

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 26th, 2011 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, Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta and Planning And Development Director Zichelli.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Workshop Meeting that was held on September 12th, 2011 were both approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Tavia Daneh, Education Coordinator for Pollution Prevention, advising that the 26th Annual Fall Beach Sweep will be held on October 22nd at Toney's Brook at Woodland Avenue. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Municipal Clerk Rohal from Essex County Executive DiVincenzo announcing that the County will conduct a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, October 1st and a Computer And Electronics Day on Saturday, October 15th at the County's Fleet Maintenance Garage in Cedar Grove. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and the County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo offered her sincere thanks to the Kiwanis Club for their support of her Special Child Welfare Program that is held annually at the Turtle Back Zoo. This event is also partnered with the Kiwanis Key Club volunteers.

The following was introduced by Councilperson 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. 134 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 11)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, commended and thanked Chief Byron and the Public Safety Department for their preparedness and response for and during Hurricane Irene.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the major clean-up from Hurricane Irene is completed. Councilman Dawson thanked both the Borough's Arborist and the Code Enforcement Officer for their storm related efforts. Councilman Dawson reported that

permit fees were waived and that all streets were opened by Sunday. There were no reported storm injuries.

Councilman Dawson thanked the members of the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad for having a crew at the squad headquarters for the duration of the Storm.

Councilman Dawson announced that the road budgets have been approved by both the County and the State for road and curbing repairs on Hillcrest Road, Evergreen Court, Wells Court, Summit Street, Clark Street, Outlook Place, Ridley Court and Snowden Place.

Ordinance No. **1568** 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 Dawson. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance had been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Hughes declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou that Ordinance No. **1568** be finally adopted. 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 Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. **135 - 11**)

EMERGENCY CONTRACTS - HURRICANE IRENE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 12)

Mayor Hughes offered his sincere thanks to the Public Works and Public Safety Departments, Administrator Rohal and Deputy Administrator Zichelli for all their work before, during and after the hurricane.

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that there was severe damage done to the field in Watsessing Park and that it is hoped that the repairs to the field will be completed so that the boys and girls home soccer games can go on as scheduled. Councilman Theodorou thanked Essex County officials for their quick response to the field damage.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that the bathrooms in the clubhouse at the Freeman Tennis Courts will be upgraded very soon.

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

Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 136 - 11)

POOL BOND - AUTHORIZING REFINANCING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 12)

Councilperson Theodorou reported that he has Ordinance No. 1569 entitled:

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH
OF GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF
ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN POOL UTILITY
BONDS OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING
\$ 625,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE BY THE BOROUGH OR REFUNDING
BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
OF NOT EXCEEDING \$ 625,000 FOR
FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Theodorou. It was moved by Councilperson Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Baker that Ordinance No. 1569 be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, 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, Chairperson of The Planning And Development Committee, stated for the record that there has been no dissatisfaction with the health and animal control services that were offered by the Township Of Montclair over the duration of the contracts that will soon be expiring. Councilwoman Baker reported that the Borough will realize a 12 percent savings, along with additional health services, i.e., social workers on staff, home visits, mental health evaluations, neighbor-to-neighbor programs through their Division Of Human Services.

Councilwoman Baker further reported that the new animal control contract with Bloomfield will save the Borough \$ 4,000 and will provide among other things, Saturday services and stray dog drop-off at the shelter 24 hours a day - seven days a week.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 137 - 11)

BOARD OF HEALTH - BLOOMFIELD - SHARED SERVICES

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 13)

Councilwoman Baker encourage all residents to reach out to the Borough's very qualified Board Of Health with any concerns and to attend the Board's meeting's on the 3rd Monday of each month.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Baker, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none: (Resolution No. 138 - 11)

ANIMAL CONTROL - BLOOMFIELD - SHARED SERVICES

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 13)

Administrator Rohal urged all residents to go to the Borough's website under the "what's new" category and register with FEMA for their Hurricane Irene damage.

Police Chief Byron reported that the Borough has experience a recent rise in thefts from vehicles and she urged everyone to keep their vehicles locked at all times.

Chief Byron also reported that the Borough has seen an increase in door-to-door soliciting and that residents are encouraged to ask all solicitors for their Police Department issued soliciting permits and if there is any questions about the solicitors to call headquarters and have them investigated.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Theodorou and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Theodorou and Baker voting aye and noes none. (Resolution No. 139 - 11)

DUMP TRUCK - AUTHORIZING PURCHASE

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 14)

Councilman Dawson also commended the workers at the Freeman Tennis Courts for their hurricane preparedness.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported a damaged catch basin in the area of 277 Baldwin Street.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, 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. 140 - 11)

ADJOURNMENT -

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 14)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:03 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk