

The **ANNUAL** Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 2, 2024 in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building at 7:00 p. m.

Municipal Clerk Tara Ventola requested that **MAYOR ELECT DEBORAH MANS** to present herself for the purpose of subscribing to the OATH OF OFFICE.

Municipal Clerk Tara requested that **COUNCILOR ELECT LORIJEAN MOODY** present herself for the purpose of subscribing to the OATH OF OFFICE.

Municipal Clerk Tara requested that **COUNCILOR ELECT DAVID LEFKOVITS** present himself for the purpose of subscribing to the OATH OF OFFICE.

Mayor Mans 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 Lefkovits, Hughes, Moody, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sean Quinn, and Municipal Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was Moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Moody, that Councilor Morrow be nominated to serve as President of the Borough Council for the year 2024. No further nominations we offered.

The motion was adopted by and aye and no vote including the Mayor. Mayor Mans declared that Councilor Morrow will serve as this Council's President for the year 2024 offered her congratulations.

Mayor Mans thanked Mayor Patrick for his service and welcomed Councilors Moody and Lefkovits. Mayor Mans also thanked all the volunteers and departments for their service to the Borough and offered condolences to Officer Grogan and his family and friends on their loss. Communication will be a focus of the beginning of the Mayors term and she thanked the voters for electing her.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Sandra Lefkovits of Appleton Road thanked both Stuart Patrick and Carol Harpster for their dedication to the Borough.

Mayor Mans read the following Proclamation:

WHEREAS, Carol Harpster, born Carole Susan Pescatore was raised in West Caldwell, NJ by her parents Frank and Carolyn Pescatore and,

WHEREAS, Carol earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Lafayette College, a Master's degree in Microbiology from Rutgers University and an MBA from Columbia University, and

WHEREAS, Carole and her husband Joseph William Harpster moved to Glen Ridge in 1987 and raised their two children Alison and Ryan on Oxford Street; and

WHEREAS, inspired by her father Frank Pescatore's avid volunteerism it didn't take long for Carole to find her place serving the community. Carol is an active member of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church, having taught PreK 3 Bible study for 35 years, serving on the church council and as President of the Pilgrim School Board. Carole also served on the Glen Ridge Board of Education for 8 years including a term as President and closely supervised the construction and completion of the "new" wing of Glen Ridge High School; and

WHEREAS, Carole was appointed to the Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees in 2004 and has dedicated countless hours to and faithfully served the community for 20 years . During her

tenure Carol has overseen two significant renovations to the Library and has served as President of the Board, and

WHEREAS, in addition to her volunteer work Carole can be found spending time with her family including her two grandchildren Timothy and Douglas, cooking, rooting on the New Jersey Devils or the New York Jets and golfing with her friends at the Glen Ridge Country Club, and

WHEREAS, CAROL HARPSTER has dedicated countless hours of service to the Borough, supporting the library and enriching the community, ensuring that the library is providing ever-evolving and engaging user experience to all who walk through the library doors and beyond; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Deborah Mans, on behalf of the entire Glen Ridge Council, Borough Administration, Library Board and the community as a whole recognize the invaluable resources Carol has contributed to the community; and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **BYLAWS** of the Borough Council for the Year 2024 as amended and supplemented, are hereby adopted as the **BYLAWS** of the Borough Council for the year 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-24

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor’s appointment of **John Malyska, Esq.** and the firm **Meyner & Landis**, to serve as this Borough’s **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY** for the year 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-24		
Offered by Councilperson	MORROW	
Seconded by Councilperson	LAW	
BE IT RESOLVED , that the Mayor's appointments of members for the aforementioned Board, Committees, Commissions and for representatives to serve on the Joint Meetings, for the terms mentioned in making said appointments be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.		
Board of Adjustment		
Authorization -N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 & Ordinances 8.120, 820 & 987		
Felicia	Berger	
Carl	Bergmanson	
Philip	Johnson	

Dennis	Krien	
Hugh	Mahoney	
Raymond	Scott	
Garry	Sprong	
Sean	Payne	Alternate 1
Steve	Zimet	Alternate 2
The Planning Board		
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23 & Ordinances 990 & 1284		
Deborah	Mans	Class I - Mayor's Designee
Michael	Zichelli	Class II
Ann Marie	Morrow	Class III Council Liaison
Robyn	Fields	Class IV
Timothy	Hegarty	Class IV
Karin	Robinson	Class IV
Ravi	Mehrotra	Class IV
Robert	Morrow	Class IV
Anthony	Turiano	Class IV
Katherine	Bojsza	Alternate 1
		Alternate 2
Erik	DeLine	Borough Staff Liaison
The Board of Health		
Authorization - N.J.S.A. & Ordinances 1, 4 & 1525		
Donna	Heinzen	
Donna	Lifson	
Deborah	Priestman	
Michael	Sherman	
Sydney	Carey	
Pearl	Philips	
Jacqueline	Yustein	
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Staff Liaison
Borough Risk Manager		
Authorization - PAIC Bylaws		
Bruce	Roddy	
The Library Board of Trustees		
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 40:54-9		
Bernice	Clark Bonnett	
Geoffrey	Darby	
Marilyn	Law	
Deanna	Pagano	
Edward	Kastenmeier	
Tina	Payne	
Jeanna	Velechko	
David	Lefkovits	Mayor's Designee
Damien	Phoenix	BOE Superintendent's Designee
The Borough Historian		
Authorization - Ordinance 969		
Sally	Meyer	
Historic Preservation Commiss		

