

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 12th, 2016 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Mayor Patrick led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Patrick read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Mayor Patrick, Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow.

Absent: None.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron - Lagatutta.

It was moved by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 28th**, 2016 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Anthony L. Marchetta, Executive Director, New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, asking that the Borough make available to its residents a fact sheet and application on how to save their homes from foreclosure by applying for financial assistance that is available through New Jersey's Hardest Hit Fund. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Michaelene Miller advising of an attached / executed Indemnity And Trust Renewal Agreement from the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund. Mayor Patrick ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick Suspended the Regular Order Of Business to receive a presentation by Court Appointed Special Master Elizabeth McKenzie regarding Glen Ridge's Affordable Housing. (7:39 p. m.)

Ms. Elizabeth McKenzie discussed in depth the facts, background status and options involved in the Builders Remedy litigation lawsuit the Borough is presently involved in. Ms. McKenzie stated that Glen Ridge is positioned differently and alternatives to meet their obligation are very limited. The ideal settlement for everyone involved can and should be attainable through mediation and therefore it is imperative that the lines of communication remain open. Ms. McKenzie is confident that a proper settlement can be reached. The ultimate housing number that will eventually be given to Glen Ridge will be more than Glen Ridge can handle no matter who declares the number and then Glen Ridge will have to be given or will have to apply for a vacant land adjustment. The vacant land options in Glen Ridge are at a minimum with only the Baldwin Street site and the Glen Ridge Country Club viable options. The only other possible option is if a commercial site should become available. Ms. McKenzie said that the worst case scenario would be if the case does not settle and she suggested that any proposed settlement be supported.

Mayor Patrick reported that in addition to the Borough Council the Borough will be represented this evening by Borough Attorney Malyska, Borough Administrator Rohal and Professional Planner Jeff Janota.

The following Councilpersons and residents questioned Ms. McKenzie and Mayor Patrick and the Borough Council: Councilman Murphy, Cherry Provost of 57 Douglas Road, Peter Herrigel, 42 Glen Ridge Parkway and Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, Borough Attorney Malyska, Councilman Lisovicz, Councilman Lefkovits, indiscernible resident, Liina Broms of 12 Cambridge Road, Jeff Janota, Administrator Rohal, Mayor Patrick, indiscernible Lorraine Street resident, Unanda Bell of 238 Baldwin Street, indiscernible resident, Maureen M. Mcka of 270 Forest Avenue, Mayor Patrick, Raina Bhujle of 30 Forest Avenue, Adam Paytas (?) of 9 Woodland Avenue, Mark Keefe of 307 Ridgewood Avenue, Cherry Provost of 57 Douglas Road, Councilman Hughes and Rebecca Storms - Mitchell of 100 Forest Avenue.

Some of the issues raised and addressed were: tear down of houses, best case scenarios, Builders Remedies precedents, how is a good settlement fashioned, vacant land adjustments, definition of the term vacant land, the timing of public hearings, resolving these issues taking the residents interest first and foremost, prioritizing the residents requests, housing age restrictions, laws protecting the present owners, use of resources, i.e., tax impact, budget effects, public safety, schools, etc., fair share when it comes to taxes, mediation vs. litigation, Borough's benefits from this project, obligations of the builders, present Borough Zoning Ordinances, children concerns in the area when it comes to traffic, traffic, on-street parking, driveway access, George Washington Field safety and proposed Mountainside Hospital Project issues on the area.

Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business.

(9:48 p. m.)

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Program.

(9:54 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 in the north end of town and in the area of the Forest Avenue School.

Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order Of Business.

(9:58 p. m.)

The following was introduced by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none:

(The following Resolutions (133- 16 to 139 - 16) are a part of the Consent Agenda):

(Resolution No. **133** - 16)

CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 26)

(Resolution No. **134** - 16)

TAX OVERPAYMENT - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 27)

(Resolution No. **135** - 16)

TAX APPEAL - AUTHORIZING REFUND

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 27)

(Resolution No. **136** - 16)

2016 BUDGET TRANSFERS - AUTHORIZING

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 28)

(Resolution No. **137** - 16)

2016 BUDGET - CANCELLING BALANCES

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 28)

(Resolution No. **138** - 16)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - APPLICATION

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 29)

(Resolution No. **139** - 16)

PAIC - SAFETY COORDINATORS - APPOINTING

(See Resolution Book No. 20 - Page No. 20 - 29)

Ordinance No. **1650** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY CWA 1040 AND FIXING
THE 2016, 2017 AND 2018 MAXIMUM
SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR
THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Hughes. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Dawson that Ordinance No. **1650** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Ordinance No. **1651** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE
2017 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND OTHER
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Hughes. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Hughes, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1651** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

Councilman Lisovicz reported that he has Ordinance No. **1652** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
REPRESENTED BY PBA LOCAL 58 AND
FIXING MAXIMUM SALARIES AND
OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Lisovicz. It was moved by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Hughes that Ordinance No. **1651** be passed on first reading. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Hughes, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick 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, complimented Borough Attorney Malyska on the thorough and excellent letter that he wrote to the Borough residents regarding the public hearing held earlier.

Councilman Lefkovits also commended Councilman Murphy on the recent discussions he initiated on Facebook.

Councilman Lefkovits complimented the residents who attended this evenings hearing pertaining to the Baldwin Street proposed project.

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Work Committee, reported on the following department activities; clean-up after the Ashenfelter 8K run and prepping for the Borough's tree lighting celebration; preparing the Borough's parks for winter and blowing out the sprinkler systems; removing the gator bags from around the street trees that were planted this season and preparing the winter equipment.

Councilman Dawson also reported that the salt shed is stocked and ready for winter.

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported on the baseball diamond project on Hurrell Field.

Councilman Murphy also reported that the light fixtures at Carteret Park have been repaired and that they look very nice.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the Borough will be budgeting in 2017 for some lighting upgrades on Ridgewood Avenue between Bloomfield Avenue and Snowden Place.

Borough Attorney Malyska stated that the Mayor And Council have made some very incredible / positive decisions in regards to the discussions held earlier this evening.

Police Chief Byron reported that the department will be strictly enforcing pedestrian crossing violations at Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenue's, Darwin Place and Ridgewood Avenue and Ridgewood and Woodland Avenue's during the month of December.

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 10:11 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

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Municipal Clerk