

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 27, 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, Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

There were no written communications.

Mayor Mans read the following proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Glen Ridge Borough to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to end this public health crisis.

WHEREAS, every day, 125 Americans are killed by gun violence and more than 260 are shot and wounded, with an average of nearly 19,000 gun homicides every year; and people in the United States are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has 437 gun deaths each year, a crisis that costs the state \$5.3 billion each year, of which \$168.9 million is paid by taxpayers; New Jersey has the 5th lowest rate of gun deaths in the US; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 42 cities. Cities and towns across the nation, including in Glen Ridge, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor's highest responsibility. Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 6, 2025 to recognize the 28th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born: June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and the loved ones of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join in this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 6, 2025 and people across the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people who should not have access to them,

and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families and communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Mans of Glen Ridge Borough declares June 6, 2025, the first Friday in June, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported that the Glen Ridge Library was being recognized for excellent public relations because of the town wide survey that was distributed.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-25

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$5,523,207.91
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,689.20
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$31,073.25
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$27,085.20
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$6,499.86
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$1,940.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$0.00
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 June 1, 2025.

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

Ordinance No. 1823 an Ordinance establishing titles for non-union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing their 2025 maximum annual salaries and other compensations for those titles, 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. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Hughes that Ordinance No.**1823** 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						

Ordinance No. 1824 an Ordinance to appropriate Capital Improvement Funds for various Capital improvements and Equipment was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1824** 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						
	Zimet	Moody						

Ordinance No. 1825 an Ordinance establishing titles for non-union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing the 2025 maximum annual salaries and other compensations for Police Captain, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1825** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Zimet. 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						

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported that the committee held interviews for Police Captain and recognized the outstanding candidate chosen. He also stated that the Borough is committed to keeping the Police Vehicles in good shape and up to date with replacements.

Councilor Zimet, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee, reported that the Borough had a great turnout for the last three events. He thanked the residents and volunteers and also thanked the Police Department and Public Works Department.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee, thanked the Police Dpeartment, Public Works Department and Mr. Zichelli for their assistance in the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, stated the committee met last week and had a presentation on the affordable housing portion of the Master Plan. The presentation will be available on the Borough website.

Borough Administrator Zichelli reported that long time employee of the Building Department will be retiring at the end of the month.

Lt. Gnardellis reported that the rescheduled Rhino Romp will take place on Thursday and to expect closures on Ridgewood Avenue.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was provided.

It was moved by Councilor Meyer, seconded by Councilor Moody 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 8:21 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk