

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 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, Lefkovits, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that were held on January 4, 2021 (Re-Organizational) and January 19, 2021 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from the Essex County Executive along with a CARES Act reimbursement was received in the amount of \$14,239.10.

A letter from the NJ DOT denying our application for the 2021 bikeway grant.

Correspondence between the Borough Forester, administration staff and a resident was also received with regards to the specific location of a tree.

Mayor Patrick stated that the law prohibits Borough Administration and Borough Officials from commenting on personnel issues and litigation either pending or threatened except in very specific cases.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Maureen Mica of 270 Forest Avenue addressed the council with concerns about litigation within the Police Department.

An anonymous speaker expressed concerns and requested the Chief to respond.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-21

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	\$9,089,300.03
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$19,857.94
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$130,504.09
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$621.75

POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$1,977.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$52,170.94
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 Feb 15, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 41 – 21

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY THROUGH THE GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033

PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE GLEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program to make use of excess Department of Defense personal property by making that personal property available to municipal, county and State law enforcement agencies (LEAs); and

WHEREAS, DLA rules mandate that all equipment acquired through the 1033 Program remain under the control of the requesting LEA; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 Program allows municipal and county LEAs to obtain property they might not otherwise be able to afford in order to enhance community preparedness, response, and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, although property is provided through the 1033 Program at no cost to municipal and county LEAs, these entities are responsible for the costs associated with delivery, maintenance, fueling, and upkeep of the property, and for specialized training on the operation of any acquired property; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-30.2 requires that the governing body of the municipality or county approve, by a majority of the full membership, both enrollment in, and the acquisition of any property through, the 1033 Program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Glen Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to enroll in the 1033 Program for no more than a one-year period, with authorization to participate terminating on December 31 of the current calendar year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire any items of non-controlled property designated “DEMIL A,” which may include office supplies, office furniture, computers, electronic equipment, generators, field packs, non-military vehicles, clothing, traffic and

transit signal systems, exercise equipment, farming and moving equipment, storage devices and containers, tools, medical and first aid equipment and supplies, personal protection equipment and supplies, construction materials, lighting supplies, beds and sleeping mats, wet and cold weather equipment and supplies, respirators, binoculars, and any other supplies or equipment of a non-military nature identified by the LEA, if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes, based on the needs of the, without restriction; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Police Department is hereby authorized to acquire the following “DEMIL B through Q” property (see attached list), if it shall become available in the period of time for which this resolution authorizes and it has been determined that based on the needs of this venue, law enforcement may not acquire armored tactical vehicles or marine vessels over 28” without specific approval of the governing body ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any other acquisitions shall be reviewed and approved by the Public Safety Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Police Department shall develop and implement a full training plan and policy for the maintenance and use of the acquired property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Police Department shall provide a quarterly accounting of all property obtained through the 1033 Program which shall be available to the public upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be valid to authorize requests to acquire “DEMIL A” property and “DEMIL B through Q” property that may be made available through the 1033 Program during the period of time for which this resolution authorizes; with Program participation and all property request authorization terminating on December 31st of the current calendar year from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 42-21

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to remove hazardous street trees; and,

WHEREAS, 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**; and

WHEREAS, through the course of the removal project it was determined by our Forester that additional trees need to be removed; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed change order has been reviewed and verified by the Borough Forester; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the Capital Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a change order in the amount of **\$3,240.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$42,295.00**.

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

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Works committee reported that our recycling center had a fire and the Borough will need to find a new facility to contract with. The DPW crews have been working hard with snow preparations and removal.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that the town is working with the county to transport senior citizens to the vaccine sites.

Ordinance No. 1740 entitled Stormwater Management; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Morrow. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1740** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Mans. 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	Lekfovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Borough Attorney, John Malyska reported on the final hearing with Judge Gardner for the CLARUS water connection.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli thanked the Public Works crews for their work on snow cleanup. The crews worked 36-48 hours straight cleaning up the town. The Police Department and ambulance continued to take calls for service throughout the entire storm.

Chief Byron-Lagattuta stated that she upholds pride in her service to the community and that her office is always open to residents to discuss concerns with transparency either via telephone or email. The Chief stated that only two snow removal summonses were issued and thanked the recreation department and high school students who assisted seniors with snow removal.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

An anonymous caller apologized for previously speaking over the Mayor and reiterated his concerns.

Alice Roberts of Belleville Avenue asked for clarification of what the CARES Act reimbursement covered.

Lynne Vande Stowe of 364 Ridgewood Avenue stated her concerns and interactions in reference to current and implied litigation.

It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk