

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 22, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Mans called the meeting to order, 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, Lt. Timothy Faranda, and Municipal Clerk Tara Ventola.

A motion offered by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Meyer to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2023, meeting was adopted.

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

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

No written communication was presented.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Mr. Low of Midland Avenue inquired about the status of the leaf blower ordinance discussed last year and strongly encouraged the council to adopt an ordinance restricting gas powered leaf blowers.

Ms. Aguda of Woodland Avenue asked about a committee for the air b&b Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-24**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$5,815,442.79</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$9,762.17</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$90,912.89</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$10,467.06</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$7,684.93</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$71,811.14</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$16.20</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 of February 15, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-24**

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

**WHEREAS**, final judgment on tax appeals has been rendered by the Tax Court of New Jersey on the petitions of the taxpayers listed on the attached schedule reducing the assessment.

**WHEREAS**, such judgment by merit of N.J.S.A. 54:3-27.2 shall be conclusive and binding upon the municipal assessor and taxing district;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cause to be paid to the said taxpayers the sums in full and final satisfaction to tax rebates due:

ADDRESS	123 HIGHLAND AVENUE			DATE:	1/3/2024
BLOCK	96				
LOT	20				
QUAL					
	ASSESSMENT				
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>JUDGMENT</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>
2021	\$ 5,838,200.00	\$ 5,838,200.00	\$ -	3.245	\$ -
2022	\$ 5,838,200.00	\$ 5,408,300.00	\$ 429,900.00	3.293	\$ 14,156.61
2023	\$ 5,838,200.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 838,200.00	3.374	\$ 28,280.87
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 42,437.48</b>
<u>PAYABLE TO:</u>					
	<b>SCHNECK LAW GROUP, LLC</b>				
	<b>Attorney Trust Account</b>				
	301 South Livingston Avenue				
	Suite 105				
	Livingston, NJ 07039				

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee reported the committee was working on the budget.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-24**

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., the Mayor & Borough Council approve the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by **Women’s Club of Glen Ridge** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **March 16, 2024** at the **Glen Ridge Women’s Club, 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-24**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes there is a need to promote the health and safety of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council recognizes that Glen Ridge is a walking community where there is no busing for school-aged children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough first expressed its support and commitment to Safe Routes to School in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glen Ridge Police Department continually supports Safe Routes to School through a comprehensive crossing guard policy, annual crossing guard safety programs, and special events such as bike rodeos and helmet fittings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough continues to implement pedestrian safety infrastructure like Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at key crossing locations, radar-actuated stop signs, and high-visibility crosswalks; and

**WHEREAS**, Glen Ridge was the recipient of a Safe Routes to School grant in 2022 that will further expand improvements to make walking and bicycling to school safer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough was recognized in 2023 in the New Jersey Safe Routes to School Recognition Program at the Gold level;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council that the Borough of Glen Ridge remains committed to the continued implementation of Safe Routes to School in our community, which enables and encourages students to walk and bicycle to school and the development and maintenance of safe ways to walk and bicycle to school.

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

**Ordinance No. 1803** an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 10.16.020 Stop Sign Intersections, was presented for first reading. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1803** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. Mayor Mans referred the Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

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

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee stated the committee had met to discuss recent traffic control complaints. The Borough was nominated Safe Routes to School Gold Award in 2023 and Sgt. Perigo is reviewing all intersections for safe routes to school. The department along with GRHS met with the Golden Circle to present a Cyber security Awareness presentation to the seniors.

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported several events going on in town: Gas Lamp Players presented The Sound of Music and the Women’s Club presented a program for Health and Human Services with Bloomfield Health Department. The Historical Society and library have big events in the upcoming months as well.

**RESOLUTION NO. 50-24**

Offered by Councilor **LAW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge seek to prune the Borough street trees; and,

**WHEREAS**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit bids for the aforesated service; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2024, **Downes Tree Service**, of 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ 07506 submitted the lowest responsible base bid of **\$19,203.00**, alternate one bid of **\$13,950.00** and alternate two work for **\$225 per hour**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **Downes Tree Service** be awarded the base project of the 2024 Tree Pruning Contract for \$19,230.00, alternate two \$13,950.00 and additional hourly work not to exceed twenty-four hours and as approved by the Forester for a total contract not to exceed **\$38,580.00**; and,

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

2024 Tree Pruning		2.8.2024 @ 10:30 AM	
	BASE	ALT 1	Alt 2
DOWNES	\$19,230.00	\$13,950.00	\$225.00
BEUCLER	\$20,048.60	\$19,207.40	\$200.00
DuJets	\$38,400.00	\$33,600.00	\$415.00

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 51-24**

Offered by Councilor **LAW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

**WHEREAS**, The Glen Ridge Department of Public Works has determined that there is a need to purchase a new **2024 Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van**; 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**, **Nielsen Ford** of 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Morris County Co-Op Contract #15C Item #20; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Chief Financial Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the capital ordinance.

**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 2023 Ford Transit Connect Van from Nielsen Ford in the amount of **\$45,552.00**.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 52-24**

Offered by Councilor **LAW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to pave various streets in 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, **American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, 818 Summer Ave, Newark, NJ 07104** submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$508,685.89** for the Base Bid; 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 current fund, NJDOT Municipal Aid 2022 and CDBG Reprogramming grants; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the change order in the amount of **\$52,483.40** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$561,172.35**.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee stated that the department is ready for the upcoming storm.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee stated the committee will be hosting a public info session for the Air B7B Ordinance. The Historic Preservation Ordinance will also be working on this year and will need to be revised prior to adding new requirements.

Mr. Zichelli stated everyone is ready for the storm and Public Works is on call.

Lt. Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Quinn there will be no overnight street parking during the storm and snow summonses will be issued if sidewalks are not cleared after 24 hours of the end of the snowfall.

Clerk Ventola reported some may still be experiencing issues with the online dog license payment link, please be patient while the host works on the problem.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Meyer.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Tara Ventola

*Tara Ventola*

Municipal Clerk