

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 14, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building at 7:30 p. m.

Council President Meyer 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, Zimet, Law, Meyer and Moody

Absent: Mayor Mans

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

Councilor Moody made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 and the March 24, 2025 meeting, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits.

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

Council President Meyer called for written communications.

There were no written communications.

Council President Meyer called for comments of the public.

There were no comments from the public.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-25

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$3,649,159.70
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$84,252.14
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$27,382.09
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,741.70
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$1,128.50
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$450.00
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$119.40

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 15, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-25

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

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”

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)	Lefkovits	Law	None		None		None	
	Hughes							
	Zimet	Moody						

Ordinance No. 1820 an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1820** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. Council President Meyer 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							
	Zimet	Moody						

RESOLUTION NO. 82-25

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

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 2025 shall be read by its “title” only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83-25

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

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 2025 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2025</u>
1. Appropriations within “CAPS” (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 13,757,134.00
2. Appropriations excluded from “CAPS” (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 3,928,173.94
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 800,000.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 18,485,307.94
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (4,259,604.94)</u>
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)	\$ 14,225,703.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget will be published in the April 17, 2025 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 2025 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on May 12, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2025 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 (clerk@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 aforementioned public hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-25

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

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 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.

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 funding to 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 Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Glen Ridge Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of:

GCADA GRANT	\$14,900.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,725.00
In-Kind	\$11,175.00

2. The Borough 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)	Lefkovits	Law	None		None		None	
	Hughes							
	Zimet	Moody						

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety committee reported that license plate readers will be installed at two intersections in the near future. He also stated that the proposed parking Ordinance for restrictions on Edgewood Rod is to accommodate street sweeping. Dates of upcoming events were announced.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-25

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

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 **Glen Ridge Community Fund** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **June 8, 2025** at Hurrell Field, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 86-25

Offered By Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded By Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

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** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on May 15, 2025 at 224 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-10)

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 Merchandise Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on April 26, 2025 at 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-11)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87-25

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge (“Borough”) wishes to install and maintain automatic license plate readers, security cameras, and equipment (“ALPRs”) on traffic signals and within rights of way belonging to the County of Essex (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the County requires that the Borough submit a certified copy of a resolution approved by the Borough governing body indicating that the Borough will hold the County of Essex harmless from any claims or actions of law directly resulting from the installation and maintenance of said ALPRs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Borough Council supports the efforts of the Glen Ridge Police Department and authorizes contractors to install and maintain ALPRs on traffic signals and within rights of way all belonging to the County of Essex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough’s Mayor, her designee, Borough Clerk, and Chief of Police, and his designee, are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge, a memorandum of understanding with the County of Essex. Said Memorandum shall be in the form attached hereto, or substantially similar thereto, and shall have a Hold Harmless and Indemnification provision providing for the indemnification of the County of Essex for any claims directly arising from the Borough; s use of traffic signals and rights of way all belonging to the County of Essex for the purpose of installing and maintain ALPRs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and executed Memorandum of Understanding with Hold Harmless and Indemnification provision shall be filed with the Borough’s Clerk by the Chief of Police or his designee.

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

Ordinance No. 1821 an Ordinance by the Borough Council amending Chapter 10.32 – parking restrictions on designated streets was presented for first reading. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1821** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. Council President Meyer 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							
	Zimet	Moody						

Councilor Zimet, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported on upcoming events and announced the Borough Newsletter is available on the website and was also emailed through the Borough email system.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 - 25

Offered by Councilor **MOODY**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s appointment of **Kayla F. Armstrong** as a member of the **Glen Ridge Shade Tree Commission** for the term expiring December 31st, 2027, is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 89 - 25

Offered by Councilor **MOODY**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s appointment of **Joseph Schuster** as a Second Alternate member of the **Glen Ridge Planning Board** for the term expiring December 31st, 2026, is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

Borough Administrator Zichelli stated the Shade Tree Management Plan was approved by the State and 53 new trees are being planted by the end of the week. The tax re-evaluation company is still doing door-to-door inspections. Water meters are also still being replaced as the current meters have reached the end of their lifespan.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Anthony Turiano stated the meter changing appointment took less than twenty minutes and was easily scheduled.

It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Hughes 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							
	Zimet	Moody						

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

The Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Tara Ventola
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 Municipal Clerk