

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 14th, 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 and Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Workshop Meeting that was held on October 24th, 2011 were both approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting that was held on November 7th, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Phyllis A. Dailey of 201 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge on behalf of The Glen Ridge Golden Circle, thanked the Mayor And Council for the services provided to the Golden Circle from the Borough Council. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Daniel D. Saunders, Department Of Environmental Protection, Natural And Historic Resources, advising that the Application for Project Authorization, for the Glen Ridge Railroad Station Platform Stair Replacement Project is technically and professionally complete and sufficient and that the project appears to conform to standards. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Bethany J. O'Toole, Fiscal Officer, Essex County Utilities Authority, advising of the 2012 Tipping Fee Rates for processible, non-processible and commercial waste. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Amy Cradic, Assistant Commissioner, Natural And Historic Resources, inviting federal, state, county and municipal governments to apply to the Green Acres Program to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail facilities. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Alan M. Lambiasi of 60 Gray Street, Glen Ridge, advised the Mayor And Council of a potential safety hazard of Gray Street due to the on-going P.S.E.&G. pole replacement project. Mr. Lambiasi cited the significant distance between poles under the new proposal that he feels will bring the potential for greater safety hazards.

Mayor Hughes advised Mr. Lambiasi that there is an Ordinance on tonight's agenda that will address this issue and required P.S.E.&G. to advise the Borough prior to making any changes and justification for the same. P.S.E.&G. must also abide by local law.

Administrator Rohal reported that P.S.E.&G. must abide by State Statutes.

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. 152 - 11)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

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

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. 153 - 11)

TAX REFUND NOTE - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 21 & 21-B)

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. 154 - 11)

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION - TAX REFUNDS

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 22 & 22-B)

Councilperson Patrick reported that he has Ordinance No. 1572 entitled:

**REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
PAYMENT OF AMOUNT OWING TO OTHERS FOR
TAXES LEVIED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF
GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX,
NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$ 282,000
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF \$ 282,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1572 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.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 155 - 11)

TAX REFUNDS - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 23)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, 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. 156 - 11)

BODY ARMOR - AMENDING BUDGET

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 23)

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, stated that Administrator Rohal has been in touch with P.S.E.&G. officials and that they must be held accountable in that they must make contact with the Borough prior to any work being done.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, 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. 157 - 11)

UNCLAIMED BIKES - AUTHORIZING DONATION

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 24)

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, reported that the latest edition of Town Talk went out on this date and that this edition contains many new features including a video about recycling that was done by children from the Ridgewood Avenue Middle School.

Councilwoman Baker reported that funding for this video was provided by the Borough's Film Fund.

Mayor Hughes reported on the memo he had sent to residents about the damage the Borough experienced during the October snow storm. Mayor Hughes reported that damage estimates are at \$ 200,000 and rising. Mayor Hughes stated that there has been two sweeps of the Borough to pick up brush / branches and the final sweep will be made this week. Mayor Hughes stated that the Borough will now concentrate on removing dangerous trees and hanging branches. Mayor Hughes further stated that fortunately there were no injuries and no major structural damage and that F.E.M.A. has declared 13 counties disaster areas and that this declaration might entitle us to some funding.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the postponing of Halloween from Monday to Friday was very well received by the residents and that it was a great idea in view of the downed electrical wires and tree branches and power outages.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the Borough's streets were plowed and salted during the October snow

storm and that some Public Works employees stayed overnight during the storm.

Councilman Dawson also reported that D.P.W. Supervisor Bartlett and the Borough's Arborist, Wolowitz have inspected the Borough trees and that three vendors were hired to assist the Borough in the removal of trees, branches and limbs.

Councilman Dawson reported that the slightly weather delayed road project should be finished this week.

Councilman Dawson thanked the Township Of Montclair for their shared service assist in a water main break on Forest Avenue.

There was a brief discussion among the members of the Council pertaining to the leaf collection, grass clippings, pick-up days and bio-degradable collection bags.

Mayor Hughes congratulated Councilman Dawson and Councilman Theodorou on their re-election to the Borough Council.

Councilman Theodorou thanked all the voters who voted in the General Election on November 8th.

Councilman Theodorou reported that the Borough fields weathered the October snow storm very well except for the damaged batting cage on the Forest Avenue Field and some fallen tree branches.

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**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Theodorou. 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 Theodorou, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1569** 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.

Councilman Lisovicz congratulated the Glen Ridge High School Boys Soccer team and their coaches for winning, 2nd year in a row, the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1 Soccer Championship.

Ordinance No. **1570** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

CHAPTER 17 -

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (Pods)

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. 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 Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1570** 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.

Ordinance No. **1571** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

CHAPTER 12 STREETS,

SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

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. 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 Baker, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1571** 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.

Mayor Hughes read and presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Glen Ridge to Mr. Weinstein.

Administrator Rohal reported that the annual Turkey and Food Drive and the Kiwanis / Key Club clothing drive will be held this Sat., November 19th.

Councilman Dawson reminded everyone of the annual Ashenfelter 8 K race on Thanksgiving morning. Councilman Dawson said the race committee is in need of adult volunteers on race day.

Police Captain Wohlgemuth reminded all commercial landscapers that they must register with the Police and comply with the requirements in the Borough's Ordinance.

Mayor Hughes suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the first of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program. (8:28 p. m.)

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that CDGB money can be used to serve low to moderate income population as well as seniors and the disabled. Applicants are required to present their proposals in a

public forum. The Council reviews the proposals and presents a Resolution ranking the applications. The applications are then sent to the Essex County Office of Housing and Community Development for final review. The Essex County office will then announce the grant awards. The notice of the award date has not yet been established.

Municipal Clerk Rohal asked that any applicants come forward at this time and present their proposal. There being no proposals from the floor at this time the first public hearing was closed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal announced that the second CDBG hearing will be held on Monday, November 28th.

Mayor Hughes resumed the Regular Order Of Business. (8:33 p.m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. **158** - 11)

ADJOURNMENT -

(See Resolution Book No. 18 - Page No. 18 - 24)

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:35 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk