

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 in the Glen Ridge council chambers 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 Morrow, Lefkovits, Law and Meyer

Absent: Councilors Hughes and Mans

The following Borough Officers were present: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lt. Faranda, Borough Attorney Malyska and Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Mans, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on March 28, 2022, be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

Clerk Ventola presented the following:

A letter from Jim Low of Midland Avenue requesting the Mayor and Council take action on gas powered lawn equipment noise and pollution.

A letter was received from Raymond Donnelly but he appeared in person and spoke on his own behalf.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Ray Donnelly of 22 Madison addressed the council on several issues including crosswalks, gas leaf blowers and stolen vehicles.

Eric Manisoft of 386 Forest Avenue addressed the council about the noise issues gas powered leaf blowers cause homeowners.

Eric Goldman of 25 Lorraine Street addressed the council also on gas powered leaf blowers and how the noise affects quality of life in the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**

Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$99,092.16
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$16,040.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$5,533.92
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$176.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00

PAYROLL AGENCY	\$45,584.44
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 April 15, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-22

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

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 COUNTY OF ESSEX**

We, members of the governing body of the being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the county of Essex;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

(L.S.)	(L.S.)
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(L.S.)	(L.S.)
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(L.S.)	(L.S.)
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(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
_____	_____

The Municipal Clerk (or Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders as the case may be) shall set forth the reason for the absence of signature of any members of the governing body.

IMPORTANT: This certificate must be executed before a municipality or county can submit its approved budget to the Division of Local Government Services. The

executed certificate and the adopted resolution must be kept on file and available for inspection.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

FORM OF RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKVITS**

WHEREAS, N. J. S. A. 40A:4-8 provides that The Budget as advertised shall be read in full at the Public Hearing, or that it may be read by its "title" only if:

At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Budget, as advertised;

- (a) shall be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the principal public building; and,
- (b) copies are made available to each person requesting same during said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby declares that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8,1(a) (b), have been met and therefore The Budget for 2022 shall be read by its "title" only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the 2022 calendar year.

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2022</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 12,107,171.94
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 4,304,470.05
	<u>\$ 715,000.00</u>
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	\$ 17,126,641.99
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	<u>\$ (4,267,508.67)</u>
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 12,859,133.32

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget will be published in the April 21st, 2022 edition of the Glen Ridge Paper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge does hereby approve the preceding as the Budget for the 2022 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on May 9th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget is available on the Borough's website at www.glenridgenj.org. Hard copies may be obtained by requesting same from the Municipal Clerk via email (tventola@glenridgenj.org) or phone (973-748-8400 x 222). All persons interested in the proposed budget will have an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the scheduled meeting. Instructions for participating in the public meeting will be listed on that meeting's agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed homeowners and representatives in the designated amounts representing tax reimbursement:

Block: Lot: Name & Address Date Paid Amount

Block: 88 Lot: 1 C0405 Kim, Sue Yeon 8/05/2021 \$1,015.69
85 Park Ave., Unit 405

Make check payable / Mail Refund to;
Kim, Sue Yeon c/o Skoloff & Wolfe, Esq.

Kim, S.Y. c/o Skoloff & Wolfe
Skoloff & Wolfe Attorneys
293 Eisenhower Parkway
Livingston, NJ 07039

Refund County Board Judgment credit: 2021: \$1,015.69

Block: Lot: Qual: Name & Address Date Paid Amount

Block: 127 Lot: 25.03 Michael & Kathryn Schaper 7/13/2021 \$10,141.41
498 Ridgewood Ave

Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;
Michael & Kathryn Schaper
498 Ridgewood Avenue
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Refund Tax Overpayment; 3rd Qtr - 2021
Mortgage Company paid 3rd Qtr
Also Kathryn A. Schaper

Block: Lot: Qual: Name & Address Date Paid Amount

Block: 70 Lot: 37 Q: C0033 Catherine Choi 10/14/2021 \$2,663.87
971 Bloomfield Ave., unit C-10

Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;
Catherine Choi
971 Bloomfield Ave., Unit C-10
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Refund Tax Overpayment; 2021 3rd Qtr: \$1,325.48
2021 4th Qtr: \$1,338.39
Mortgage Company and owner both made tax payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the homeowners and representatives listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their tax account.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-22

Offered By Councilor **MORROW**
Seconded By Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., the Mayor and Borough Council approves the **Raffle License** application for an **On-Premise 50/50 Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School Home and School Association** to be held on April 27, 2022 at 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Recreation Committee reported that he met with the field consultant and visited all the fields to check and review current conditions.

Councilor Meyer reported on behalf of Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Works Committee that the road projects have resumed, and garden supplies have been ordered for the community garden.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli reported that the introduced budget will be posted on the website and will also be sent to the State for review. He also stated that Essex County will be hosting Hazardous Household Waste Collection on May 7th.

Lt. Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Quinn reminding all residents to be diligent in locking their car doors and not to leave the car running even if you remove the key fab. There has been a recent uptick in car thefts across Essex County and the entire State.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Raymond Donnelly of 22 Madison Street approached the Council about the crosswalks, house sale signs and the Toney’s Brook cleanup.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk