

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 12, 2018 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 and read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Councilors Lisovicz, Mans, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow

Absent: Hughes

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Liuetenant Faranda and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz seconded by Councilor Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, October 22, 2018 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

Mr. Rohal reported that NJ Transit will be holding a Public Hearings on Senior Citizen and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Programs in Freehold, Westampton and Newark.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Robin Fields of 21 Sommer Avenue read the following letter to the council:

Dear Mayor Patrick and Members of the Glen Ridge Borough Council:

I have lived in town for over 15 years. I have voted in all 3 turf referendums. I am the mother of two sons who, between the 2 of them, have played every GRAA sport that is offered. Now, at Glen Ridge High School, my oldest son is a four season sport athlete. In addition to being involved in Glen Ridge sports, my son has has played on various club teams outside of Glen Ridge. It's fair to say I've seen my share of fields. I'd like to state my position on turf. I'm not pro-turf, but I am not anti-turf either. I am simply just not convinced that turfing Hurrell field is the answer to our field problems.

I was able to watch the Borough Council meeting on October 22nd where a group of people were asking for the Council to approve turf based on a prior football game and some videos posted on one of the Glen Ridge Facebook pages.

Kristin O'Neil, who by the way I respect and is a friend of mine, is seen on the video from the Oct. 22nd meeting stating that the town has come together and that we now have a new field house. I know that project came about due to fundraising and private donations. However, none of that was mentioned as she spoke about the field house and a plan for the turf at Hurrell. She stated that in her plan for turfing Hurrell, there would be a practice field created as well. I am not sure how that would work since Hurrell is not even large enough to even have a regulation track meet, nor a soccer field. I don't believe Lacrosse can be played there as well. How, if we cannot accommodate all of these sports, can we provide a practice field? Practice for which other sports?

Dan Murphy, who I also respect and has served Glen Ridge well, is quoted on social media as saying, "Everyone wants turf." Well, that's simply just not accurate. I don't know how he or anyone else for that matter can claim that from commenters on Facebook. The other statement he made at the meeting was that these videos went "viral." I'd hardly call those videos viral with 46 likes and 10 comments under them. As a registered Glen Ridge voter, taxpayer and parent of an athlete I do would urge my fellow counterparts to revisit their claims. I would ask for these claims to be backed by actual facts that if we turf Hurrell, all of these other sports will get their allotted playing time as well. Most of these sports are played after school whether they are practices or games. How could they all possibly use Hurrell field at the same time? The answer is simple. They can not.

Both Murphy (via the facebook page) and O'Neil (via the Oct 22nd meeting) make reference to the turfed field at Caldwell High School. This year I visited that field. Yes, it is aesthetically beautiful (noting that pro-turf folks say our fields are "an embarrassment"). It happens to have a much larger footprint than Hurrell. When I was there I watched the Freshman boys soccer team play on what I would politely call a swamp. We did not play on the turf, nor did the youth soccer teams of Caldwell earlier that day. We did not play on the turf because of the football games that were going on. In fact, freshman boys soccer did not play on ANY turf fields this season in ANY town. Why is this? It's field space. We, in Glen Ridge, have the same situation that every town does. So by stating that turfing Hurrell would allow all teams to use it is simply not true. Is there any scheduling research that if Hurrell were turfed, more sports teams would be able to use it? Hurrell is used for baseball in the spring and summer. Baseball should never be played on turf. I have watched my son play baseball at Glenfield and other turfed fields around the state. Baseball is a spring and summer sport. The turf is much hotter in the summer months and is proven to be hotter on the ground than the actual temperature outside. Moreover, if you've ever watched a player miss a ground ball on turf, you can basically kiss it goodbye as the balls do not stop on turf like they would on grass. Major league baseball is played on grass, not artificial turf.

When major league baseball anticipates bad weather, the fields get tarped. That may be idea here that has not been explored. Tarping rather than turfing.

It would seem that this is a play at turfing Hurrell for football. At the beginning of this school year, the band had more members in the stands than the football team did on the field. It was only after several games into the school year, that the football team had more members who decided to join. With the rising number of head injuries related to football, we have seen the numbers of student participation in football drop. I have had conversations with parents of GRAA football players who have said, "Absolutely no way will I allow my child to play football in high school. I can't wait for GRAA football to be over. I wish he would quit, but all of his friends play." These statements are in response the rising number of head injuries caused by hard hits related to tackle football. It is also why I will not allow my son to play football as well.

What we do have is a very robust soccer program at both the GRAA levels and High School. The numbers of students in the boys Freshman, JV and Varsity levels well out number the football team. In addition, we have large numbers of JV and Varsity Girls who also play soccer. The girls team who, for 6 years in a row, have been in our state's finals. This is all fantastic, except no high school games could be played at Hurrell since it's simply not large enough for a regulation high school game. It has been said that there would be flaps or carpet overlays of turf that would go on top of the track in order to accommodate soccer. Would this be considered regulation? I don't know. I would think that before we spend over \$1 million that the due diligence would be done before forging ahead only to be told that high school games could not be played with flaps over a track. There is no evidence that turfing Hurrell will actually help ALL sports in town. It seems it would only be beneficial for football and band for 3 to 4 months of the calendar year.

In the video from Oct. 22nd, Cindy Manzo spoke of the problems she and other coaches and athletes have faced while being at Watsessing. I feel for her and have also faced similar issues at Glenfield, a TURFED county field. It's unfortunate that we have to be faced with these situations, but I don't believe turfing hurrell is the cure-all for these incidents. There is simply not enough space, turf or not, for GR athletes to avoid using Watsessing and Glenfield.

Can we honestly say that we live in our own bubble and think that the same incidents could not or have not occurred in Glen Ridge?

I appreciate the comments by former Mayor, Councilperson Peter Hughes, towards the end of the meeting where he made excellent points. If the fields were too dangerous to be played on, then it's our responsibility to close them and if not us, then the referees also have the power to deem the fields unsafe for play. Hughes said this issue has been voted down three different times over the past 14 years. It costs time and money to put this issue back up for a vote for a 4th time.

The company that has provided many of the turf fields in our state, and the one that Glen Ridge was looking to hire the last time turf was being studied, was found guilty of

fraud. Fieldturf provided inferior product to many townships in NJ and across the country. They were subject to countless lawsuits for knowingly providing an inferior product. Google, "Fieldturf lawsuits" for proof of their ongoing litigation. Is this the company we want to hand over \$1 million of our tax dollars to?

Recently, the Borough completed a revaluation and voted yes for the school referendum. These tax implications have not been reflected yet. If Hurrell were to be turfed, how much more would our taxes increase?

So I ask you, do you really want to live through this for a 4th time only to have the issue defeated again by the same margin? Do you really want to "push this through by petition." Do you want neighbor vs. neighbor divisiveness? I would hope not. I certainly don't.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Robyn Fields  
21 Sommer Avenue

Kristen O'Neill of 63 Midland Avenue presented the council with a petition of Glen Ridge residents which contained over 1,500 signatures which are currently being vetted out.

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-18**

Offered By Counselor **LISOVICZ**  
Seconded By Counselor **MORROW**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that there may be an item of business at each Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge entitled: "**CONSENT AGENDA**" which shall consist of a Resolution or Resolutions of a routine and non – controversial nature not requiring discussion. Each Resolution, is possible place on the Consent Agenda shall be discussed at the Work Session Meeting preceding the Regular Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that a copy of all Resolutions placed on the Consent Agenda shall be distributed to each Member of The Borough Council prior to the Regular Meeting and more specifically attached to and made a part of the Agenda as distributed to The Mayor And The Borough Council.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – ( Resolutions **146 - 17** to **149 - 17** ) The following items are considered to be routine and will be acted on with a single Motion. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-18**

Offered By Councilor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded By Councilor **MORROW**

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$259,937.02</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$168,692.68</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$5,805.01</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$7,270.94</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$40,204.00</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$7,562.00</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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 Dates of November 15, 2018.

**RESOLUTION NO. 147 – 18**

Offered By Counselor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded By Counselor **MORROW**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS** be made in the  
 2018 Current Budget effective November 12, 2018:

<b>Description - CURRENT FUND:</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>From</b>
Administration & Executive Salaries	11,600.00	
Legal – Other Expenses	20,000.00	

Engineering – Other Expenses	1,000.00	
Inspection of Buildings – Other Expenses	22,000.00	
Recreation – Salary & Wages	26,500.00	
Library – Other Expenses	4,425.00	
Municipal Court Salaries	16,700.00	
Employee Health Premiums		81,925.00
Inspection of Buildings – Wages & Salaries		22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102,225.00</b>	<b>102,225.00</b>

**RESOLUTION NO. 148 - 18**

Offered By Councilor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded By Councilor **MORROW**

**Be IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., The Mayor & Borough Council approves The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by Forest Avenue Home and School Administration for a Social Affair Permit for the Parents’ Social to be held on December 11, 2018 at The Glen Ridge Community Center, Glen Ridge, N. J.

**RESOLUTION NO. 149-18**

Offered By Councilor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded By Councilor **MORROW**

**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 submitted by the Cope Center, Inc. for an On-Premise Raffle fundraiser to be held on December 6, 2018 at the Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028.

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

Ordinance No. **1696** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE / DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE 2018 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARY AND OTHER COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. 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 Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1662** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilors Lisovicz, Mans, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 150 - 18**

Offered By Counselor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded By Counselor **MURPHY**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1696, an Ordinance adopted November 12, 2018 adopted titles for the Chief of Police / Director of Public Safety for The Borough Of Glen Ridge and fixed maximum salaries and other compensations for those titles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by The Mayor and Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge, that the following position shall receive the listed compensations for the year 2018, or until revised by Ordinance or Resolution, as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT TITLE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARY</u> 2018
A. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT	
Chief of Police	\$ 148,673.16
Public Safety Director	\$ 5,100.00
Longevity	\$ 15,377.32
Education Stipend	\$ 675.00
Clothing Allowance	\$ 1,500.00
Total	\$ 171,325.48

**SECTION 1.** The rates of compensation or salaries herein above fixed for the various titles named shall be considered to be the maximum rate in effect as of January 1,

2018, and shall remain in effect until amended or supplemented by Ordinance. Said compensation or salaries shall be paid in semi-monthly installments.

**SECTION 2.** Officers and employees of The Borough of Glen Ridge may also be eligible for one-time payments for past service or performance. The officer or employee, the job title, and the one time payment amount will appear on an authorizing resolution, which must be adopted by a majority vote of the Borough Council. Said payment is to be made in a lump sum and does not become part of the employee’s Annual Base Salary.

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

Ordinance No. **1697** entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10  
ON - STREET PARKING AND PARKING FINES**

was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1697** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Lisovicz. 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)	Lisovicz	Murphy	None				Hughes	
	Lefkovits	Morrow						
	Mans							

Councilor Lefkovits, Chairman of The Public Works Committee reported that in addition to preparing the athletic fields for the final fall games, the crews have been getting ready for winter. They have been out patching potholes. The trucks are being reviewed and prepared for plowing and salting. The community pool complex and sprinkler systems throughout the Borough have been winterized. The crews have been cleaning up the leaves on fields and Borough properties.

In regards to leaf pick up, the Borough of Glen Ridge has contracted a truck to specifically pick-up bagged leaves at curbside, beginning the week of October 29, 2018 and terminating December 19, 2018. Residents must use biodegradable bags or CLEAR plastic bags. No black bags will be accepted for pick up.

These curbside pick-ups will be made on your FIRST regular scheduled garbage collection each week. If your garbage is picked-up on Mondays and Thursdays, Monday will be your leaf collection day.



If your garbage is picked-up on Tuesdays and Fridays, Tuesday will be your leaf collection day.

If your garbage is picked-up on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Leaves may not be placed at curbside on your second collection day of the week. Bags must ONLY contain leaves

Garden and yard debris is picked up at the curb on your FIRST scheduled collection day (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) and must be packaged separately from leaves.

Leaves may NOT be raked onto any streets or gutters in the Borough - INCLUDING COUNTY ROADS.

Bags may NOT be placed into any streets or gutters in the Borough - INCLUDING COUNTY ROADS.

Your regular rear yard collection of garbage will continue to be picked up twice a week.

**RESOLUTION NO. 151 - 18**

Offered By Counselor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded By Counselor **LISOVICZ**

**TWA-Treatment Work Approval  
 Clarus**

**WHEREAS**, a formal consent by the Borough of Glen Ridge Governing Body is required for the submission by Eric L. Keller, PE of Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection of a Treatment Works Approval for the construction of a sewer lateral to service the Clarus Development containing 110 units located at 277 Baldwin Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, Essex County, formerly known as Lots 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10 Block 72 as designated on the official tax map of the Borough of Glen Ridged; and

**WHEREAS**, by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey approves the submission of the aforementioned application to the Department of Environmental Protection for their review and approval.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk/Engineer is hereby authorized to execute the TWA application on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

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

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee announced that preparations and registrations are well underway for the Thanksgiving Day Tom Fleming Mile and Ashenfelter 8K. All proceeds are donated to the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation.

Borough Administrator reported the Dept. of Transportation has begun the restoration of the Bridge on Bloomfield Avenue at the Glen Ridge Montclair border and residents should be aware of traffic changes during construction.

Lt. Timothy Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Byron-Lagattuta. He thanked the Mayor and Council for swearing in the Police Departments newest member tonight before the council meeting.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public. No comments were made.

It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 9:04 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

*Michael J. Rohal*  
Municipal Clerk