

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Kinley led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag and read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes. Clerk Miller called the roll.

Present: Councilors Smith, Link, Van Bloom, Moriarty, Landis, and Lance

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Chief Samuelson, Captain Liddy and Attorney Zarate.

It was moved by Councilor Landis seconded by Councilor Link, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, March 27, 2018 be approved as submitted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Mayor Kinley called for the written communications. Clerk Miller presented the following written communications:

A letter to Mayor Patrick from Don Cabrera, Mayor of Wildwood Crest, inviting the Mayor and the Borough to participate in their first annual Crest Best Run Fest, a series of running and walking events taking place on October 6th and 7th. As part of the NY Mayors Wellness Program each Mayor and municipality is encouraged to assemble a team to participate in these events.

A notice from the County of Essex seeking participation in their annual job fair which will be held in May at the Essex County college gymnasium.

Mayor Kinley called for comments of the public. No public comment was made.

Mayor Kinley proclaimed April 8-14 be celebrated at National Library week and read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

WHEREAS, librarians are leaders in their institutions and organizations, in their communities, in the nation and in the world;

WHEREAS, librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well new services that connect closely with patrons' needs;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programing, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries lead in working with diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

WHEREAS, libraries, library boards, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I Lily Kinley, Mayor of the Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council, do hereby proclaim it National Library Week, celebrated April 8-14, 2018. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our library leaders, Libraries Transform.

Mayor Kinley suspend the regular order of business for the 2018 Municipal Budget hearing.

Clerk Miller stated that this is the time for the public hearing on the Municipal Budget for 2018. The budget was advertised, as required, on March 29, 2018, together with notice of hearing for this time. Printed copies have been made available to the public. A supply is here for anyone desiring a copy.

Mayor Kinley directed members of the public to obtain a copy of the budget from the podium.

Councilor Smith stated the 2018 Municipal Budget was introduced at the March 27th meeting of the Mayor and Council. Today, a public hearing will be held to allow residents and other interested parties to comment and express their opinion on the introduced budget.

The introduced budget includes total municipal expenses of \$14,294,808. This budget represents a 2.09% increase to the Municipal Tax Levy, and a 1.65% increase to the Municipal Tax Rate. In addition to the regular municipal budget, the Borough also operates two separate Municipal Utilities. These utilities are self-liquidating and fully funded by user fees. The Water Utility budget totals \$1,582,000 for 2018, and the Swimming Pool Utility budget totals \$455,000 for 2018.

The Mayor and Council will vote on the final adoption of the 2018 Municipal Budget at the April 23rd meeting.

Mayor Kinley stated she would like to outline the budget hearing procedure prior to opening the hearing to the public. Each person desiring to be heard will rise and give his or her name and address before speaking. I will recognize one speaker at a time, in order of rising, as nearly as I can determine.

Address all questions to the Chair; where necessary they will be referred to individual members of the Borough Council, Municipal Officials or our advisors.

Questions must be confined solely to the municipal budget before us; school or county matters are not proper subjects of this hearing and cannot be discussed or answered here tonight.

Mayor Kinley decaled the hearing open to the public. No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Link the public hearing was declared closed.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Councilor Smith, Chair of the Finance Committee explained the responsibilities of the Finance Committee and how the municipal budget operates.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-18

Offered By Councilor **SMITH**
 Seconded By Councilor **LINK**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following **CLAIMS** be approved and WARRANTS be drawn for the same:

CURRENT FUND	\$1,046,362.06
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$9,989.89
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$5,627.46
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$9,744.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$6,442.00
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION FUND	\$0.00

and, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer of The Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to issue the payroll for the Employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the Pay Date of April 15, 2018.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 18

Offered By Councilor **SMITH**
 Seconded By Councilor **LANDIS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that, The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge approve the following rates for the consumption of water in The Borough of Glen Ridge are hereby established and said rates are to become effective April 10, 2018 and subsequent thereto:

For Meter Sizes: 5/8", 3/4", 1"
\$ 37.00 per 1,000 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet
\$ 40.00 per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet

For Meter Sizes: 1 1/2", 2"
\$ 37.90 per 1,000 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet
\$ 41.00 per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet

For All Other Meter Sizes:
\$ 40.80 per 1,000 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet
\$ 42.00 per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet

MINIMUM QUARTERLY CHARGES

1.	5/8" Meter -----	\$ 22.75
2.	3/4" Meter -----	\$ 22.75
3.	1" Meter -----	\$ 25.00
4.	1 1/2" Meter -----	\$ 89.00
5.	2" Meter -----	\$ 133.00
6.	2 1/2" Meter -----	\$ 133.00
7.	3" Meter -----	\$ 316.50
8.	3 1/2" Meter -----	\$ 402.00
9.	4" Meter -----	\$ 504.00
10.	6" Meter -----	\$ 618.00
11.	Fire Protection Service:	
	3" Meter - Fixed Rate per Quarter - -----	\$ 60.00

4" Meter - Fixed Rate per Quarter -----	\$	95.10
5" Meter - Fixed Rate per Quarter -----	\$	112.00
6" Meter - Fixed Rate per Quarter -----	\$	635.00

12. Water Supply Connection (Main to Curb Valve) installation, exclusive of pavement replacement ----- \$ 4,500.00

Pavement replacement cost shall be borne by the property owner and the cost of the same shall be determined by the type of pavement required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Resolution, Motion or Ordinance inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Councilor Link, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported The monthly meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in the police chief's office last Monday, April 2, 2018. Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

In March, the Glen Ridge Police Department investigated 2 assaults, 6 burglaries, 2 motor vehicle thefts, and 10 larcenies. There were 307 summonses issued during the month. Of those, 111 were for motor vehicle moving violations and 26 were for borough ordinance violations. The police desk received 2,763 telephone calls for aid or information, and it answered 110 9-1-1 emergency calls.

In addition, the volunteer ambulance squad responded to 95 emergency calls in March. Of these, 36 were for emergencies within the borough. The remainder were calls for emergency mutual aid in surrounding towns. There were also 12 patient transport calls.

On Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Glen Ridge Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 15th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Glen Ridge Police Department at 3 Herman Street, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, go to www.glenridgenj.org.

This completes the Public Safety Committee report.

RESOLUTION NO. 65 – 18

Offered By Councilor **LINK**
Seconded By Councilor **SMITH**

WHEREAS, It has been determined that there is a need to replace the phone system serving the Municipal Complex; **and**,

WHEREAS, **HUNTER TECHNOLOGIES** of 1709 Route 34, Suite 3, Wall, New Jersey 07727, has a cooperative purchasing agreement with The State Of New Jersey, Division of Purchasing (Contract A80802 to provide and install Avaya phone products; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Borough will enter into a sixty month purchase and managed service agreements with the vendor. Each monthly payment will be **\$1,312.51**, or a five year service and buyout for a total of **\$78,750.60**; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the operating and capital funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey does hereby approve the purchase of a new phone switch, handsets and associated software.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

RESOLUTION NO. 66-18

Offered By Councilor **LINK**
 Seconded By Councilor **VANBLOOM**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., The Mayor & Borough Council approves The Raffle License application for an **ON-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE** submitted by the Meadowlands Area YMCA to be held on June 4, 2018 at the Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028; pending the approval of the background check.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Councilor Van Bloom, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported that this year’s Glen Ridge Eco-Fair will be held on Saturday, May 12th, 10:00am to 3:00pm in conjunction with the 39th Annual Arts Festival. The Eco-Fair will be located on Ridgewood Avenue near the Glen Ridge train station and will feature over 100 exhibitors, live entertainment, food and children’s activities. All residents are encouraged to come learn how to live a more active, health and eco-friendly lifestyle.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-18

Offered by Councilor **VANBLOOM**
 Seconded by Councilor **LANDIS**

**Memorializing the Borough’s Commitment
 To the Goals of the Paris Climate Accord**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include by are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events and adverse impacts on ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey is committed to its future generations of residents as demonstrated by its continuous improvements to the Borough and its facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge acts on this commitment through achieving Silver Status in the Sustainable Jersey program, promoting town-wide recycling, providing jitney service to encourage the use of mass transit and reduce the number of vehicle miles driven, hosting an annual Eco-Fair to educate residents on sustainable practices, developing a community energy aggregation program and conducting energy audits and upgrading municipal and school buildings to reduce energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantages in the range of products, services, and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord (also known as the Paris Agreement) resulted in a commitment from almost every nation in the world to take action and enact programs to limit the global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Borough of Glen Ridge;

1. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network (<http://climatemayors.org>) in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Accord; and
2. Commits to exploring policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action for the Borough; and
3. Sign the open letter available at wearestillin.com

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Donald Trump, Senator Bob Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Payne, Governor Phil Murphy, State Senator Ronald Rice, Assemblywomen Cleopatra Tucker, Assemblyman Ralph Caputo, Municipalities in Essex County, and the League of Municipalities.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Landis	Link		None		None	
	VanBloom	Lance						
	Moriarty							

RESOLUTION NO. 68-18

Offered by Councilor **VANBLOOM**
 Seconded by Councilor **LANDIS**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to The Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; **and**,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called "**ARBOR DAY**", was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; **and**,

WHEREAS, "**ARBOR DAY**" is now observed throughout the nation and the world; **and**,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; **and**,

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; **and**,

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; **and**,

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 20 years by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby proclaim April 27th, 2018 as "**ARBOR DAY**" in The Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Councilor Moriarty, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported Recurrent snowstorms have altered the normal April routine for Public Works. Last Monday, April 2, the road crew went out at 6:00 am to salt the streets in the Borough. They followed up with plowing as necessary throughout the morning. No downed trees were reported or encountered.

On the agenda tonight is an ordinance to join an alliance to purchase renewable energy for Glen Ridge residents. Glen Ridge would officially sign on to Sustainable Essex Alliance (SEA), which brings together environmental commissions and municipalities in Essex County for an “Energy Aggregation Program.” Glen Ridge is one of six towns that have passed resolutions supporting the program, along with Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, South Orange and Verona. The towns hope to combine their purchasing power to procure cleaner, less expensive electrical power for their residents. The residents themselves will not experience any difference. PSE&G will continue to manage the grid, the’ meter reading and billing, and will retain responsibility for repairing any outages. This will be an important step in moving Essex County into a sustainable future and will also help the towns in the alliance to pursue a Sustainable Jersey Gold Star in Energy.

Councilor Moriarty reported that he has Ordinance No. **1681** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, COUNTY OF ESSEX,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT ENERGY
AGGREGATION PROGRAM**

for introduction. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Moriarty. It was moved by Councilor Moriarty, seconded by Councilor Lance that Ordinance No. **1681** be passed on first reading. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Councilor Landis, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported the following:

• **2018 Summer Day Camp**

Registration for the 2018 Summer Day Camp is now open.

Camp is for Glen Ridge residents ages 5 - 12 (must be 5 years old before August 9, 2018)

The season runs June 18 - August 9 9:00am - 3:00pm (end times can vary according to activity) Register online with Community Pass at www.glenridgenj.org/summerdaycamp.

• **2018 Glen Ridge Community Pool**

Registration for the 2018 Glen Ridge Community Pool is now open. Register online with Community Pass at www.glenridgenj.org/pool The season runs Memorial Day through Labor Day.

• **2018 Glen Ridge Freeman Tennis Courts**

Preseason registration for the 2018 Freeman Tennis Courts season is now open. For the first time we will be accepting online preseason registrations. Register online for permits and youth tennis lessons with Community Pass www.glenridgenj.org/freemantennis

The season runs early April through October.

• **Singer/Songwriter Live Music Series**

A brand new program run at the train station the Glen Ridge Singer/Songwriter Series showcases local musicians in a unique setting. The first installment in the series is Saturday March 31. For more information call the Recreation office (973) 748-2924.

• **Facebook page**

The Glen Ridge Recreation Department has a new Facebook Page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/glenridgerec> for the latest announcements.

• **Smart Field Irrigation Control**

The Glen Ridge Recreation Department is happy to announce that beginning this spring, we will be using the Rachio Smart Sprinkler Control System at Carteret and Hurrell Fields. This groundbreaking wireless system includes leak detection, specific sprinkler zone control, and “Weather Intelligence Plus” for customized irrigation and water conservation. This system will make it easy to create custom schedules that automatically adjust for Glen Ridge weather, and we can monitor the system all from smartphones and computers.

RESOLUTION NO. **69-18**

Offered by Councilor **LANDIS**
Seconded by Councilor **VANBLOOM**

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SHARED-USE PATH WITHIN THE MONTCLAIR TOWNSHIP, BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP, BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, CITY OF NEWARK, AND GLEN RIDGE BOROUGH

WHEREAS, Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark, and Glen Ridge are among the most densely-populated municipal jurisdiction within the most densely-populated state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, and on behalf of their residents, Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark, and Glen Ridge have been engaged in the planning and evaluation of non-motorized inter-urban transportation alternatives and trail opportunities for community development, public health, and public recreational access; and

WHEREAS, Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark, and Glen Ridge are home to a 100 foot-wide, 4.5 mile continuous, contiguous and underutilized segment of the former Erie Railroad, New York & Greenwood Lake Railway; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 New Jersey Transit Corporation terminated commuter passenger service, operational and maintenance responsibilities along said corridor; and

WHEREAS, freight rail service provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation has been fully discontinued along portions of the corridor as evidenced by removal of track, tie, signal, and at grade crossing equipment, the loss of shippers, and an increase of neglect and blight; and

WHEREAS, the corridor forms a superior connection between and among communities to this Agreement, and enhances the linkage of residential communities, commercial and business sites, and civic, institutional and recreational lands and water; and

WHEREAS, the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is interested in having the “911NM Trail” co-align with this shared-use path; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby declare that it is their intention to work with Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, and Newark to pursue reuse of the corridor as a “rail-with-trail” facility to jointly accommodate freight shippers and non-motorized public access and recreational trail use, or as single-purpose “rail-trail” recreational facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council intend to work with Bloomfield, Belleville, Montclair, and Newark in the planning, design, grant-writing, and activities necessary to advance corridor reuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognize the amount of work and planning such an undertaking involves and as such hereby agree to the formation of an Interlocal Rail-Trail Planning Committee (“Committee”), whose official membership

shall consist of one mayoral appointee from Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark, Glen Ridge, and Montclair. The Committee shall meet regularly, keep records, develop a project workplan, host meetings and public events, work with stakeholders, and serve as a forum for coordinating municipal, county, state, federal, and regional agency activities. The Committee shall not be authorized to enter into contracts, expend money, maintain a budget, approve expenditures, or incur any liability on behalf of the Borough. The committee will be an advisory Committee to plan and coordinate the undertaking with the Borough Council maintaining responsibility to take any necessary action, expend any money, enter into any contract or incur any liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes the participation of the municipalities of Montclair, Belleville, Bloomfield, Newark is essential to the success of the Committee, and the Borough encourages those municipalities to join in establishing the Committee.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Councilor Lance, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported the following:

Mr. Mayor, I'd like to briefly summarize and highlight the Planning and Development Annual Report for 2017. The Report was prepared and distributed to the Mayor and Council by Mr. Zichelli, our Deputy Administrator earlier this year. The Report is available and can be reviewed in detail on the Borough's website. The Report summarizes statistics and includes activities reported for the year from Departments and Boards, including the Building Department, the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board and the Shade Tree Commission. I'd like to highlight a few items in the report for you this evening.

The Building Department which is responsible for ensuring compliance with both local and state law on construction projects, issuing permits, and performing final inspections, reported an increase in the total number of inspections conducted in 2017 to 2,219 inspections. The total value of construction projects that were overseen by the Department also increased by 3 million dollars over the number reported for 2016, for a total value in construction projects overseen by the Department of \$13,693,897.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviews exterior changes to properties in the Historic District which now covers more than 90% of the Borough. The HPC meets monthly and had a very busy year in 2017 hearing 90 cases or approximately 7 1/2 applications per meeting. Towards the end of 2017, the HPC brought on a Preservation Consultant to assist in reviewing applications, consulting with the Board and dealing directly with the community.

The Planning Board also had a busy year, meeting eight times during the year to consider, among the matters that are under their review, an application for a subdivision, a redevelopment designation and recommendation for a redevelopment plan for the Baldwin Street properties and three appeals of HPC decisions.

The Shade Tree Commission continued their important work in the borough to see that our trees are maintained, replanted and monitored to ensure the beauty and biodiversity that the shade trees bring to Glen Ridge. In 2017, 197 trees were planted, 100 trees removed, 145 trees pruned. The Shade Tree Commission prepares a separate report which is also available on the Borough's website.

Again if anyone would like to review the 2017 Planning & Development Report in full detail, it is available on the website.

I would also like to remind everyone that the Planning Boards of Montclair and Glen Ridge will be continuing in the joint review by these two Boards of the Mountainside Office Building and Parking redevelopment plans at a meeting to be held on Monday April 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Montclair Fire Station on Pine Street. Consultants will be presenting on the revised redevelopment plans for the site. The public is welcome to attend and ask questions. Copies of the materials presented are also available on the website and at the Borough Hall.

Ordinance No. **1680** entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lance. Municipal Clerk Miller reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Kinley declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Kinley declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lance, seconded by Councilor Smith that Ordinance No. **1680** be finally adopted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Administrator Miller encouraged everyone to be a part of Clean Ocean Action’s semi-annual, state-wide cleans ups of our waterways! **On Saturday, April 21st** the borough is conducting a **Toney’s Brook Clean-up** at two locations. We will meet either at Toney’s Brook in Glenfield Park at the park entrance located at Woodland Avenue & Pierson Place or The Glen at the gazebo near the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues. We will work in teams of 2 or 3 to clean up the brook and document the types of debris found. This information will be put into a national database to help identify and eliminate the sources of water pollution. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, visit www.cleanoceanaction.org and click on Beach Sweeps. Clean-up is sponsored by and Clean Ocean Action and the Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee.

Chief Samuelson reported during the past several weeks, municipalities across North Jersey have been experiencing an increase in “mail fishing.” During this process, actors utilize homemade tools to remove mail from United States Postal Service collection boxes on the street. Once the envelopes have been taken from the mailbox, they are sorted and all checks are fraudulently deposited into a third parties account. Funds will be, in many cases, withdrawn from the check issuers account. According to the USPS, Glen Ridge collection boxes that are believed to have been compromised include the blue boxes at the following intersections: Ridgewood Avenue/Glen Ridge Parkway, Bay Avenue/Sherman Avenue, and Ridgewood Avenue/ Baldwin Street. If you believe that your mail has been compromised, please contact the Glen Ridge Police Department at 973-748-5400. Below are safety tips that can aid in the prevention of mail theft and associated check fraud:

1. Go directly into the post office and hand your mail over to a USPS employee. This is the single most effective way to prevent your mail from being compromised.
2. If dropping your mail off inside of the post office is not possible, attempt to locate a newer style collection box with additional security features. We have them right outside of the Glen Ridge Post Office.
3. Review the pickup schedule for your preferred blue box. Do not deposit anything into the mailbox after the last posted pickup. Pickup information is posted on each collection box.

4. Avoid mailing anything over a holiday weekend or any federally recognized holidays. The longer your mail sits in a blue box, the longer it is susceptible to being compromised.
5. If possible, do not place anything in the mailbox on Fridays, unless you are handing it over to a USPS employee inside of the post office. Thieves know that many people get paid on Fridays and as a result, the mailbox may see an increase in checks on those days. Thieves will target mailboxes on Fridays for this reason.
6. Never put cash or money orders into a collection box. If intercepted, these items are almost impossible to track and apprehension/recovery is unlikely.
7. If you see any suspicious activity around a blue box, immediately call the Glen Ridge Police Department. If time permits, note the license plate of any vehicles present during the suspicious activity and relay that information to the police dispatcher.

If you have any further questions regarding mail fishing, please contact the U.S. Postal Inspectors Office at 1-877-876-2455.

Captain Liddy announced the following information on behalf of the Police Department:

STARR Announcement 1:

We are very excited to be offering the STARR self-defense course offered by Public Safety Institutes, in conjunction with Officers from the Police Department. This class is specifically designed for women and is free to all residents. Registration can be completed by clicking the link below. Registration forms and details for registration can be found on the forms contained in the link. The class is expected to fill up quickly and space is limited.

STARR Announcement 2:

Due to the outstanding turnout, the upcoming STARR (self-defense tactical awareness & recognition) course is now at capacity with registrants. We are still accepting applications for a WAIT LIST for the program. Please continue to forward registrations to Captain Quinn should you wish to be added to the wait list. If a spot opens up, you will be contacted regarding the vacancy.

Borough Attorney Zarate briefly reviewed the role of the Borough Attorney and outlines some of the main responsibilities of the work provided to the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-18

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and The Borough Council hereby affirmed the actions of the Glen Ridge Student Council with respect to all agenda items.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Mayor Kinley called for comments of the public. Councilor Mans approached the council seeking information on how the students intend to continue their outreach and involvement in government within their schools and throughout the community.

Mayor Patrick thanked all the students who participated in tonight's Student Government Day and he also thanked the faculty advisors for all their assistance.

It was moved by Councilor Landis, seconded by Councilor Smith that this meeting be adjourned.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Smith	Moriarty	None		None		None	
	Link	Landis						
	VanBloom	Lance						

Mayor Kinley declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

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