A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via teleconference due to the Public Health crisis Covid-19 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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Mans, Murphy, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers participated in the teleconference: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Deputy Clerk Tara Ventola, Captain Sean Quinn and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from the President and CEO of Clara Mass & RJW Barnabas updating the council on the current conditions at the hospital during the Covid-19 health crisis.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Christine O’Neill, of 63 Midland Avenue thanked they Mayor for the two proclamations and inquired about when parks would again be opened. The Mayor responded that once the Governor re-opens parks with playgrounds and/or athletic fields the Borough will follow suit.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Mans, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on April 27, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Mans, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on May 5, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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Mayor Patrick presented the following proclamations:
WHEREAS, in 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation’s Capital each year, and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world would converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 worldwide health crisis and travel restrictions throughout the Nation many if not all of these events have been postponed or cancelled in order to protect the safety of all who would attend; and
WHEREAS, these unprecedented circumstances during this pandemic has compelled officials throughout the Nation to find meaningful and respectful ways to honor the fallen; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the week’s signature event, The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was held as a virtual Candlelight Vigil that was watched all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Glen Ridge Police Department and the entire Borough of Glen Ridge has personally witnessed and endured the harrowing effects the Covid-19 virus has inflicted upon our brother in blue – Officer Charles "Rob" Roberts, who lost his courageous battle on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, “Rob Roberts” as he was known throughout town, was a faithful and dedicated Officer during his 20-year tenure with the Borough. Officer Roberts was and still is a beloved gem and a pillar of the community, a shining example of kindness and servitude, loved by residents’ both young and old; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge has come together as a whole in spirit, support and solidarity; to uplift, encourage and strengthen the Roberts family through prayer and well wishes, and our residents have united like only Glen Ridge can; and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Glen Ridge Police Department and our first responders have continued to fearlessly and selflessly serve and protect us throughout the uncertain times of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there have been approximately 39 Covid-19 line of duty deaths Nationally, and five Covid-19 line of duty deaths in New Jersey including our Borough Residents, Union City Detective Alex Ruperto and our own brother in Blue, Sargent Charles "Rob" Roberts who lost their battles to Covid-19 complications.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I Stuart K. Patrick along with the Borough Council, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2020, as Police Week within the Borough of Glen Ridge, and urge all residents and citizens to support the bravery and dedication of all law enforcement members, and to honor the memory of fallen law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Borough of Glen Ridge to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2020 marks the 60th annual National Public Works Week and here in Glen Ridge we are fortunate to have some of the best Public Works employees in the business,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Stuart K. Patrick, do hereby designate the week May 17 – 23, 2020 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to thank our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order of Business for the Public Hearing on Resolution 82-20 Adopting Prequalification Regulations in Connection with Bids for Interior and Exterior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Glen Ridge Railroad Station.

Deputy Clerk Ventola opened the meeting to anyone who wished to be heard on this matter.

No one wished to be heard on Resolution 82-20.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-20

Offered by Councilor MORROW
Resolution Adopting Prequalification Regulations in Connection with Bids for Interior and Exterior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Glen Ridge Railroad Station

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge may establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualifications of prospective bidders upon contracts to be awarded by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the property and project are subject to compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and review by the Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission and the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, there have been promulgated contractor prequalification regulations in connection with the Interior and Exterior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Glen Ridge Railroad Station; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has conducted a public hearing and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge to establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualification of perspective bidders in connection with the Interior and Exterior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Glen Ridge Railroad Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the prequalification regulations attached hereto are hereby adopted for utilization in connection with the bid for the Interior and Exterior Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Glen Ridge Railroad Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the contractor prequalification regulations is subject to review and approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services proposed regulations, a true copy of this resolution, a true copy of the hearings, copies of the two newspaper legal advertisements for public hearing and a completed, certified, standard certification form.

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Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular of Business.
Mayor Patrick suspended the Regular Order of Business for the Public Hearing on Resolution 83-20 Adopting Prequalification Regulations in Connection with Bids for Roof Restoration of the Glen Ridge Public Library.

Deputy Clerk Ventola opened the meeting to anyone who wished to be heard on this matter.

No one wished to be heard on Resolution 83-20.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-20

Offered by Councilor MORROW
Seconded by Councilor LISOVICZ

Resolution Adopting Prequalification Regulations in Connection with Bids for Roof Restoration of the Glen Ridge Public Library

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge may establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualifications of prospective bidders upon contracts to be awarded by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the property and project are subject to compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and review by the Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission and the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, there have been promulgated contractor prequalification regulations in connection with the Roof Restoration of the Glen Ridge Public Library and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has conducted a public hearing and has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge to establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the qualification of perspective bidders in connection with the Roof Restoration of the Glen Ridge Public Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that the prequalification regulations attached hereto are hereby adopted for utilization in connection with the bid for the Roof Restoration of the Glen Ridge Public Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the implementation of the contractor prequalification regulations is subject to review and approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to file with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services proposed regulations, a true copy of this resolution, a true copy of the hearings, copies of the two newspaper legal advertisements for public hearing and a completed, certified, standard certification form.
Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order of Business.

RESOLUTION NO. 84-20

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor MURPHY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer be authorized to pay the Claims and Warrants of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a listing of Claims and Warrants shall be provided to the Governing Body prior to the release of these payments; and

BE IT FINALLY 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 May 15, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 86-20

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor MURPHY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer be authorized to pay the Claims and Warrants of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a listing of Claims and Warrants shall be provided to the Governing Body prior to the release of these payments; and

BE IT FINALLY 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 June 1, 2020.

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-20

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor MURPHY

AUTHORIZING CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ESSEX

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) for, among other reasons, providing relief for economic damage caused to states, counties and municipalities by the COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Essex County has received CARES Act funds from the United States Treasury (the Stimulus Funds”) to be used to reimburse the County and municipalities and agencies within the County, including the Borough of Glen Ridge, due to economic damage caused by COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Essex to receive reimbursement from the Stimulus Funds of COVID-19 related costs and damages, to the extent available and applicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Essex according to the terms and conditions and in substantially the form attached hereto.

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Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, thanked the entire department and community for the outpouring of support following the death of Sgt. Charles Roberts. He also stated that positive Covid-19 tests are decreasing but advised that social distancing and caution in public places.

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, thanked everyone involved in the Memorial Day Virtual Parade.

RESOLUTION NO. 88-20

Offered by Councilor MANS
Seconded by Councilor LAW
WHEREAS, the Glen Ridge Public Library is seeking to apply for a Project grant entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act in order to fund library renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is committed to providing half of the funding, in an amount not to exceed $400,000, for the project via Capital Ordinance 1718, adopted on September 9, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glen Ridge Mayor and Council do hereby approve the grant application to be filed by the Glen Ridge Library Director and/or the Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

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Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that the Public Works Department have been filling potholes throughout the Borough and had cleaned all the Borough Memorials and placed the traditional flags for Memorial Day.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-20

Offered by Councilor MURPHY
Seconded by Councilor HUGHES

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ONE OR MORE NOTES RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, TO BE ISSUED IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO $2,480,000, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTES TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE BOROUGH IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Local Unit”), intends to generate an asset management plan for its water system and to replace lead services lines and various hydrants, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto (collectively, the “Project”), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the environmental infrastructure financing program (the “New Jersey Water Bank”) of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the “I-Bank”);
WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the undertaking of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan (or loans) to be made by the I-Bank (collectively the “Construction Loan”) to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the I-Bank (the “Construction Financing Loan Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Loan Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell to the I-Bank the “Note Relating to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank” in an aggregate principal amount of up to $2,480,000 (collectively the “Note”);

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”), and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2018, the Local Unit adopted bond ordinances 1688, and 1690 (together the “Local Unit Bond Ordinance”) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law;

WHEREAS, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, the Infrastructure Trust Act and the Bond Ordinance, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note has been appropriated and authorized by the Bond Ordinance, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all in accordance with the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

Section 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to determine, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

Section 3. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.
Section 4. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note or Notes shall be as follows:

(a) the aggregate principal amount of the Note or Notes to be issued shall be an amount not to exceed $2,480,000;
(b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
(c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
(d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
(e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
(f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered “CFP-2020-[_]”;
(g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
(h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk; and
(i) the Note may be issued in one or more series as may be deemed necessary by the I-Bank.

Section 5. The Note shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, together with such additions, deletions and other modifications required by the I-Bank and agreed to by the Local Unit upon consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit, such determinations being conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Note by the Authorized Officers (as defined herein).

Section 6. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Loan Financing Program, to arrange for same.

Section 7. The Local Unit Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Local Unit Clerk (each an “Authorized Officer”) of the Local Unit are each hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the
Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 9. Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, reported that Borough Hall is still closed to the public, but the Building Department has continued to function. The HPC committee hosted its monthly meeting via video conference call due to Covid-19.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-20

Offered by Councilor MORROW
Seconded by Councilor LISOVICZ

2020 ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Essex County have exposure to hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Essex County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Glen Ridge:

1) Adopts in its entirety, the 2020 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.

2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.

3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.

4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.

5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.

6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.

7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-20

Offered by Councilor MORROW
Seconded by Councilor LISOVICZ

WHEREAS, there is a need for The Borough of Glen Ridge to obtain the services of an elevator inspector in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5-23; and,

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit proposals for the aforesaid service; and,

WHEREAS, The Municipal Inspection Corporation, 183 West 4th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of 95% of DCA fee schedule and a 30% Administrative Fee to be collected by the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Municipal Inspection Corporation is awarded the contract for elevator inspections in accordance with their proposal dated May 7, 2020 and is effective for the period of three years starting on July 1st, 2020.
Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli extended thanks to everyone involved and those who came out to support the memorial service for Sgt. Charles Roberts. He also thanked those involved in making the virtual Memorial Day “Parade” a success. Mr. Zichelli announced the Essex County emergency food drives being hosted and that COvid-19 testing is currently being done, those interested in testing should follow the Essex County Covid testing website.

Captain Quinn reported on behalf of Chief Sheila Byron- Lagattuta, he also thanked all those involved in the Memorial Service for Sgt. Roberts.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Law the meeting was adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

Deputy Clerk