

A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 23, 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, Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Municipal Clerk Tara Ventola, and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Patrick wished everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from Jon encouraging residents to contact Gov. Murphy requesting the elimination of toll fares on the Garden State Parkway.

A letter from the commissioner of the Department of Transportation informing the Borough of the 2021 various streets program funding in the amount of \$530,000.

An email from DLGS informing municipalities of the remote meeting protocols for local bodies will remain in effect until 90 days past the declaration of the end of the Covid-19 Public Health emergency.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Robyn Fields of 21 Somme Avenue addressed the council with regards to artificial turf referencing a letter previously submitted in 2018.

Councilor Law responded to the concerns stated.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on November 9, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-20

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$2,889,524.83
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$15,065.55
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$225.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$8,405.76
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00

GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$18,973.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$52,683.71
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 Dec 1, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149 – 20

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, impact of Tropical Storm Isaias created emergency situations affecting the public health and welfare of the employees and residents which required the immediate performance of services; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of The Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and the rules at N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1, the Mayor and Borough Council adopted Resolution 118-20 which authorized the Borough Administrator to take immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Borough Council that the Emergency Management Coordinator’s declaration met the definition of an emergency under New Jersey Statutes and the following emergency contracts are confirmed:

<u>Tree Removal & Pruning</u>		
Dujets		\$64,200.00
 <u>Debris Pick Up</u>		
Green Valley		\$12,750.00
 <u>Right of Way Restoration</u>		
Perrone Construction		\$37,020.00
 <u>Forestry Assessment Services</u>		
RichView Consulting		\$2,821.90
 <u>Debris Disposal</u>		
Natures Choice		\$2,625.00
S. Rotundi		\$9,540.00
Total		\$128,956.90

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

Ordinance No. 1737 entitled Special Financial Emergency Current Fund; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No.

1737 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	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1738 entitled Special Financial Emergency Pool; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1738** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Murphy. 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	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 150 – 20

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to submit application to the Division of Local Government Services to authorize a special emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 allows local units to treat COVID-19 related operating deficits as a special emergency that can be certified through the Division and then spread over several subsequent budgets as a deferred charge, rather than budgeted fully in the current or next year; and.

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has substantial revenue shortages in the Current Fund estimated to total \$160,000 at year end; and.

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has substantial revenue shortages in the Swimming Pool Utility estimated to total \$275,000 at year end; and.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, The County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. That the Chief Financial Officer is authorized file application with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services requesting the approval of a special emergency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.

Section 2. The Borough hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to finance such appropriation from either the surplus funds available or by issuing special emergency notes from time to time in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution will be filed with The Director of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey.

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

Ordinance No. 1739 entitled Management Salary 2021; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1739** 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	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 151-20

Offered by Counselor **MURPHY**
 Seconded by Counselor **LAW**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge sought the removal of Borough trees & stump grinding services; 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 aforesated services; and,

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2019, **Dujets Tree Experts, Inc.** of 54 Notch Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **\$39,055.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **Dujets Tree Experts, Inc.** be awarded the 2020 Tree Removal & Stump Grinding Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and Director of Planning & Development are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

2020 Tree Removal	
11-Nov-20	
Dujets	\$39,055.00
Downes	\$39,505.00
TreeTech	\$52,388.00
Almstead	\$64,950.00
Rich Tree Service	\$82,225.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152- 20

Offered by Councilor **MURHY**
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Glen Ridge has determined that the Public Works 2005 Ford F450 Jitney Bus, commonly known as Bus 457, along with various pieces of small equipment are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals.com; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals.com has been awarded the cooperative purchasing agreement through Sourcewell #041316-GDI for Online Surplus Auctions & Payment Processing

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2019-15,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorized the sale the surplus vehicle on the online auction website known as GovDeals.com.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that work had been completed at Forest Avenue field.

Borough Administrator Zichelli wished everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta stated that the Safety Committee held an emergency meeting to discuss the increase in Covid-19 exposures and the Health Officer preformed a walk through to aid the departments through eh second wave of the pandemic.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Municipal Clerk