

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 28, 2025 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, Zimet, Law, Meyer and Moody

Absent: None

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

Councilor Lefkovits made a motion to table the minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting, seconded by Councilor Moody.

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

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

There were no written communications.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

A resident of Oakwood Avenue approached the council regarding concerns of increased vehicles stolen in the area and how we can better prevent these crimes.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-25

Offered by Councilor LEFKOVITS  
Seconded by Councilor MEYER

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

CURRENT FUND	\$1,628,709.13
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$42,142.08
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$14,253.08
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$14,091.80
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$57,218.28
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$2,263.48
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$3,788.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$900.00
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 of May 1, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 91-25

Offered by Councilor LEFKOVITS  
Seconded by Councilor MOODY

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

	Proposed
<b>Streets &amp; Sidewalks</b>	
Sidewalk	\$75.00
Apron	\$100.00
<b>Parking Permits</b>	
<b>Parking permits pro rated at 1/12 of yearly fee after October 1st</b>	
Herman Street Lot	\$0.00
	\$1,020.00
	\$660.00
Hillside Avenue Lot	\$0.00
	\$540.00
	\$1,080.00
Clark Street Lot	\$0.00
	\$240.00
Benson Street Lot	\$0.00
	\$540.00
	\$240.00
Ridgewood Avenue Area	\$840.00
	\$1,440.00
	\$0.00
High School Senior Parking Permits	\$60.00
High Street	\$0.00
Highland Avenue	\$120.00
<b>Construction</b>	
Minimum fee per subcode	\$100.00
<b>Water Connection</b>	
Emergency Water Shut Off During Business Hours	\$100.00
Emergency Water Shut Off During Non Business Hours	\$300.00
Scheduled Final Meter Read	\$50.00
Same Day Final Meter Read (at least 24 hours prior to appointment)	\$100.00

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

**Ordinance No. 1822** an Ordinance by the Borough Council amending Chapter 13.04 – Water Service System, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1822** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Meyer. 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						
	Zimet	Moody						

**Ordinance No. 1820** an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank, was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lefkovits. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Mans declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Law that Ordinance No.**1820** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Mans declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-25**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE ADOPTING THE 2025 ESSEX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Glen Ridge has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

**WHEREAS** the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Borough of Glen Ridge from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption by the Mayor and Council demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, NEW JERSEY, THAT** in accordance with the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey By-Laws of the Borough Council, the Mayor and Council adopts the 2025 Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to the Borough of Glen Ridge may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the Borough of Glen Ridge to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

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

**Ordinance No. 1821** an Ordinance by the Borough Council amending Chapter 10.32 – parking restrictions on designated streets was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Mans declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1821** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Mans declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

Councilor Zimet, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations committee reported the Borough Newsletter has been emailed out and has been posted on the Borough website.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-25**

Offered by Councilor **LAW**  
Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to The Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called “**ARBOR DAY**”, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

**WHEREAS**, “**ARBOR DAY**” is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and,

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Glen Ridge has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as “**ARBOR DAY**” in the Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey.

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

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee stated that the Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission attended and presented at the council workshop the proposed changes to the existing ordinance.

Borough Administrator Zichelli stated that this Saturday Essex County is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Cedar Grove. The Borough’s Freecycle program is this Wednesday followed by Bulk Pick-up on Thursday.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Moody, 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)	Lefkovits	Law	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Zimet	Moody						

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

The Council adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk