

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 13th, 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: Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth.

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 August 9th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of The Executive Session that was held on July 12th, 2010 were approved as submitted.

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Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that he is receipt of 8 requests to close the following streets for the purpose of conducting neighborhood block parties: Cambridge Road, Stephen Street, Harvard Street, Douglas Road, Midland Avenue, Inness Place and Willow Street. Council President Seyffarth referred the correspondence to the Public Safety Committee.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Elizabeth Soo Hoo Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, requesting that correspondence that she sent to the Mayor in August be read in full at a Council meeting and put on the Borough's website. The letter addresses issues with power outages and P.S.E.G. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the letter can be found, in full, on the Borough's website.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from The Emily Fund requesting that a Resolution be adopted proclaiming Dating Violence Awareness Month and/or Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Council President Seyffarth ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge, brought greeting from County Executive DiVincenzo and she reported on the grand opening of a new 19 hole mini golf course on September 15th and in collaboration with the Kiwanis Club there will be a Family Resource Day event.

Mr. Norman G. Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, questioned as to whether or not his wife letter (read earlier as part of correspondence) was ever read and printed in full on the Borough's website.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the letter was put on the Borough's website in its entirety last Thursday or Friday.

Councilwoman Seyffarth, Chairperson of The Finance And Administration Committee, reported that the Committee met earlier to review year-to-date budget figures. Councilwoman Seyffarth reported that the budget spending plan for the year is on target. Councilwoman Seyffarth also reported that the Governor's Best Practice Checklist is being worked on by the Committee and Administrator Rohal and the Borough should be able to meet the goals required by 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. **127 - 10**)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 176)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, 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. **128 - 10**)

ATTENDANCE POLICY - COUNCIL AND BOARDS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 177 & B)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, 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. **129 - 10**)

OVERPAYMENTS - REFUNDS - TAX AND WATER

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 177 - B)

Ordinance No. **1536** entitled:

**THE FOLLOWING TITLES FOR EMPLOYEES OF
THE GLEN RIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WERE
ESTABLISHED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE GLEN
RIDGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, WITH MAXIMUM
ANNUAL SALARIES OR SALARIES AND OTHER
COMPENSATION FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Seyffarth declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Seyffarth declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1536** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none.

Council President Seyffarth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 130 - 10)

APPOINTMENTS - SAFETY COORDINATORS

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 178)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 131 - 10)

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATION - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 178)

It was moved Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost that permission be granted to the residents of Thomas Street, Cambridge Road, Stephen Street, Harvard Street, Douglas Road, Midland Avenue, Inness Place and Willow Street. to conduct their annual block parties on the dates and times as stated in their respective correspondence to the Mayor And Council. The motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote: Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following Municipal projects: The exterior of the Municipal Building is substantially complete, the Linden Avenue paving project and the Yantecaw Avenue sewer project.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 132 - 10)

ACE TREES - TREE REMOVAL - AUTHORIZING CONTRACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 178)

Ordinance No. 1535 entitled:

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

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Baker. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Seyffarth declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Seyffarth declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1535 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Baker and Council President Seyffarth voting aye and noes none.

Council President Seyffarth declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Dawson reporting for the Parks And Recreation Committee reported and reviewed the senior programs that take place at the Community Center including: yoga, exercise classes, transportation to the ShopRite. Councilman Dawson also reported on the after-school programs at the Community Center.

Councilman Dawson also reported on the very successful season at the Freeman Tennis Courts and that membership for the season was up.

Councilman Dawson stated that the Summer Recreation Program also realized an increase in participation for the season with as many as 175 children attending and he thanked Recreation Coordinator Cowan for putting together a worthwhile program.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. **133** - 10)

SUSTAINABLE LAND USE - ADOPTING PLEDGE

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 179)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. **134** - 10)

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY - GREEN TEAM

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 179)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, 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. **135** - 10)

GLEN RIDGE - ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 18)

Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough is in receipt of the Governor's Best Practice Survey that is a survey / review of Borough operations. Mr. Rohal stated that there are 88 questions and that 76 questions must be answered with an affirmative response or there will be a reduction in state aid. Mr. Rohal reported that so far the Borough has answered 81 questions affirmatively. Mr. Rohal stated that he was disappointed that there were no questions on the survey relating to benchmarking which was a program undertaken by the Borough in 2006.

Council President Seyffarth reported that she was disappointed that there were no questions on survey relating to shared services.

Administrator Rohal reported that the survey is worded in such a way that a yes answer to one question is a no answer to another question so therefore it is impossible to get 100 percent for a completed survey.

Police Chief Byron - Lagattuta complimented and thanked all parents and the school for the successful re-opening of the schools. Chief Byron reminded everyone on the no tolerance policy when it comes to pedestrians and children in the crosswalks. Chief Byron also reminded everyone that parking in or on a crosswalk is a violation of State statutes and that it is being strictly enforced.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 136 - 10)

FILMING HOURS - EXTENDING - 88 OXFORD STREET

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 181)

Ms. Sydney Young of 74 Midland Avenue, Glen Ridge commented on Ordinance No. 1536 - Library Salary And Wages. Ms. Young called the wage being paid to part-time Library aids insulting.

Councilman Patrick reported that the Ordinance that was adopted was effective as of January 2010 and that this Ordinance was based on recommendations received from the Library Board Of Trustees.

Council President Seyffarth reported that the calendar year of the Borough is from January to December although the budget is not adopted annually until July or August of each year.

Mr. Norman Marnell of 7 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge, stated that in his opinion the signage at the crosswalks of Bloomfield And Ridgewood Avenue's are confusing.

Administrator Rohal reported that the County has recently upgraded the crosswalk indicators by adding timers to the indicators.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge spoke briefly on the merits and service of the Kiwanis Club in Glen Ridge.

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. 137 - 10)

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

(See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 18 - 181)

Council President Seyffarth declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk