

A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, August 10, 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 and Law

Absent: Morrow

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

Mayor Patrick thanked the Borough Administrator, Director of Planning and Development, Department of Public Works and the Police Department for all of their efforts during the last storm.

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from the department of transportation announcing that applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program. The applications are due November 24, 2020. The program provides federal funding for “non-traditional” surface transportation related programs such as pedestrian, Pedi-cyclist and nonmotorized trails and preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation landmarks.

A letter from the National Association of letter carriers seeking assistance in their annual drive to “Stamp out Hunger.” Under normal circumstances mail carriers collect food from mailboxes on the second Saturday in May, due to Covid-19 they have set up a website to aide in collections for this cause. www.nalc.org/food to find a local foodbank to donate funds to.

Mayor Patrick ordered the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Law, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on July 13, 2020 be approved as submitted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes				Lisovicz		Morrow	
	Murphy				Mans			
	Law							

RESOLUTION NO. 107-20

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$8,975,380.44
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$113,898.18

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$412,316.48
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$525.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$4,964.44
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$5,414.61
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$61,948.08
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$14.40

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 Aug 15, and Sept 1, 2020.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 108- 20

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed home owners and representatives in the designated amounts representing tax reimbursements resulting from a tax appeal:

Block: Lot: Name & Address Date Paid Amount

133 32 Dalessio, Arthur & Guo, Liou 2/24/20 \$5,267.89
515 Ridgewood Ave

Make check payable to:
 Jennifer Jacobus, Esq. Trust for
 Delessio, Arthur & Guo Liou
 201 Littleton Rd., 1st Floor
 Morris Plains, NJ 07950

Refund Tax Court Judgment year 2018: \$5,267.89

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the home owners and representatives listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their taxes account.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 109 – 20

Offered by Council **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

AUTHORIZES WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH JERSEY DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to purchase an additional .3973 million gallons of water per day; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #1928, dated June 24, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission authorized the execution of a temporary agreement incorporating the sale amount of .3973 million gallons per day of water (as a required minimum purchase) from the Wanaque South Project as defined in said Resolution #1928 for an initial ten (10) year term, with a right to renew said temporary agreement for up to three (3) consecutive five (5) year terms, and with the option for the Borough of Glen Ridge to purchase a permanent membership interest in the said Wanaque South Project during the first ten (10) year term of the temporary agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to guarantee the purchase of said .3973 MGD for the initial 10-year term of the temporary agreement, thereafter in an amount to be determined pursuant to the temporary agreement, the foregoing to be purchased at a ten percent (10%) premium per million gallons charged by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission on top of the applicable Water Rate due to the fact that the Borough of Glen Ridge is not a South Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to have the option to purchase a permanent membership interest in the Wanaque South Project during the initial 10-year term of the temporary agreement, on terms which would allow the Borough to allocate fifty percent (50%) of the Premium Payments it makes in excess of the retail water rate charged to the South Municipalities towards the cost of joining the Wanaque South Project, as determined by the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission in its discretion; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge residents to enter into said temporary agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the contract upon final review by the Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

Ordinance No. 1733 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 Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1733** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Lisovicz. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 110 – 20

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s reappointment of Denise **IANDOLO** to serve as the Borough’s **COURT ADMINSTRATOR** for a one-year term be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 111-20

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., The Mayor & Borough Council approves The Raffle License applications for an **ON-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE, GOLF CONTEST & OFF-PREMISE 50/50** submitted by the Banyon School to be held on October 5, 2020 at the Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028. All events that are being held in person must comply with all COVID-19 restrictions.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 112 - 20

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **MURPHY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-154.1 requires that the Borough Council appoint adult school crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has certified that the adult school guards listed in Attachment A meet the requirements stipulated in N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-154.1; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has indicated that such adults school crossing guards are required for the upcoming school year; and

WHEREAS, it appears in the best interests of the Borough of Glen Ridge to appoint the adult school crossing guards for the upcoming school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Glen Ridge to appoint the adult school guards listed in Attachment A for a period from September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 with the salary as follows:

- 1. Crossing Guard \$15.25/hr.
- 2. Crossing Guards assigned to Post One \$16.25/hr.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that a grant application has been submitted on behalf of the Borough for technical assistance through Sustainable NJ. Grants are also being submitted for assistance with a small compost transfer station.

RESOLUTION NO. 113 – 20

Motion by Councilor **MANS**
 Motion by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize the following “FILM FUND” Grants:

- Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee, Website: \$1,000
- Glen Ridge Boy Scouts, Camping Equipment: \$500
- Glen Ridge Community Concerts, 2020-2021 Season: \$1,000
- Womens Club of Glen Ridge, Performing Arts Program: \$500
- Glen Ridge Public Library, Selected Shorts: \$2,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized execute the payment of these grants.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 114-20

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE TO CONTINUE AS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM NAMED THE SUSTAINABLE ESSEX ALLIANCE ENERGY PROCUREMENT COOPERATIVE (SEAEPC), WITH THE BOROUGH OF MAPLEWOOD AS LEAD AGENCY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE VIA A GOVERNMENT ENERGY AGGREGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2018 the Borough of Glen Ridge (“Borough”) adopted Ordinance No. 1681 establishing a Government Energy Aggregation program in accordance with the provisions of the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq. for the purpose of obtaining cleaner energy at as low a cost as possible for residential and business participants through a GEA program; and

WHEREAS, Glen Ridge Ordinance 1681 allows the authorization provided to the lead agent shall be valid until December 31, 2021 (the “Effective Period”), at which time the Glen Ridge Community Energy Aggregation Program will be subject to renewal at the discretion of the Borough of Glen Ridge Mayor & Council; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council seek to continue participation in the Glen Ridge Community Energy Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018 the Borough of Maplewood (“Maplewood”) adopted Ordinance No. 2899-18 establishing a Government Energy Aggregation (“GEA”) program in accordance with the provisions of the Government Energy Aggregation Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-93.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2018 Maplewood adopted Resolution No. 78-18 establishing a Cooperative Pricing System referred to as the Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Procurement Cooperative (SEAEPC) and authorizing Maplewood to serve as Lead Agency of the SEAEPC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge and Maplewood have determined that it will be advantageous to the residents of both the Borough and Maplewood, as well as other participating municipalities, to jointly implement their Government Energy Aggregation programs through a joint purchasing initiative that will achieve economies of scale and attract increased attention of prospective bidding suppliers and, as a result, the Borough has determined that it is in the best interests of its residents to form a cooperative pricing system with Maplewood for the purpose of purchasing electric generation services

including a renewable energy component and energy aggregation services for residents and potentially businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge and Maplewood have determined that Maplewood is best suited to serve as Lead Agency of the joint purchasing system; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through December 31, 2022 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) for electric generation services and energy aggregation services for residents of the Borough and member municipalities of the cooperative pricing system, pursuant to Local Public Contract Law Regulations, the Government Energy Aggregation Act and applicable New Jersey Board of Public Utilities regulations pertaining to Government Energy Aggregation programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to continue participating as a member of a cooperative pricing system named the Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Procurement Cooperative (SEAEPC) for the purpose of obtaining cleaner energy at as low a cost as possible for residential and business participants through a GEA program, and to submit an application to the Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services for authorization to continue participating as a member of the SEAEPC, and for designation of the Borough of Maplewood as Lead Agency of the SEAEPC; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Administrator, on behalf of the Borough, are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement for a Cooperative Pricing System, with the Borough of Maplewood (“Maplewood”), as Lead Agency of the Cooperative Pricing System, that authorizes the Borough’s participation in the SEAEPC and delegates authority to Maplewood, as Lead Agency, to implement a RFP process for the purpose of purchasing electric generation services including a renewable energy component and energy aggregation services for residents of the Borough, on the Borough’s behalf, pursuant to Local Public Contract Law Regulations, the Government Energy Aggregation Act and applicable New Jersey Board of Public Utilities regulations pertaining to Government Energy Aggregation programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Glen Ridge shall not authorize Maplewood, as Lead Agency, to make an award of a contract to an electric power supplier on the Borough’s behalf, unless and until a bid is received in response to an RFP that provides pricing for power supply for the Borough’s participating residents that provides cost savings as compared to the cost of utility-supplier power, meets the renewable energy goals of the Borough and/or is otherwise in the best interests of participating residents, and that is otherwise in compliance with applicable law and regulations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the lead agent shall be valid until December 31, 2022 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Public Works Committee, thanks the Public Works Department for their storm clean up efforts. Councilor Murphy reported that seven (7) Borough trees damaged homes or cars. He also reported that Styrofoam collection has resumed, and a successful collection was held last Saturday.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported this week will be the last week of summer day camp and thanked all those who participated.

RESOLUTION NO. 115 – 20

Offered by Councilor **LAW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2021-2023

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge desires to participate in the Essex County Urban County for conducting certain community development activities for Program Years 2021-2023; and

WHEREAS, a letter has been drafted by the Mayor to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development notifying them of the Borough’s desire to participate in this process; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee or a unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Shelter Grants program (“ESG”) provided through Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act permits for substantial federal funds allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living.

WHEREAS, the current Uniform Shared Services and Consolidated Act contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, by July 30, 2020 each municipality must notify the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge and its residents to participate in said programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Cooperation Agreement and notifies the Essex County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnership Act Program for the Program Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 (June 1, 2021- May 31, 2023); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy to this resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development no later than August 30, 2020.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

RESOLUTION NO. 116-20

Offered by Councilor **LAW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 1679 which established the collection of Affordable Housing Fees and these fees shall be used for eligible housing activities; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1702 established the positions of Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent for the purposes of administering the Borough’s affordable housing program;

WHEREAS, Resolution 78-20 appointed Community Grants, Planning & Housing as the Borough Administrative Affordable Housing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing advertised the program, accepted and reviewed applications; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing qualified an applicant, their proposed scope of work and bids for Affordable Housing Project 2020.1; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing recommends the approval of Housing Project 2020.1 to **A3 Contracting, LLC of Linden New Jersey 07036**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey approves the contract to **Affordable Housing Project One to A3 Contracting, LLC** in the amount of **\$19,475.00** and said funds are available from the affordable housing trust fund.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy					Morrow	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

Borough Administrator Zichelli reported on the status of the storm cleanup and thanked all departments involved.

Captain Quinn thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance during the storm on behalf of Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Municipal Clerk