

The Emergency Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 8:00 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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Mans, Murphy, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli.

Mayor Patrick presented the following Declaration:

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL DISASTER/EMERGENCY

TO ALL CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, AND TO ALL DEPARTMENTS, DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Chapter 251 of the laws of 1942 as amended and supplemented N.J.S.A. App. A:9-30 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 (6), and ordinances enacted pursuant thereto; N.J.S.A. 29L33-1 et seq.; whichever law or laws apply, and by ordinances adopted by the Borough of Glen Ridge, I have declared a LOCAL Disaster/Emergency exists within the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws authorize the promulgation of such orders, rules and regulations, as are necessary to meet the various problems which have or may be presented by such a disaster/emergency; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the rapidly evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, the need for government operations to address staffing capabilities to ensure essential operational needs are met in order to mitigate factors which may further adversely affect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Borough of Glen Ridge and exacerbate and worsen existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Borough of Glen Ridge should then be declared a disaster area, and further that certain measures must be taken in order to insure that the authorities will be unhampered in their efforts to maintain law and order as well as an orderly flow of traffic and further in order to protect the persons and property of the residents affected by the conditions and finally that governmental operations including but not limited to the conduct of public meetings shall be substantially altered; and

WHEREAS, all lands within the boundaries of the Borough of Glen Ridge are hereby designated as disaster area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH the aforesaid laws, we do hereby promulgate and declare the following regulations shall be in addition to all other laws of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Glen Ridge.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 57- 20

Offered by Councilor **MURPHY**
Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose:

A State of Emergency has been declared within the Borough of Glen Ridge, this meeting is necessary to assess the actions required to function during the Public Health Crisis of COVID-19. Substantial harm to the public interest would likely result from a delay in holding said meeting and;

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hour notice have not been met due to lack of time and subject matter, however notices of this Emergency Meeting were faxed to the Glen Ridge Paper, the Glen Ridge Voice and the Montclair Times; notice was also mailed to the Star Ledger on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:40 AM.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there should be a vote on this Emergency Meeting of 3/4ths of the members of the Governing Body.

The Governing Body and Administration discussed the effects of the Public Health Emergency of COVID-19 and they ways the Borough plans to handle the variety of challenges in the upcoming weeks.

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 Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Deputy Clerk