

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building 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 were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Quinn, Borough Attorney Malyska and Borough Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Hughes, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on July 12, 2021 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

There were no written communications presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick presented the following proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, Eagle Scout is the highest honor of Scouting and is achieved only through dedication, community service and hard work; and,

**WHEREAS**, the rank of Eagle Scout is a lifelong honor, and is respected by all persons familiar with Scouting; and,

**WHEREAS, SAWYER SMITH** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he Restored the Wrought Iron Fence and Gate at Freeman Gardens. Refinishing the fence and gate to its original state required extensive cleaning, scraping and sanding of flaking paint and rust, then priming and final painting within the parameters of strict Covid guidelines at the time. As the Freeman Garden grounds are maintained by funds raised through private donations and volunteers, refinishing of the wrought iron fence and gate has saved the association thousands of dollars; and

**WHEREAS, MYLES REDA** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he designed, funded and installed a pollination garden for bees at Freeman Gardens in Glen Ridge. This pollination garden project also will continue to raise awareness for the population crisis that many pollinating bees are facing, and educates visitors on what they could do to help the bees by planting certain types of flowers; and

**WHEREAS, SAMUEL AUBORN** of Troop 55, has stayed the course and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in which he designed, funded, and manufactured 400 face shields for local front line workers at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Specifically, these went to Mountainside Hospital, Glen Ridge, Montclair and Bloomfield Police Departments. This gave protection to those helping our community at the beginning of the pandemic, when Personal Protective Equipment was in short supply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor of The Borough of Glen Ridge, with the advice and consent of The Borough Council, do hereby

proclaim Sunday, September 12, 2021 to be “**Glen Ridge Eagle Scout Day**” in The Borough of Glen Ridge in honor of the achievement of these young men, and I call upon all of our citizens to recognize, respect and congratulate them, and their Troop leaders for their accomplishments.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Maureen Mycka of 270 Forest Avenue approached the council to discuss meeting dates that often correspond with the meeting dates of the Board of Education which limits access to each entity. A discussion ensued among the council. Borough Clerk Ventola will send draft meeting dates to the secretary of the Board of Education.

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-21**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$4,129,042.22</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$13,914.54</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$34,101.44</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$311,190.34</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$3,132.44</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$69,933.07</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$19,468.32</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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 August 15, and September 1, 2021.

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

**Ordinance No. 1750** entitled An Ordinance establishing titles for non-union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing the 2021 maximum annual salaries; 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. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1750** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

**Ordinance No. 1751** an Ordinance to appropriate Grant Funds for the Hurrell Field Track Restoration was presented for first reading. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1751** 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	Lefkovits	None		Morrow		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

**Ordinance No. 1752** entitled An Ordinance to appropriate Capital Funds for various Capital Improvements and Equipment; Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1752** 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	Lefkovits	None		Morrow		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans							

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-21**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, upon the recommendation of the Borough’s Negotiating Team, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby ratifies the “Agreement Between Borough of Glen Ridge and Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 58A” for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Mayor and the Borough Administrator of the Borough of Glen Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement with PBA Local 58A.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-21**

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

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL SHERMAN AVENUE & BAY AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council sought to improve the pedestrian crossing at Sherman and Bay Avenue and adopted Resolution 119-17 to install a crosswalk; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge to further improve the safety of pedestrians crossing at the location and seek permission to install a pedestrian signal within the Essex County right-of way based upon the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee and Borough Engineer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby requests permission from the

County of Essex to install a solar powered pedestrian crossing array at the above location; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Glen Ridge will accept the responsibility for installation and maintenance of the pedestrian stanchions and crosswalks and will hold Essex County harmless from any claims and litigation from any types of incidences related to the signs and associated equipment installed within the County right-of-way. The signage and equipment will be installed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Commissioner of Transportation.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-21**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Glen Ridge Police Department has determined that there is a need to purchase a new **2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle**; and,

**WHEREAS**, The purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

**WHEREAS**, **Cherry Hill Winner Ford**, 250 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of New Jersey Division of Purchasing Contract #20-01189; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the Police operating capital.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey do hereby approve the purchase of the new 2021 Ford Interceptor from Cherry Hill Winner Ford in the amount of **\$43,188.00**.

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported the Borough is working on a recycling education grant to provide information to residents. "Interview" posts will begin to be posted on Facebook and Channel 36 to continue to reach residents across different platforms.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that the Public Works Department continues to clean up limbs and storm debris and maintain parks. The Gas Pump project has been completed and the gun range ventilation project is almost completed.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported the field work at Carteret, Forest and Hurrell have been completed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-21**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor’s appointment of **Christine Yewaisis** to serve as First Alternate on the Borough’s **Historic Preservation Committee** as a Class A member be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon recommendation for the Historic Preservation Commission Chair, **Virginia Moriarty** shall serve as a Class C Full Member on the Borough’s Historic Preservation Commission.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 109–21**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**WHEREAS**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., and 19:44-A.20.4 et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit bids for professional services to draft Design Guidelines for the Glen Ridge Historic District; and,

**WHEREAS**, **Steven Smolyn, Architect** of 2 Marineview Plaza, 25D, Hoboken, New Jersey 07030 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **\$22,350.00**; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the course of the project, it was determined that services for the development of the design guidelines was required; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office grant; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a change order in the amount of **\$2,649.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$24,999.00**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Administrator and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 110–21**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor’s appointment of **Sean S. Payne** to serve as the Second Alternate on the Borough’s **Board of Adjustment** and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

Chief Quinn reminded all residents that National Night out wukkk be held at the Town Pool on August 24th. School will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> please be aware of traffic

and pedestrians. On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a car seat installation event.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk