrator Rohal from Frank J. Rossi of Boswell Engineering, advising of an application for a Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit and Freshwater Wetlands General Permit are being submitted to the State Of New Jersey for the replacement of the Hoover Avenue Bridge in Bloomfield. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and Administrator Rohal from Maria Marchione-Novoa of 955 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, advising that her family is seriously concerned about a possible future installation of artificial turf at Hurrell Field and the negative health impact of many of the chemicals involved. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and the Borough Council from Kathy Kogut of 48 Herman Street, Glen Ridge, asking that the Council consider excluding crumb rubber infill on any Referendum so Glen Ridge knows what they are voting for. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge, read a prepared statement regarding the health issues pertaining to artificial surfaces.

The following residents addressed the Mayor And Borough Council on various issues both for and against installing an artificial surface on Hurrell Field, usage, drainage, artificial vs. grass, environmental issues, funding, safety, alternatives, prior referendum, the Rutgers study, crumb rubber vs. grass, divisive issues and referendum options: Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street, Robin Fields of 21 Sommer Avenue, Kathy Kogut of 48 Herman Street, Sujana Chandrasekhar of 312 Forest Avenue and a member of the Glen Ridge Board Of Health, B. Capra of 38 Herman Street, Jeff Egan of 460 Ridgewood Avenue, Lynn Berkowitz of 195 Midland Avenue and Nancy McMahon of 205 Ridgewood Avenue.

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick to suspend the Regular Order Of Business to discuss possible amendments to Resolution No. 100 - 13. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. (9:02 p. m.)

At the conclusion of all comments Councilman Lisovicz presented the following Resolution.

The following was introduced by Councilman Lisovicz, 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. **87-A - 13**)

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(9:09 p. m.)

The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p. m.

Mayor Hughes advised those in attendance of purpose of the Council's adjournment to "Closed Session".

The following was introduced by Councilman Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote;

(Councilman Theodorou read this Resolution in its entirety)

After a lengthy discussion among the members of Council the following Motion was presented to amend this Resolution.

It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Resolution No. 100 - 13 be amended as follows:

PUBLIC QUESTION #2

Should the Borough of Glen Ridge install at Hurrell Field an artificial turf field with other than historically conventional crumb or crushed rubber composition at an estimated cost of between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000 (with the possibility that actual costs may be more or may be less), funding a substantial portion of said costs from contributions, and paying the balance by using the Capital Improvement Fund or through the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes?

The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote: Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none.

The following vote was for the amended Resolution: Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou, Baker and Mayor Hughes voting aye and noes none:

(Resolution No. 100 - 13)

REFERENDUM - ARTIFICIAL TURF - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to accommodate a Public Hearing on a 2013 Municipal Budget Amendment. (10:18 a. m.)

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced the following: Mr. Mayor, this is the time fixed for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget Amendment for 2013. The amendment was advertised, as required, on August 8th, 2013, together with notice of a hearing for this time.

Printed copies have been made available to the public. A supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Mayor Hughes stated that anyone one who has not secured a copy of the Budget Amendment may now do so.

Mayor Hughes stated that before opening this hearing I wish to outline the procedure. Each person desiring to be heard will rise and give his or her name and address before speaking. I will recognize one speaker at a time, in order of rising, as nearly as I can determine. Address all questions to the Chair; where necessary they will be referred to individual members of the Borough Council, Municipal Officials or our advisors. Questions must be confined solely to the municipal budget amendment before us; school or county matters are not proper subjects of this hearing and cannot be discussed or answered here tonight. I now declare open the public hearing on the Municipal Budget Amendment for 2013.

Mayor Hughes observed no further questions from the floor, and he entertained a Motion to close the hearing.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that this budget amendment primarily was related to FEMA reimbursement, a 5 year Super Storm Sandy reimbursement that will be made early, shade tree replacement and a 911 telephone upgrade.

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that the 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.

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. **88 - 13**)

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 1)

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. **89 - 13**)

2013 BUDGET - ADOPTING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 1)

(The following Resolutions (**90 - 99 - 13**) are a part of the Consent Agenda):

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. **90 - 13**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **91 - 13**)

AUDIT - ACCEPTANCE OF - 2012

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **92 - 13**)

TAX OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **93 - 13**)

TAX JUDGEMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **94 - 13**)

RAFFLE - GAMES OF CHANCE - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **95 - 13**)

CLARK STREET LOT - EASEMENT - ESSEX COUNTY

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **96 - 13**)

SEWER REHAB PROJECT - AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **97 - 13**)

ANIMAL PLEDGE - ADOPTING COMPANION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **98 - 13**)

TREES - PRUNING - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

(Resolution No. **99 - 13**)

TREES - REMOVAL - AWARDING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 20)

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, updated the Council on the on-going Ridgewood Avenue milling and paving project that is being done by the County.

Administrator Rohal reported that the concrete work on Ridgewood Avenue is completed and a formal report on the sewer project on Ridgewood Avenue will be due in about two weeks.

Mayor Hughes reported on the beautiful donation of three trees on Ridgewood Avenue made by Bob and Joan Hayes in the memory of Mayor's John VanZoeren and Donald Bourne and Councilman Bruce Ferguson.

Borough Administrator Rohal reminded everyone that there will be a special primary election tomorrow to fill the vacant seat of the late Senator Lautenberg.

Police Captain Wohlgemuth reported on the very successful annual Night Out on August 6th and he thanked the Pool Committee for the use of the pool facility.

Captain Wohlgemuth also reminded residents to leave lights on and to lock all doors.

It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick 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 10:28 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk