

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou.

Absent: Mayor Hughes and Councilmen Patrick and Lisovicz.

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

The Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Council President Theodorou reported on the very successful Ashenfelter 8 K race that was held on Thanksgiving. Council President Theodorou stated that approximately 3,200 runners participated in the event that benefited the Glen Ridge Education Foundation.

Council President Theodorou thanked the Department Of Public Safety for their efforts in making this a safe and secure event and he thanked the Public Works crews for all their work in clearing the snow from the streets and he thanked the many volunteers, i.e., The Kiwanis Club, The High School Sportsman Club, The Girls Club and Councilman-Elect Daniel Murphy for coordinating the event.

Council President Theodorou also thanked the staff at the Glen Ridge Public Library, The Friends Of The Library and The Gaslight Players for their efforts and hospitality in sponsoring the annual tree lighting ceremony that was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council President Theodorou suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program. ( 7:35 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 second public hearing was closed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the administration will be submitting requests for additional barrier free enhancements, handicap crosswalk ramping and road projects.

Council President Theodorou resumed the Regular Order Of Business. ( 7:38 p.m. )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. ( Resolution No. **153 - 14** )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 96 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. ( Resolution No. **154 - 14** )

**BUDGET TRANSFERS - AUTHORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 97 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. ( Resolution No. **155 - 14** )

**BUDGET BALANCE CANCELLATION - AUTORIZING**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 98 )

Ordinance No. **1621** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR  
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE  
2015 MAXIMUM SALARIES AND OTHER**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lefkovits. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Theodorou declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Theodorou declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Lefkovits, seconded by Councilperson Morrow that Ordinance No. **1621** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. Council President Theodorou declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1618** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
CHAPTER 10.32 PARKING  
RESTRICTIONS ON DESIGNATED  
STREETS**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Morrow. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Theodorou declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance.

Mr. Ari Kast of 23 Hillside Avenue, Glen Ridge, asked how the three hours parking limit would be established and was this the best times that would eliminate commuter parking.

Council President Theodorou stated that there has been considerable deliberations on behalf of the Council and these are the hours that the Council felt would work the best. Council President Theodorou did say that if for some reason this did not work, then the Council could always amend the Ordinance at any time.

With no further comments forthcoming Council President Theodorou declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1618** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. Council President Theodorou declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilperson Morrow reported that she has Ordinance No. **1622** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND  
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STREETS**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Morrow. It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1622** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow 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.

Councilman Lefkovits, Chairman of The Community Affairs And Public Relations Committee, commented on the new recycling guidelines and he asked Administrator Rohal about resident compliance with the new regulations.

Administrator Rohal reported that the recycling changes were sent to all homeowners and information can be found on the Borough's website. Mr. Rohal urged all to abide by the new guidelines and he said that the better the compliance the better the rate.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported that the crews spent several days preparing for the Ashenfelter 8 K race and even had to clear the streets and sidewalks of snow on Wednesday night before the race.

The crews also spent times clearing leaves from the parks and cobble stone gutters, the catch basins and blew out the sprinklers and removing the sports equipment from the fields.

The paving of the town yard has been completed and 103 trees have been planted in conjunction with the Shade Tree Commission. The sewer lining project is moving along and should be completed this winter.

Councilman Dawson reminded everyone that the week of December 15<sup>th</sup> is the final week for curb side leaf pick up.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Morrow and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. ( Resolution No. **156 - 14** )

**CDBG GRANT APPLICATION - SUBMISSION**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 98 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lefkovits and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Lefkovits, Dawson, Morrow and Council President Theodorou voting aye and noes none. ( Resolution No. **157 - 14** )

**CHANGE ORDER - DPW YARD CONSTRUCTION**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 99 )

Councilman Theodorou, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that Friday Night Recreation is underway with grades 3 & 4 attending the first session and grades 5 & 6 attending the second session. You must sign-up each week that you want to attend and you will not be admitted if you don't sign up.

Councilman Theodorou also reported that work on the George Washington Field and at the Town Pool has begun and that daily work on these two projects will depend largely on the cooperation of the weather.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that there are vacancies on both the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Committee and interested candidates will find volunteer applications on the Borough's website that can be completed and returned to Administrator Rohal.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Township Of Bloomfield will be awarding the bid for the Essex Avenue paving, curbing and drainage project on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the project is expected to proceed through the winter months.

Administrator Rohal also reported that on December 9<sup>th</sup> he will be holding a "note sale" and that it is expected that the Borough will realize a 50 percent cut in its obligations and this will be the first time in 3 years that the Borough did not have to declare a special emergency.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta thanked the Council for attending the promotion ceremony, held earlier, for Ptl. Sims.

Chief Byron reported on the successful annual Candy Cane Dance that was held recently. Chief Byron talked about the security training of our officers who attended and the mandatory meeting that is required for all students who attend the event.

Chief Byron encouraged the assistance of all residents to be the eyes and ears of the Police Department when it comes to suspicious people in our neighborhoods no matter how minor they think occasion may be.

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

Council President Theodorou declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk