

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 23, 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, Mans, Law and Meyer

Absent: Councilor Hughes and Lefkovits

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

It was moved by Councilor Law, 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 May 9, 2022, be approved as submitted.

Mayor Patrick presented the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has 439 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 4.9 deaths per 100,000 people, and;

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities and protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor's highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2022, to recognize the 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 3, the first Friday in June in 2022, to help raise awareness about gun violence and by wearing orange on June 3, 2022 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Stuart Patrick, declares the first Friday in June, June 3, 2022, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage

all citizens to support their local community’s efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Law, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on May 9, 2022 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

The following written communications were presented:

An email from Raymond Donnelly of 22 Madison Street was presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

David Antonio, Essex County liaison to Glen Ridge introduced himself to the Mayor and Council members.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-22

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	\$142,010.97
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$4,884.70
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$95,979.71
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$16,122.94
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$914.86
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$14,098.98
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$5,378.50
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 June 1, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**

Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ASSESSOR'S TAX APPEALS, ANSWERS, COUNTERCLAIMS, APPEALS AND CROSS APPEALS IN TAX MATTERS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE

WHEREAS, statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the taxation of real property within the Borough of Glen Ridge are routinely filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and the Superior Court of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Glen Ridge to authorize and direct the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge to take any and all action the Tax Assessor deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promote and advance the Borough's interest in assuring that each property within the Borough is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Glen Ridge to authorize and direct the Borough Attorney to assist the Borough's Tax Assessor in such tax matters referred to herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, file, pursue and litigate, if necessary, any Assessor's Tax Appeals, Answers to Tax Appeals, Counterclaims, Appeals and Cross-Appeals in statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the taxation of real property within the Borough of Glen Ridge as may be filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and/or the Superior Court of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promote and advance the Borough's interest in assuring that each property within the Borough is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law.
2. The Attorney for the Borough of Glen Ridge be and is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action said Attorney deems advisable to assist the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge in such tax matters as are referred to herein.
3. The Mayor, Borough Administrator, Municipal Tax Assessor, Borough Attorney and any and all other Borough officials, or their designees be and are hereby authorized take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the subject and intent of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law, if required.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87-22

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

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Police Department has determined that there is a need to purchase a new **2022 Ford Utility Interceptor 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-FLEET-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 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Vehicle from Cherry Hill Winner Ford in the amount of **\$85,572**.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 88-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that there may be an item of business at each Regular Meeting of the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge entitled: **“CONSENT AGENDA”** which shall consist of a Resolution or Resolutions of a routine and noncontroversial nature not requiring discussion. Each Resolution placed on the Consent Agenda shall be discussed at the Work Session Meeting preceding the Regular Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that a copy of all Resolutions placed on the Consent Agenda shall be distributed to each Member of the Borough Council prior to the Regular Meeting and more specifically attached to and made a part of the Agenda as distributed to the Mayor and the Borough Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 89-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Glen Ridge High School Home & School Association and the Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee to coordinate the Arts & Eco Fair in the Borough on Saturday, May 21, 2022, with a rain date of Sunday, May 22, 2022. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all the organizations referred to above be considered volunteers so that they may be afforded protections under the Borough’s insurance policies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on May 21, 2022 or May 22, 2022 to accommodate the Arts & Eco Fair.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes The Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club to coordinate the Memorial Day Parade and Picnic in the Borough on Monday, May 31, 2022. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all the organizations referred to above be considered volunteers so that they may be afforded protections under the Borough’s insurance policies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on May 31, 2022 to accommodate the Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and picnic.

RESOLUTION NO. 91- 22

Offered by Counselor **MORROW**
Seconded by Counselor **MEYER**

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be over 1,000 participants in the Community Fund Lager Race on Sunday, June 12, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the use Hurrell Field for the post Lager Run event for public safety and nuisance reasons; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that The Community Fund is permitted to hold the post race event at Hurrell Field and that section 12.36.020.h.1 is suspended on Sunday, June 12, 2022 for the annual Lager Run event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the suspension of the aforesated regulation is predicated on the submission and approval of the appropriate ABC license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on Sunday June 12, 2022 to accommodate the race.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **RIDGE BOTTLE KING, INCORPORATED**, trading as **Bottle King Discount Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708-44-001-010**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and running through June 30, 2023 for the premises located at 710 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **THE GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708-33-004-001**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and running through June 30, 2023 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MAYFIELD TAVERN PARTNERS, LLC**, trading as **FITZGERALDS 1928** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708-33-005- 004** be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and running through June 30, 2023 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MECAP, INCORPORATED**, a Corporation, trading as **The Glen Ridge Pharmacy And Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708-44-003-005**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State Of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2022 and running through June 30, 2023 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Ordinance No. 1762 an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 32.010 Establishment of a Police Department was presented for first reading. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1762** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		Hughes	
		Law					Lefkovits	
		Meyer						

RESOLUTION NO. 96-22

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to improve various streets through the NJDOT 2020 Municipal Aid Program; and,

WHEREAS, **Stanziale Construction, LLC** of 2 Springdale Ave, East Orange, New Jersey 07017 submitted the lowest responsible bid and was awarded the base and alternate projects for a contract total of **\$843,798.25** ; and,

WHEREAS, through the course of the construction, it was determined Railroad Protection Insurance would be necessary for the Benson Street Crossing and Reinforced Concrete Pipe for Benson Street Stormwater Improvements was required to be substituted for another type due to a lack of availability; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed change order has been reviewed and verified by the project engineer; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the NJDOT Municipal Aid grant; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a change order in the amount of **\$8,358.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$852,156.25**.

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Works Committee thanked the Public Works crew for their work on the Eco Fair. Councilor Mans thanked the County of Essex for the donation of 50 more trees to plant on Ridgewood Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-22

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

FORM 1B – DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey. In coordination with GCADA, the New Jersey Department of Human Services/Division on Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has awarded a Youth Leadership Grant to the GCADA Municipal Alliance Program.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for DMHAS Youth Leadership funding through the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Essex,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough of Glen Ridge Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for DMHAS Grant funding for the Glen Ridge Municipal Alliance for Year One Grant Term 7/1/22 – 3/14/23 in the amount of:
 DMHAS Grant Funding \$3,528.22
2. The Borough of Glen Ridge Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Recreation Committee reported that the field improvement committee met with the field consultant and reviewed the status of all fields at this time.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli thanked Essex County for the donation of trees for Ridgewood Avenue and DPW for planting them. HE announced that county will begin implementing new traffic lights along Bloomfield Avenue to improve safety. He also stated the budget has officially been adopted.

Chief Quinn announced the Rob Romp, Memorial Day Parade, Torch Run which will cause traffic delays. The first PD Bike Rodeo will be held June 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM all are invited to attend.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Phil Johnson of 55 Chestnut Hill Place sought information regarding the May 10, 2022 accident. Chief Quinn responded that press releases will be made as information is available.

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		Hughes	
		Law					Lefkovits	
		Meyer						

The Council adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk