

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Patrick announced that tonight was Student Government Night and he welcomed the members of the student council and their administrator. He explained the students will be taking over tonight’s meeting as part of their student government curriculum.

Mayor Liddy 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 Pennington, Moriarty, Brown, Link, Collins and Stievator.

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Borough Attorney Malyska and Deputy Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Pennington, seconded by Councilor Moriarty, that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, February 10, 2020 be approved as submitted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Mayor Liddy called for the written communications.

A letter from the Department of Transportation with a copy of the executed agreements for the 2020 municipal aide program for the contract amount of \$525,000.00.

Mayor Liddy ordered the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Liddy called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Liddy presented the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the Montclair Area**

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 as a “mighty political experiment” by the foremothers in the suffragist movement at the National American Woman Suffrage Association; and; and

WHEREAS, their goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote by the 19th Amendment understand and carry out their new responsibility as voters; and

WHEREAS, with the success of this effort and the tireless efforts over the last 100 years to strengthen and uphold its mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the League has become a trusted nonpartisan, grassroots organization; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters was not only founded as a national organization in 1920, but the New Jersey and Montclair Area local leagues are also celebrating their centennial years of studying issues, advocating for and educating the public, and engaging with the government; and

WHEREAS, the League has sponsored legislation and fought in the courts to protect and strengthen voting rights and access, and for free and fair elections, civil rights, children, community health, and education; and

WHEREAS, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot issues, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters; and

WHEREAS, from starting the first recycling program in New Jersey to opening dialogues about mental health in the Internet era to studying the issue of human trafficking and helping to establish a national position on the issue, the League of Women Voters of the Montclair Area has an impressive legacy of effective advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the League believes that active and engaged citizens, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or political affiliation, are the hallmark of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters has through the years remained steadfast in its mission to empower voters and work to improve government at all levels. It continues to exemplify the words of founder Carrie Chapman Catt, "To the wrong that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance, To the future in the distance, Give yourselves"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor of The Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of The Borough Council the League of Women Voters has through the years remained steadfast in its mission to empower voters and work to improve government at all levels. It continues to exemplify the words of founder Carrie Chapman Catt, "To the wrong that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance, To the future in the distance, Give yourselves."

Loretta Simon accepted the proclamation and provided a background and brief history on behalf of the League of Women's Voters of the Montclair Area.

Councilor Pennington, Chair of the Finance Committee reported the following:

The Finance and Administration Committee oversees the Borough's financial affairs and supports the Borough Administrator with guidance on matters affecting borough employees.

Managing the Borough's budget is a key governmental responsibility. Each year the Borough sets a new budget and a new tax rate that funds all of the activities for the year. These include: Police and Fire, the Court, Trash removal, road paving, Recreation, the jitney and all of the other services that the Borough provides.

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to ensure that the Borough does not spend more than it receives from Tax revenue.

The Finance and Administration Committee also oversees the employees that work for the Borough and functions as a personnel department assisting the Borough Administrator in setting the policies and rules for borough employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-20

Offered by Councilor **PENNINGTON / HUGHES**
Seconded by Councilor **STIEVATOR / MORROW**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Claims be approved, and Warrants be drawn for the same:

CURRENT FUND	\$4,972,783.96
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$51,466.90
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$59,820.30
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$27,145.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$1,911.33
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$68,525.95
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$16,326.68
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST 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 March 1, 2020.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

RESOLUTION NO. 46- 20

Offered by Councilor **PENNINGTON / HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORIARTY / LISOVICZ**

BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed Individuals and Mortgage Processing Service in designated amounts representing Overpayment Tax or Utility payment as following:

Block: Lot: Qual: Name & Address Date Paid Amount

67 26
 Menchaca, Peter & Christine Clare 1/31/2020 \$4,389.22
 22 Appleton Road

**Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;
 Menchaca, Peter & Christine Clare
 22 Appleton Road
 Glen Ridge, NJ 07028**

Refund Tax Overpayment: 1st Qtr. 2020
 Resident didn't realize they had a credit on their account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the individuals and Mortgage Processing Service listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their taxes or utility account.

Ordinance No. **1727** entitled An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank for the 2020 was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Pennington / Hughes. Deputy Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required

by statutes. Mayor Liddy declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Liddy declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Pennington / Hughes, seconded by Councilor Moriarty / Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1727** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Liddy declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Councilor Moriarty, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported the following:

Mayor, as the chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, I will give the committee's report. The committee regularly meets in the police chief's office at 5:30 on the first Monday night of the month. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting if they have any concerns relating to public safety, including traffic issues in the borough. The Public Safety Committee and the members of the Glen Ridge Police Department are committed to providing the highest quality of police service to our community.

As examples of the department's work, in 2019, the Glen Ridge Police Department investigated 173 serious crimes, the majority of which were larcenies. The number of total part one offenses reported and investigated was down from 206 for the prior year.

In an average month, the department patrols more than 8,500 miles in the borough, and for the year 2019 our officers issued 1,282 summonses for moving motor vehicle violations and over 1,800 summonses for parking violations. We are pleased that in 2019, while there were over 200 motor vehicle crashes in the borough, none involved fatalities.

Our police desk in 2019 handled 1,802 911 calls, many of which kept our volunteer ambulance squad busy. For the first six months of 2019 alone, the volunteer ambulance squad responded to 525 calls. Of those, 246 were for Glen Ridge emergencies and 279 were for mutual aid requests to Montclair, Verona, Belleville and Bloomfield.

Ordinance No. 1729 entitled An Ordinance establishing titles for employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge represented by the PBA Local 58 and fixing maximum salaries and other compensation for those titles; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Moriarty / Lisovicz. Councilor Moriarty / Lisovicz moved that Ordinance No. **1729** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Pennington / Hughes. Mayor Liddy referred the Ordinance to Deputy Clerk Ventola for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Councilor Brown, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported the following:

Mayor, tonight I have an important resolution in support of a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags. Over 100 municipalities have introduce or passed plastic bag bans in New Jersey and this resolution shows Glen Ridge's support for a statewide solution to address plastic pollution that ends up on our streets and in our rivers and ocean and ultimately our marine life.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 20

Offered by Councilor **BROWN / MANS**
Seconded by Councilor **LINK / MURPHY**

WHEREAS, the production and disposal of single use plastic bags has significant environmental impacts and the littering of our environment has become a serious threat particularly to our wildlife and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, single use plastic bags have created a significant litter problem throughout the Borough of Glen Ridge and its neighborhoods, parks, stormwater systems, streams and natural features; and

WHEREAS, single use plastic bags are a preventable source of litter and pollution and studies have documented that the banning of single use plastic bags will dramatically reduce the use of plastic bags and increase the use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the appropriate goal is a combination of a ban on the use of single use plastic bags and other single-use plastic items by retail establishments and the imposition of a minimum charge by retail establishments for paper bags, thereby encouraging the goal of the public's use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the reduction in the use of single use plastic bags by retail establishments in the Borough would be a public benefit and the Borough desires to reduce the number of such plastic bags that are being used, discarded and littering the Borough and to promote the use of reusable carry out bags and recyclable paper bags at retail establishments located within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the individual enactment of local ordinances by the state's 565 municipalities would create an uneven system of enforcement and standards on what plastic items are banned and further impact the state's business climate and resident quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge is otherwise committed to join the 100+ other municipalities in NJ who have passed ordinances and two county bans in order to improve public health, recycling rates as well as financial savings for municipality due to less contamination and litter on Borough's properties; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Senate has passed the strongest bi-partisan plastic pollution bill in the nation (S864) and now the bill is in NJ Assembly (A1978) for this voting session.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough strongly supports legislation by the State of New Jersey which would effectively ban the use by businesses of single use plastic bags and other single-use plastic items, thereby promoting the use of reusable carryout bags by retail establishments throughout the State.
2. The Borough Council urges the Borough's State Senator and Assembly members to pass such legislation and for the Governor to approve and sign such legislation as soon as may be practical.
3. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to certify copies of this Resolution as true copies of such Resolution and further directed to send such copies to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senator Ronald L. Rice, State Assemblyman Ralph R Caputo and State Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Ordinance No. **1728** entitled An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 15.28 Floodplain Management Regulations was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Brown / Mans. Deputy Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Liddy declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Liddy declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Brown / Mans, seconded by Councilor Moriarty / Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1728** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Liddy declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Councilor Link, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported the following:

With the help of William Bartlett our DPW Operations Supervisor, here is tonight’s DPW report:

The Department of Public works has been able to better serve the community with the new equipment that was recently purchased including:

- A 4 Season Toro Groundsmaster 7210 which has a snow blower & snow plow attachment, a street broom attachment for a variety of site clean-ups... plus a lawn mower deck.
- The new equipment also includes a 4-Ton Falcon Hot Asphalt Patcher which allows for permanent asphalt patching year round; this hot asphalt patcher was in use today on High St.

Regarding the Department of Public Works yard, the salt storage shed construction is ongoing, with the interior walls completed, contractor is currently constructing exterior walls and the structures roofing.

The Borough’s "water works" lead remediation project, work continues on Midland Ave between Adams Pl and Madison St. Additionally, we have started phase 2 of this important project which encompasses Argyle St, Bay Ave, Hathaway Pl, Highland Ave, Inness Pl, Laurel Pl, Linden Ave, Midland Ave, Oxford St, parts of Ridgewood Ave, Roswell Terrace, Thomas St and Washington Place.

Finally, just last week our DPW repaired a water leak in front of 946 Bloomfield Ave and fixed a water main break at the intersection Bay Ave & Essex Ave. The DPW has also identified a leak on Cross Pl, whereby water correlators are now in place to determine the leak’s location so repairs can be made.

That is the week’s report from the Department of Public Works.

Ordinance No. 1730 entitled An Ordinance establishing titles for non- union employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing maximum salaries and other compensation for those titles; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Link / Murphy. Councilor Link / Murphy moved that Ordinance No. **1730** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Collins / Law. Mayor Liddy referred the Ordinance to Deputy Clerk Ventola for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Councilor Collins, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee reported the following:

The Glen Ridge Recreation Department is pleased to announce that beginning this spring, Glen Ridge will be using the Rachio Smart Sprinkler Control System at Carteret and Hurrell Fields. This leading wireless technology 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 customize irrigation scheduling and automatically adjust for weather in Glen Ridge weather. Users of this system can monitor and adjust irrigation schedules from smartphone or computer. This enhancement not only promotes our borough's conservation initiatives but will also save residents money by reducing the borough's water usage.

RESOLUTION NO. 49- 20

Offered by Councilor **COLLINS / LAW**
 Seconded by Councilor **BROWN / MANS**

Be IT RESOLVED, The Mayor and the Borough Council authorizes the following events and volunteer committees. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all of the organizations participating in the events below be considered ‘VOLUNTEERS’ so that they may be afforded protections under the Borough’s insurance policies:

- Memorial Day Parade and Picnic, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club
- The Fitzgerald’s Lager Run, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Community Fund
- Fitzgerald’s Nipper Mile, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Community Fund
- Rhino Romp, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Board of Education
- Ashenfelter 8K Classic, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation
- The Tom Flemming Mile, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Educational Foundation
- The Annual Glen Ridge Arts and Eco Fair, in conjunction with the Glen Ridge Arts Patrons Association, Glen Ridge Home and School Association and the Glen Ridge Environmental Committee
- Townwide Yard Sale, in conjunction with the Friends of the Glen Ridge Library
- Shredding Day, in conjunction with the Friends of the Glen Ridge Library

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Borough Administrator to approve the closing of municipal roads, fields and/or municipal parking lots as needed in conjunction with these events.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

Councilor Stievator, Chair of the Planning & Development Committee reported the following:

Mayor, on behalf of the Planning and Development Committee I have a brief report tonight. The Planning Board did not meet this month but is scheduled to meet next month on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 pm here in Town Hall. Planning Board members received a first draft of the Master Plan Reexamination Report earlier this month and a were asked to review the report and provide comments to Erik DeLine, our Director of Planning and Development by the end of the month so that we can review an updated Plan draft at the March meeting.

The Borough’s Master Plan was adopted in 2003 and updated in 2010. It will be re-examined this year to identify changes over that period of time, to see if the Borough was successful in meeting the goals set forth in 2003, to identify those areas where problems that were pointed out may have been reduced or possibly may have increased since that previous evaluation and to see what changes may need to be made to any of the assumptions and objectives underlying the Plan. The Plan covers a broad range of topics including changes in demographics within the Borough’s population over time, environmental issues, pedestrian and traffic safety, conservation of natural resources, housing and land use, economic development as well as how we use and enjoy those parks and community facilities in town. As part of the evaluation process Borough residents were invited to participate in an online survey that was open for a 4- month period in late 2019 and over 330 people participated and over 900 comments were received. Those responses and comments will be taken into account in this current Master Plan Re-examination. The Master Plan is meant to guide the Borough in long range planning as we look to preserve the history of the Borough while balancing current needs and trends important to residents and consistent with sound planning and development ideas.

Drafts of the historical Master Plan documents from 2003 and 2010 are on the Borough website and as drafts of the 2020 Plan are prepared and circulated for review they will be available on the Borough website as well. We will continue to keep the Council updated and invite the public to participate in this process over this coming year.

RESOLUTION NO. 47- 20

Offered by Councilor **STIEVATOR / MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **PENNINGTON / HUGHES**

WHEREAS, the following organizations provide an invaluable service for / to The Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge may add organizations as an additional insured with The Public Alliance Insurance Fund with no increase in insurance premiums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Borough Administrator is authorized, to add the following organizations to The Borough’s insurance policy:

- Glen Ridge Board of Education

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Pennington	Link						
	Moriarty	Collins						
	Brown	Stievator						

RESOLUTION NO. 50- 20

Offered by Councilor **MURPHY**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

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

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

Borough Administrator Zichelli thanked the students for their time and participation in Student Government Day. He gave a brief overview of the events the students participated in throughout the day. The student council coordinator also spoke briefly

and thanked Mr. Zichelli and the Mayor and council for participating in this event with the students.

Chief Byron-Lagattuta thanked the Mayor for allowing the time to swear in Officer Waring this evening.

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

Mayor Liddy declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Deputy Clerk