

THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL of the BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE County of Essex State of New Jersey

Monday, March 14, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 60-22

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES** Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2022 the Glen Ridge Mayor and Council adopted Resolution 47-22 which determined that numerous dead and broken branches identified on the privately owned trees located at 150 Ridgewood Avenue, designated as Lot 20 in Block 35 on Borough tax maps, presented a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare and that it was necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare for said dead and broken branches, and to the extent necessary trees, to be removed from the Property; and

WHEREAS, a copy of Resolution 47-22 was served upon the property owner via certified mail, return receipt requested and also by regular mail; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner did not remove said dead and broken branches within 10 days after the service of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works and the Borough Forester reviewed the trees in question and determined that the Borough staff was not capable of removing the trees and for such reason sought proposals for the work to remove the trees and branches, and

WHEREAS, Downes Tree Service, Inc. provided the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of \$5,750.00; and

WHEREAS, Downes Tree Service, Inc. completed the work on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 and the Director of Public Works has certified to the Mayor and Council that the work has been completed in accordance with the scope and cost contained in the proposal submitted by Downes Tree Service, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the certification from the Director of Public Works and finds it correct.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the hazardous tree and branch removal at 150 Ridgewood Avenue is hereby certified in the amount of \$5,750.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the amount of \$5,750.00 shall be charged against the Property and the amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon the Property and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the Property for the calendar quarter immediately following the adoption of this Resolution (i.e., taxes for the calendar quarter commencing April 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022) and said amount shall

bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes (i.e., if not paid by May 10, 2022, interest shall run thereon at the same rate as taxes).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be served upon the property owner via certified mail, return receipt requested and also by regular mail, as soon as convenient after the adoption of this Resolution and that a certificate as to such service be maintained in the records of the Borough.