Authorization -N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 & Ordinance 1232		
Nicholas	Colello	Class A
Geoffrey	Darby	Class C
Robert	Deacon	Class A
Ginny	Moriarty	Class C
Joaquin	Stearns	Class A
Korian	Peter	Class A
Christine	Yewaisis	Class A
Greg	Lane	Class C Alternate 1
Jeffrey	Link	Alternate 2
Shade Tree Commission		
Authorization - Ordinance 1543 established 2015		
Elizabeth	Baker	
Robert	Baum	
Joan	Lisovicz	
Tina	Seaboch	
Julie	Zichelli	
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Staff Liaison
Environmental Advisory Comm		
Authorization - Ordinance 1749		
Steve	Zimet	
Polly	Murphy	
Megan	Giulianelli	
Amanda	McCabe	
Yerina	Mugica	
Gouri	Sadhwahi	
LoriJeane	Moody	Council Liaison
Erik	DeLine	Borough Staff Liaison
Municipal Alliance Committee		
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-9 & Ordinance 1281		
Nancy	McMahon	
Deborah	Mans	Mayor
Lt. Dean	Gnardellis	Glen Ridge Police / LEAD Coordinator
DSgt. Daniel	Manley	Glen Ridge Police Juvenile Divi
James	Cowan	Director of Parks & Recreation
Dirk	Phillips	Superintendent of Schools
Katie	Renoff	Glen Ridge Home & School President
John	Lawlor	Glen Ridge High School Princip
		Glen Ridge High School Assista Principal
Kim	O'Donnell-Pickert	Glen Ridge High School Assista Principal
Heather	Kobylinski	Glen Ridge High School Anti-Bu Specialist
Jack	Dewitt	District Anti-Bullying Coordinato
		Glen Ridge High School Home School President
Michael	Donovan	Ridgewood Avenue School Prin
		Ridgewood Avenue School Hon School President

Joseph	Caravela	Linden Avenue School Principle
		Linden Avenue School Home & School President
Mathew	Murphy	Forest Avenue School Principal
		Forest Avenue School Home & School President
Jeff	Mansfield	Glen Ridge Congregation Church Pastor
Susan	Hughes	Community Member
Lynneve	Berkowitz	Community Member
Borough Representatives to Outside Committees		
Deborah	Mans	2nd River
Deborah	Mans	3rd River
William	Bartlett	Essex County SWAC
Erik	DeLine	Essex County SWAC
William	Bartlett	Recycling Coordinator
William	Bartlett	Clean Communities Coordinator
Erik	DeLine	Affordable Housing Liaison
Erik	DeLine	Essex Community Development Block Grant Representative
Ann Marie	Morrow	Essex Community Development Block Grant Representative
Richard	Law	Passaic Valley Sewer Commission NJ Water Supply Liaison
Borough Officers		
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Administrator
		Public Agency Compliance Officer
		Public Alliance Fund Commissioner
Tara	Ventola	Municipal Clerk
		Deputy Registrar
Erik	DeLine	Deputy Administrator
		Director of Planning & Development
		Municipal Housing Liaison
Katheen	Sweeney	Registrar
Matthew	Laracy	Qualified Purchasing Agent
Sean	Quinn	Chief of Police
AnnMarie	Morrow	Emergency Management Coordinator
Dean	Gnardellis	Safety Officer / Alternate Public Alliance Fund Commissioner
William	Bartlett	Director of Public Works
James	Cowan	Director of Parks & Recreation
		Certified Tax Collector
George	Librizzi	Tax Assessor
Michael	Defrino	Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
John	Malyska	Borough Attorney
Denise	Iandolo	Court Administrator
Mark	Clemente	Municipal Court Judge
Elizabeth	Brewster	Borough Prosecutor
Vincent	Failla	Assistant Borough Prosecutor
Brian	Mason	Alternate 1
Robert	Candido	Alternate 2

Delia	Murphy	Borough Public Defender
Borough Mayor & Council		
Deborah	Mans	Mayor
Peter	Hughes	Councilor
Richard	Law	Councilor
David	Lefkovits	Councilor
Rebecca	Meyer	Councilor
Ann Marie	Morrow	Councilor
LoriJean	Moody	Councilor
Borough Council 2024 Standing Committees		
Finance & Administration Committee		
David	Lefkovits	Chair
Peter	Hughes	
Rebecca	Meyer	
Public Safety Commission		
Peter	Hughes	Chair
Ann Marie	Morrow	
Ruchard	Law	
Community Affairs & Public Relations Committee		
LoriJean	Moody	Chair
David	Lefkovits	
Ann Marie	Morrow	
Public Works Committee		
Richard	Law	Chair
Rebecca	Meyer	
David	Lefkovits	
Parks & Recreation Committee		
Rebecca	Meyer	Chair
Richard	Law	
LoriJeane	Moody	
Planning & Development Committee		
Ann Marie	Morrow	Chair
Peter	Hughes	
LoriJeane	Moody	

Mayor Mans appointed the following as 2024 STANDING COMMITTEES, the first name of each committee shall serve as the Chair of that committee:

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:
 PUBLIC SAFETY:
 COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:
 PUBLIC WORKS:
 PARKS & RECREATION:
 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

LEFKOVITS, Hughes, Meyer
 HUGHES, Morrow & Law
 MOODY, Lefkovits & Morrow
 LAW, Meyer & Lefkovits
 MEYER, Law & Moody
 MORROW, Hughes & Moody

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4- 24

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **REGULAR MEETINGS** of the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge during the year 2024 shall be held in The Council Chamber in The Municipal Building, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, on the following dates, at which official action may be taken:

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Special – Reorganization Meeting

Regular Meetings starting at 7:30 p.m.

- January 22nd
- February 12th and February 26th
- March 11th and March 25th
- April 8th and April 23rd (Tuesday)
- May 13th and May 28th (Tuesday)
- June 10th and June 24th
- July 15th
- August 19th
- September 9th and September 23rd
- October 15th (Tuesday) and October 28th
- November 11th and November 25th
- December 9th and
- December 23rd at 9:30 AM via conference call 351-888-6756.

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Special – Reorganization Meeting; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be a **WORKSHOP SESSION** at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s Office preceding every regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be a meeting of the Public Safety Committee at 5:30 p.m. preceding the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council each month.

TAKE NOTICE, that due to the Public Health Crisis COVID-19 Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council shall be held via conference call, when **necessary**, in order to protect the health and welfare of our residents, volunteers and employees. The call-in number is 351-888-6756.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates are hereby designated as the official **HOLIDAYS** for the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the year 2024;

Monday, January 1, New Year’s Day,

Monday, January 15,
 Monday, February 19,
 Friday, March 29,
 Monday, May 27,
 Thursday, July 4,
 Monday, September 2,
 Monday, October 14,
 Thursday, November 28,
 Friday, November 29,
 Wednesday, December 25
 Thursday, December 26,
 Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
 Presidents' Day,
 Good Friday,
 Memorial Day,
 Independence Day
 Labor Day,
 Columbus Day,
 Thanksgiving Day,
 Post Thanksgiving Day,
 Christmas Day,
 Post Christmas Day, and
 New Year's Day

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that, where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and the capital improvement fund, is the sum of \$16,355,013 for the Current Fund, \$1,680,000 for the Water Utility Fund, and \$620,000 for the Pool Utility; and,

WHEREAS, the temporary budget shall not exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and the capital improvement fund, which is the sum of \$4,293,191 for the Current Fund, \$441,000 for the Water Utility Fund, and \$162,750 for the Pool Utility Fund, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for capital improvement and equipment. \$200,000.00 is appropriated to the Capital Improvements/Equipment account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, that the above temporary 2024 appropriations are approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7-24

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

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

CURRENT FUND:

Petty Cash \$600.00
Police Dept. Petty Cash \$600.00

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer of the Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to issue the **PETTY CASH FUND**.

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

Mayor Mans thanked Mayor Patrick for his dedication to the Borough and his guidance through the transition. Mayor Mans congratulated newly sworn in councilors Moody and Lefkovits. The Mayor thanked all the volunteers in the Borough including our first responders. Condolences were offered to Officer Grogan and his family on the loss of his wife. Mayor Mans stated she will focus on increased communication with her constituents and thanked the residents for electing her as the Mayor.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Sandra Lefkovits thanked both Mayor Patrick and Carol Harpster for their dedicated service to the Borough.

With no further remarks or business to come before this Council, Mayor Patrick entertained a Motion to adjourn this meeting.

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

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

Mayor Mans thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

Mayor Mans invited the attendees to join her for the annual reorganizational celebration at Fitzgerald's.

The Council adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk