

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 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 Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance; Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Magnier.

The Minutes Of The Adjourned Meeting that was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of The Annual Meeting that was held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Administrator Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Hughes from Tavia Dancy, Pollution Prevention Coordinator, Clean Ocean Action, advising that the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beach Sweeps will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 60 locations along New Jersey's coast and waterways. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Administrator Rohal reported that he is in receipt of the Public Works report from Superintendent Weisenbach for the Public Works Department for the month of December 2009. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Borough Engineer Rohal from Glen M. Bronstein of 475 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge voicing his concern of the lack of adequate and safe lighting on Avon Place between Forest and Ridgewood Avenue. Mayor Hughes ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, reported that the new garbage contractors are doing a great job.

Mr. Brian Garrison voiced his opinion and stated his case as to why his company should be awarded the water meter bid contract to replace all water meters in both residential and commercial properties in the Borough. Mr. Garrison felt that a small over-site on his part was not reason enough to reject the bid.

Mayor Hughes stated that both he and the Council will rely on the legal opinion of both Engineer Rohal and Attorney Malyska.

Mrs. Jacqueline Yustein, Essex County Liaison to County Executive DiVincenzo reported that the County Executive's "State Of The County"

address will be delivered on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and all are invited to attend.

Mrs. Yustein announced that there will be "geese peace" training seminars presented for the protection and prevention of wild geese. These seminars will be held at the Environmental Center in Roseland on February and March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Nancy Everitt, aid to Congressman Pascrell, wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year on behalf of the Congressman and stated that the Congressman stands ready to assist the Borough whenever possible.

Mr. Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge, congratulated Councilwoman Baker for her efforts regarding the new recycling material being collected and he stated that he hoped to learn more tonight on the Hurrell Field renovation project.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 12 - 10 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Hughes and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 13 - 10 )

**CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF**

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

( The following Resolutions ( 14 - 30 - 10 ) are a part of the Consent Agenda )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Seyffarth, seconded by Councilperson Dawson and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 14 - 10 )

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES - INVESTMENTS**

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

( Resolution No. 15 - 10 )

**DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES - FOR 2010**

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

( Resolution No. 16 - 10 )

**INTEREST - ESTABLISHING RATE - 2010**

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

( Resolution No. 17 - 10 )

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SUNSHINE**

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

( Resolution No. 18 - 10 )

**POSTING LEGAL NOTICES - SUNSHINE**

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

( Resolution No. 19 - 10 )

**MEETING NOTICE FEE - ESTABLISHING - SUNSHINE**

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

( Resolution No. 20 - 10 )

**OFFICIAL OFFICE HOURS - BUSINESS - 2010**

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

( Resolution No. 21 - 10 )

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS - DESIGNATING**

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

( Resolution No. 22 - 10 )

**VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS - BOROUGH INSURANCE**

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

( Resolution No. 23 - 10 )

**ROHAL, MICHAEL J. - PAIC INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

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

( Resolution No. 24 - 10 )

**TAX ATTORNEYS - MEYNER AND LANDIS - 2010**

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

( Resolution No. 25 - 10 )

**LABOR ATTORNEYS - APRUZZE, McDERMOTT - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 26 - 10 )

**McMANIMOM & SCOTLAND - BOND COUNSEL - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 27 - 10 )

**LAURIA, JOHN - AUDITORS - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 28 - 10 )

**BACHSTADT, ROBERT - FINANCIAL CONSULTANT - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 29 - 10 )

**FIRST MOUNTAIN ARBORICULTURE - FORESTER - APPOINTING**

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

( Resolution No. 30 - 10 )

**SAFETY & LOSS REPRESENTATIVE - APPOINTING**

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

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Provost and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 31 - 10 )

**HIGH SCHOOL HOME & SCHOOL - RAFFLE - APPROVING**

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

Councilwoman Provost, Chairwoman of The Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that she appreciates the honor of serving as this Committee's chairwoman for the year 2010.

Councilwoman Provost urged all Glen Ridge residents to step up and volunteer to serve on the Borough Committee's and organizations. Councilwoman Provost reported that the theme for this year's Martin Luther King Day Recognition is "service to others".

Administrator / Engineer Rohal reviewed, for the Mayor And Council, the background on the water meter bid procedure.

After a brief discussion amongst the members of the Council the following Resolution was presented.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, 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. 32 - 10 )

**WATER METER BIDS - REJECTING**

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

Councilman Lisovicz stated that the Mayor And Council are governed by law to proceed in the direction of rebidding the water bid project.

Councilman Lisovicz reported the Council is far into the process of finalizing plans with the contractor and designer of Hurrell Field. The Council is seeking to have the drainage repairs made with guarantees from the designer. The plan is to have the work done before baseball season begins and any work to be completed over the summer if need be. Councilman Lisovicz stated that it is hoped that the new design plans will work and that sensitive discussions are on-going.

Councilwoman Baker, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that she will have big shoes to fill as the Committee chair in 2010.

Councilwoman Baker reported that her committee met earlier and that the major topic of discussion was planting and maintenance of Borough trees. Councilwoman Baker reported that the Borough recently planted 75 trees, thanks to a grant in the area of Glen Ridge and Highland Avenues. Councilwoman Baker also reported that her committee is in discussions to create a Shade Tree Commission or a task force to plan and manage our trees.

Councilwoman Baker thanked everyone for their complimentary compliments regarding the new recycling program and she expressed her sincere thanks to Administrator Rohal for all his efforts in bringing about this new recycling contract.

Administrator Rohal reported that shredded paper can now be recycled. Mr. Rohal also stated that it is hoped that in the next 2 or 3 weeks that recycling will also include small scrap metal items and plastic food bags. Mr. Rohal stated that recycling dates are the

same as in prior years, however, recycling is now once a week instead of twice a month.

Administrator Rohal reported that the new garbage contractor is working out very nicely and that the garbage "misses" are down to a few borderline properties.

Mr. Harry Rush of 53 High Street, Glen Ridge, commented on the issue of a turf field at Hurrell and he asked Mayor Hughes to comment on an article in the newspaper quoting the Mayor.

Mayor Hughes stated that in his opinion there is no way out of this field dilemma without access to an artificial surface.

Mr. Patrick Pignatello of 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge reported that the tree at the corner of Glen Ridge and Highland Avenues is a site hazard.

Mr. Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street, Glen Ridge, thanked Mr. Rush and Councilman Lisovicz for their field comments and for the report and work effort at Hurrell Field.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Baker and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Seyffarth, Patrick, Provost, Dawson, Lisovicz and Baker voting aye and noes none: ( Resolution No. 33 - 09 )

**ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

( See Resolution Book No. 17 - Page No. 17 - 13 )

Mayor Hughes declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:23 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

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Municipal Clerk