

A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 via teleconference due to the Public Health crisis Covid-19 at 7:30 p. m.

Council President Murphy 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 Morrow

Absent: Mayor Patrick and Councilor Law

The following Borough Officers participated in the teleconference: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Municipal Clerk Tara Ventola, and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Council President Murphy suspended the regular order of business for the CDBG hearing.

Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli addressed the council and public and explained this was the first of two public hearings required to apply for and receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant. The Borough receives approximately \$40,000 in funding from this grant and the funds are used for ADA compliance for crosswalks during road jobs throughout the year.

The hearing was opened to the public. No one wished to be heard.

Council President Murphy resumed the regular order of business.

Council President Murphy called for the written communications.

A letter from County Executive Joe DiVincenzo presenting the Borough with a Cares Act reimbursement check in the amount of \$41,162.56.

A letter from the Passaic Valley Sewage Commission notifying the public of the continuation of the public hearing on December 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM via zoom.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Lillian Rattish, 91 Hawthorne Ave. addressed the council seeking the Borough to place a Menorah outside the Municipal Complex for Hanukkah.

Robin Fields, 21 Sommer Ave. addressed the council in support of Lillian’s request in seeking a Menorah outside Borough Hall for Hanukkah.

Valerie Wiolds, residents of the Borough since 2021 also addressed the council seeking a Menorah to celebrate and honor Hanukkah.

Council President Murphy addressed the public on behalf of the council in support of installing a Menorah. Councilor Mans and Morrow also spoke in support of the Menorah installation.

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 23, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 153-20

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**

Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$2,548,815.05
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,576.63
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$9,109.98
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$10,174.83
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$855.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$575.24
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$9,320.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$44,134.53
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$299.00

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 15, 2020.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 154-20

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 Individuals and Mortgage Processing Service in designated amounts representing Overpayment Tax or Utility payment as following:

Block:	Lot:	Qual:	Name & Address	Date Paid	Amount
Blk 74	Lt 7		Sprong, Garry & Maureen 76 Sherman Ave	11/09/2020	\$6,282.84
			Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to; Sprong, Garry & Maureen 76 Sherman Avenue Glen Ridge, NJ 07028		
			Refund Tax Overpayment: 1st Qtr. 2021 Property owner refinanced and requesting refund of tax overpayment		
Blk 118	Lt 16		Gibbs, Christopher & Rebecca 504 Ridgewood Ave	9/08/2020	\$1,216.90
			Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to; Gibbs, Christopher & Rebecca 504 Ridgewood Avenue		

Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Refund Tax Overpayment: 4th Qtr. 2020
 Property owner refinanced and requesting refund of tax overpayment.

Acct: 26900-0 Huddleston, Kellie 8/27/2020 \$86.36
 30 Lorraine St

Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;
 Huddleston, Kellie
 7130 S. Wenatchee Way, Unit A
 Aurora, Co 80016

Refund Utility Overpayment: Sold property July 29, 2020.
 Prior property owner requesting refund of utility overpayment from August 27th.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 155- 20

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following **APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS** be made in the
2020 Current Fund Budget effective December 14th, 2020:

Budget Line	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
Financial Administration - Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Tax Collector - Other Expenses	2,000.00	
Tax Assessor - Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Engineering - Salary and Wage	12,000.00	
Workers Compensation Insurance Premium	10,000.00	
Buildings and Grounds - Salary and Wages	20,000.00	
Joint Sewer - Contractual	10,000.00	
Utilities - Electric	18,000.00	
DCRP - Employer Match	6,000.00	
Administration - Other Expenses		10,000.00
Employee Health Insurance		20,000.00
Dispatch - Salary and Wages		14,000.00
Street and Roads - Salary and Wages		30,000.00
Utilities - Gasoline		18,000.00
Unemployment Compensation		6,000.00
	98,000.00	98,000.00

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

Ordinance No. 1737 entitled Special Financial Emergency Current Fund; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Murphy declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Murphy declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1737** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Council President Murphy declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

Ordinance No. 1738 entitled Special Financial Emergency Pool; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Murphy declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Murphy declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1738** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Council President Murphy declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

Ordinance No. 1739 entitled Management Salary 2021; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Murphy declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Council President Murphy declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1739** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Council President Murphy declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported the council voted unanimously to install a Menorah outside the Municipal Building for Hanukkah during the workshop meeting.

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported the sustainable energy aggregation public information meeting will be held virtually on January 26, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Council President Murphy, Chair of the Public Works Committee, stated the Public Works crew is ready for the pending winter storm.

RESOLUTION NO. 156-20

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to complete interior and exterior repairs to the Glen Ridge Train Station by prequalified historic preservation specialists; and,

WHEREAS, six qualified bids were received and opened on December 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, **Alden-Baily Restoration Corp.** of 115 Franklin Turnpike, #296, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 submitted the lowest responsible base bid in the amount of **\$324,910.00**; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the bond Ordinance 1718; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Alden-Baily Restoration Corp. be awarded a contract for the aforementioned improvements and that the Administrator and the Director of Planning and Development are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

	Base Bid	Deduct
Alden Bailey Restoration Corporation	324,910.00	2,150.00
Drill Construction	465,000.00	30,000.00
Paragon Restoration Corporation	496,415.00	18,500.00
Northeast Roof Maintenance	594,000.00	10,800.00
D.A. Nolt	1,179,850.00	27,400.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 157-20

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

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 2020.3; 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 Three to A3 Contracting, LLC** in the amount of **\$20,725.00** and said funds are available from the affordable housing trust fund.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 158- 20

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

WHEREAS, the Borough has as of this date recorded more than 125 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and, a dramatic increase over the last month, in the number of positive cases from 63 reported cases on November 9, 2020 to 127 reported cases on December 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Health Issued a Guidance document placing a pause on all indoor sports; and

WHEREAS, the Borough acknowledges the determination of the New Jersey Department of Health and, in light of the dramatic increase in COVID-19 positivity in the Borough, has determined that additional measures are advisable and warranted to protect the health and safety of Borough residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no indoor or outdoor organized recreational activities shall be permitted on, or permits issued for, Borough owned fields, parks and buildings. This shall include, but not limited to, activities as follows:

- Sports games, scrimmages, practices, clinics, skills and drills activities, training/strength and conditioning sessions.
- Group meetings, rehearsals, or assemblies of any kind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this pause and suspension of indoor and outdoor organized recreational activities will be reevaluated in January of 2021.

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

Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli reported on the upcoming storm, that the 1995 plow has been replaced and upgraded this year and the deteriorating salt shed was replaced and now has the capacity to hold double the amount of salt.

Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta reminded all residents that there is no on street parking permitted for the duration of the storm. Residents can park in all Borough owned parking lots.

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 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Municipal Clerk