

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, March 25, 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, Chief Sean Quinn, and Borough Attorney John Malyska.

Mayor Mans presented the following Proclamation:

*Mayor's Monarch Pledge*

**WHEREAS**, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in recent years the number has dropped to as low as 56 million - a decrease of more than 90 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, monarchs have lost an estimated 165 million acres of breeding habitat in the United States to herbicide spraying and development; and

**WHEREAS**, monarch caterpillars eat the leaves of milkweed and adult butterflies feed on flower nectar, including milkweed and native plants; and

**WHEREAS**, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and a number of organizations, schools and individuals in Glen Ridge have already launched projects to support monarchs including planting pollinator gardens at Clay and Benson Street parks and our schools, selling butterfly milkweed at our 2024 Arts and EcoFair, and registering properties to be part of Glen Ridge's "Pollinator Pathway"; and

**WHEREAS**, monarch butterflies, as well as other butterfly species, bees, birds and bats, help move pollen from one plant to another, fertilizing flowers and making it possible for plants to produce food needed to feed people and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, every resident of Glen Ridge can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and native nectar and pollinator plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEBORAH MANS**, as Mayor of the Borough of Glen Ridge, along with members of the Borough Council, do hereby sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me to ensure that future generations have the chance to enjoy this iconic butterfly.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

Clerk Ventola presented a letter from a resident of Stone house Road requesting the ban of gas powered leaf blowers in the Brough.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.]

No public comment was made.

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-24**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$3,294,697.89</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$91.78</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$5,005.00</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$75,378.30</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$345.46</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$492.89</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$41,635.15</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$240.75</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 April 1, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-24**

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

**AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:40-1**

**WHEREAS**, certain transfers of funds for various 2023 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

**WHEREAS**, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 for transfer purposes;

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Glen Ridge that the Borough Financial staff is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2023 Municipal Budget as follows:

	To:	From:
Parks and Playgrounds – Other Expenses	\$ 30,000	
Public Safety – Other Expenses		\$10,000
Finance – Other Expenses		\$5,000
Legal – Other Expenses		\$10,000
Utilities - Street Lighting		\$5,000
Total	\$30,000	\$30,000

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 65-24**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Township of Bloomfield wish to enter into an agreement for the Township of Bloomfield to provide zoning compliance and related fire inspection services for the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (the “Act”), encourages municipalities and other local contracting units to enter into Interlocal and other agreements for shared services to reduce property taxes through the reduction of local expenses; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Act provides that municipalities may enter into agreements to provide or receive any service that each municipality is empowered to receive or provide within its own jurisdiction; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Township of Bloomfield to have the Township of Bloomfield provide zoning compliance and related fire inspection services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Township of Bloomfield to provide aforesaid services.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 66-24**

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

**LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$7.5 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

**WHEREAS**, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield and Borough of Glen Ridge propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to enable the Bloomfield Township Fire Department to perform property inspections in the Borough of Glen Ridge, which will benefit the residents of both participating units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge, that the Borough of Glen Ridge does hereby join with the Township of Bloomfield in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of approximately \$50,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-24**

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

**AMENDMENT TO THE FEE SCHEDULE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by The Mayor and The Borough Council that the following fees shall take effect immediately in accordance with Ordinance No. 1417:

**Zoning Compliance & Smoke Detector Certification**

Residential Property Transfers 1-3 family	\$250.00	
Residential Property Transfers 4+ family	\$100.00	per unit
Change of Tenant 1-3 family	\$250.00	per unit
Change of Tenant 4+ family	\$100.00	per unit
Non-residential Property transfer	\$250.00	
Non-residential change of tenant	\$250.00	per unit
Reinspection	\$50.00	per reinspection

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 that the budget process is moving along smoothly.

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported in order to install the striping for the new stop signs at Highland and Baldwin the weather must consistently be over 50 degrees.

Mayor Mans stated that This Old House airing a Glen Ridge home will air on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee thanked Erik Delin for his presentation at the Public Hearing for Short Term Rentals on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The committee will review all comments before moving forward.

Administrator Zichelli reported the Borough is ready for the upcoming rain storm.

Chief Quinn reminded all residents to remain alert keeping cars and homes locked.

Clerk Ventola announced that the Eagle Scouts will be attending the next meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk