

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 13, 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 Lisovicz, Mans, Lefkovits, Law, and Morrow

Absent: Councilor Hughes

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Deputy Administrator Erik DeLine, Lt. Faranda, Borough Clerk Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Morrow, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on November 22, 2021, be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

No written communication was presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick presented the following Proclamation:

**WHEREAS, *Jennifer Breuer*** has expertly and faithfully served the Borough of Glen Ridge as the Library Director since November 1, 2010, and

**WHEREAS,** she has been a visionary leader, marshalling the Library through many changes and improvements as result of two Strategic Plans, and

**WHEREAS,** she has worked tirelessly to improve services by expanding hours, redesigning the interior layout including the Historical Room, the Work Room and Teen Area, adding the well-attended Pop-Up library, and providing many new programs such as Selected Shorts, Cook Book Club, Museum Passes, and

**WHEREAS,** she has diligently managed the Library’s budget and finances by exploring outside funding and grants, fundraising (raising over \$100,000 as part of the Gala 2012), developing shared services with the Borough, consolidating vendors for greater efficiency and savings, all of which resulted in 5 years of flat budgets during her tenure and a clean financial audit, and

**WHEREAS,** she has devoted many hours to the Friends of the Glen Ridge Library, working closely with its Presidents and supporting new fundraising initiatives and programs such as the Annual Appeal, Town-wide Garage Sale and Shredding Day which have resurrected the Friends into a vibrant and important support and fundraiser arm for the Library, and

**WHEREAS,** she has been a champion for her staff, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow, increase their skill set and seek out new programs, ideas and offerings, resulting in record-breaking circulation, a net BCCLS lender since 2013 and being voted New Jersey’s Favorite Library in 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, she has worked tirelessly, along with Board members to develop a library expansion plan to address after-hours accessibility, quiet study space and community meeting areas in anticipation of receiving funds from the Library Bond Construction act, and

**WHEREAS**, she navigated new waters in dealing with the logistics of operating a library during the COVID-19 pandemic, orchestrating services, maintaining community outreach and safely reopening the library, and

**WHEREAS**, she is not only valued by her staff, Library Board and residents but also by her peers, having served in numerous BCCLS leadership positions, and having received at three NJLA awards for her accomplishments in marketing and communication, and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer celebrated her 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Glen Ridge Public Library on November 1, 2021, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Stuart Patrick, on behalf of the entire Glen Ridge Council, Borough Administration, and Glen Ridge Residents do hereby thank and commend Jennifer Breuer for her contributions to the Borough of Glen Ridge Public Library; and wish her and her family all the best in their future endeavors.

**Mayor Patrick suspended the Order of Business for the final CDBG hearing.**

Deputy Borough Administrator DeLine presented the application on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

**Mayor Patrick resumed the Regular Order of Business.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-21**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$3,004,864.72</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$15,381.98</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$17,815.16</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$3,604.29</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$2,533.20</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$44,724.42</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 December 15, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-21**

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

**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**

Block 70 Lot 27 Qual; C0005 Leyenson, Dennis & E. Hartlen - Daoust 10//20/21  
**\$3,506.52**

100 Glen Ridge Ave., Unit 5

**Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;**  
**Leyenson, Dennis & E. Hartlen - Daoust**  
**100 Glen Ridge Ave., Unit 5**  
**Glen Ridge, NJ 07028**

**Refund Tax Overpayment; 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr - 2021**

**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)		Lefkovits	None		None		Hughes	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**Ordinance No. 1755** an Ordinance establishing titles for employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge represented by the CWA and fixing maximum salaries and other compensations for those titles was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1755** 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)		Lefkovits	None		None		Hughes	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**Ordinance No. 1756** an Ordinance establishing titles for Non-Union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing maximum salaries and other compensations for those titles was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1756** 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)		Lefkovits	None		None		Hughes	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**Ordinance No. 1757** an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.32 “Parking Restrictions on Designated Streets” was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1757** 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)		Lefkovits	None		None		Hughes	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**Ordinance No. 1758** an Ordinance amending Chapter 12 and Chapter 17.20 was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lisovicz. 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 Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1758** 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)		Lefkovits	None		None		Hughes	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 147 – 21**

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

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON, MCKESSON, CARDINAL HEALTH, AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING THEIR ROLES IN THE COUNTRY’S OPIOID CRISIS**

**WHEREAS**, on August 20, 2021, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced that New Jersey intends to join nationwide settlement agreements with New Jersey based pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson and the United States’ three largest pharmaceutical distributors – McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen – to resolve claims involving their roles in fomenting the country’s opioid crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the nationwide settlements will not only hold the companies financially accountable by requiring payments of as much as \$26 billion, the settlements will provide funding to support programs that address the opioid epidemic in New Jersey and across the country, and will require significant changes in the pharmaceutical industry aimed at preventing similar crises in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, participation by a significant number of states, county and municipal governments nationwide must agree to the proposed terms in order for the settlements to take effect; and

**WHEREAS**, provided enough states opt to participate in the settlements, their subdivisions (i.e. county and municipal governments) will have through January 2, 2022 to join; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk, to sign any documents necessary in order to join the settlement agreements with Johnson & Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen to resolve claims involving their participation in the opioid crisis without further authorization by the governing body; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Office of The Attorney General and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that 49 trees for Ridgewood Ave were provided by the County and thanked the Public Works Crew for beginning to plant the trees.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that the Public Works Department has been working on the following projects, ADA curbing on Midland Avenue, water main repair on Lincoln Street, pot hole repairs and tree planting. The department has prepared all vehicles for winter plowing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 148-21**

Offered by Counselor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Counselor **LISOVICZ**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Glen Ridge is a participating municipality in The Essex County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Glen Ridge desires to request funding under the CDBG program year 2022.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby authorize the Director of Planning and Development to submit an application for funding under the Essex County Community Development Block Program for the following projects by priority number:

<u>Priority No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
1	ADA Street Ramps	\$72,049

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

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning Committee reported that the Planning Board will hold their reorganizational meeting on January 19, 2022. Councilor Morrow attended an

OEM meeting with Lt. Gnardellis reporting that Essex County has administered over 500,000 Covid Vaccines and Tests.

Essex County has 86% of eligible adults fully vaccinated and 11,000 pediatric doses have been administered.

Deputy Administrator DeLine reported the Borough will closed on 12/23 & 12/24, 2021 and 1/3/2022.

Lt. FARAanda reported Santa will be escorted through the Borough on Sunday beginning at 5:00 PM.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Mans the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk