

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 8th, 2014 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

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

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

Present: Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou.

Absent: Mayor Hughes.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska, Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta and Planning And Development Director Zichelli.

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, August 11th, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Governor Christie announcing that applications will now be accepted for the New Jersey Department Of Transportation's 2015 State Aid programs. Programs include; Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeways and Safe Streets To Transit. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker, urging the Mayor to consider participating in the Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homeless by 2015 and to ensure that all who have served have permanent housing by the end of next year. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

An adopted Resolution sent to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council by the Bloomfield Township Council asking for support of Assembly Bill A-900 that calls for loosening restrictions on stream cleaning. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from New Jersey Transit advising of various public hearings throughout the State to discuss programs pursuant to Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Public Service Electric And Gas advising of a petition of Public Service to continue its energy efficiency economic extension program on a regulated basis. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Joel Torres, Senior Coordinator, Alcohol And Drug Abuse Prevention Team, inviting members of the Council to become active members on the Policy Committee to help

advance their important initiatives. Council President Theodorou ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Council President Theodorou reported that the Borough has contracted with a new recycling vendor and the former vendor, Blue Sky, has closed their operation. Council President Theodore reported that the only major changes is that the new vendor does not accept plastic bags.

Council President Theodorou also announced that Mountainside Hospital will be holding a neighborhood meeting on September 10th in the hospital auditorium to discuss plans for the nursing home. The Glen Ridge Planning Board is not part on this hospital meeting.

Mr. Donald Schwab of 22 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, voiced his objections to Ordinance No. 1618 (parking restrictions on Hillside Avenue) and he called this new parking restriction a major inconvenience. Mr. Schwab asked the Council to reconsider the Ordinance.

Council President Theodorou and Councilman Lisovicz reported that this Ordinance was discussed at three different public meetings and that a supporting petition was presented with signatures of the affected residents.

Police Chief Byron stated that permits can be issued to Hillside Avenue residents and their guests and that extended parking permission can also be approved by the Police.

Mr. Gabriel J. Nardella of 16 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, stated that he signed a petition against the Ordinance but it wasn't forwarded to the Council. Mr. Nardella stated that has been away and unable to attend any prior Council meetings.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge, and Essex County liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo brought greetings from the County and she reminded everyone of the 9-1-1 remembrance ceremony at the Eagle Rock Reservation at 8:30 a. m. on September 11th. Mrs. Yustein thanked the Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club for their co-sponsorship of the ninth annual Essex County Wellness Day at the Codey Arena in West Orange on September 23rd.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. **120** - 14)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 71)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. **121** - 14)

TAX / WATER REFUNDS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 72)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. 122 - 14)

TAX APPEAL - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 73)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that the Public Safety Committee met earlier this evening and the Committee received a report from the Ambulance Squad. The Squad currently has about 50 active members and if you include the student members from the High School there are 70 members. There are approximately 20 students working on their certifications.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that there will be an open house at the Public Safety complex on Sat. October 11th.

Councilman Lisovicz reminded everyone that the Glen Ridge P. B. A. Local 58 will hold a 9-1-1 memorial service at the Community Center on Sept. 11th at 5:15 p. m.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following Public Works activities: field preparation for fall sports; yellow curbing and crosswalks around the schools were inspected and touched up as needed; tree maintenance around the school was completed; Bloomfield and Glen Ridge officials have completed the design for the reconstruction of Essex Avenue. Bids for the Essex Avenue project will be done soon and the construction will begin in the fall; High-Tech Trees was awarded the tree removal project of 38 trees; the Shade Tree Commission is putting the final touches on the fall planting program that is calling for approximately 100 trees being planted; the Glen Ridge Shade Tree Master Plan is 90 percent completed and the final draft will be sent to the Mayor And Council very soon.

Councilperson Dawson reported that he has Ordinance No. 1619 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR
VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND EQUIPMENT**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Dawson. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Patrick that Ordinance No. 1619 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote;

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. Council President Theodorou referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. 123 - 14)

2015 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM - APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 73)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. 124 - 14)

D & L PAVING - CONTRACT - TOWN YARD

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 74)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none.

(Resolution No. 125 - 14)

SURPLUS PROPERTY - ONLINE AUCTION - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 74)

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on the following; Pool House project will be going to bid shortly and it is hoped that construction will begin in October; bids on the George Washington Field will be going out very soon and work on this project will be starting in late October; the Clay Field project is nearly completed and easy access to the field can be made from all entry gates.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the Town Pool is now closed for the season and that this has been the best pool season ever.

Councilman Theodorou thanked the G.R.A.A. for the new scoreboard on Carteret Field.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the planned floor project at the Community Center has been delayed but that it should be completed in October. Councilman Theodorou announced that the Community Center will be painted next summer.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that he plans on attending the Hospital meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p. m. to hear the report on their plans for the Hospital's School Of Nursing.

Councilman Murphy also reported that there is no new information pertaining to the Wells Fargo Bank site and that it is possible the site will not be re-developed.

Borough Administrator Rohal presented the latest financial revenue reports pertaining to the Town Pool and how they compared to the year 2013.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta thanked all residents and volunteers for making the annual National Night Out event on August 5th a great success.

Chief Byron also reported that violent crimes and burglaries are down approximately 28 percent in Glen Ridge as compared to the same period last year.

Chief Byron also reminded everyone that the Glen Ridge P.B.A. will be holding a 911 memorial ceremony at the Community Center on September 11th at 5:15 p. m.

Mrs. Lynn Scott of 9 Roswell Terrace, Glen Ridge, thanked the Council for allowing her to present her report and views pertaining to the Hospital's School Of Nursing and how any potential change would affect her neighborhood.

Mrs. Scott commented on a report about the Hospital that was published in the Montclair Times in regards to information supplied by Hospital officials to the governing bodies of Glen Ridge and Montclair.

Council President Theodorou assured Mrs. Scott that this Council has no secrets about any proposed building plans at the hospital.

Mrs. Scott thanked the Council for all their help to this point.

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

Council President Theodorou declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:16 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk