

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 9, 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, Clerk Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Councilor Moody made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 12, 2025 and May 27, 2025 meetings seconded by Councilor Meyer.

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.

No public comment was made.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-25

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	\$31,879.66
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$156.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$5,847.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$27,443.11
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$8,798.93
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$1,000.00
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 15, 2025.

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 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 Law that Ordinance No.**1824** 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. 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 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 Meyer that Ordinance No. **1825** 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 Hughes, Chair of the Public Works Committee, reported that the Chief has submitted the monthly report for the committee to review. Motor Vehicle Commission will be hosting a pop up at the community pool for residents to obtain their real ID. The Captain of the Ambulance Squad reported on the status of the squad.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-25

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **RIDGE BOTTLE KING, INCORPORATED**, trading as **Bottle King Discount Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708-44-001-010**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2025 and running through June 30, 2026 for the premises located at 710 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105-25

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor MOODY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **THE GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708-33-004-001**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2025 and running through June 30, 2026 for the premises located at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 106-25

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor LEFKOVITS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MAYFIELD TAVERN PARTNERS, LLC**, trading as **FITZGERALDS 1928** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708-33-005– 004** be and the same is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2025 and running through June 30, 2026 for the premises located at 13 Herman Street, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 107-25

Offered by Councilor HUGHES
Seconded by Councilor MEYER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MECAP, INCORPORATED**, a Corporation, trading as **The Glen Ridge Pharmacy and Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708-44-003-005**, be and the same is hereby approved and the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2025 and running through June 30, 2026 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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 thanked DPW, PD and the Ambulance Squad for their assistance at the Lager Run. This Saturday the Police Department will host its annual bike rodeo

Councilor Meyer, Chair of the Recreation Committee congratulated all the GRAA spring sports athletes on a successful season.

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee stated there will be a Planning Board meeting on June 16, 2025.

Borough Administrator Zichelli reported the 2024 audit report has been completed and a clean report was received.

Mayor Mans thanked the Chief and Police Department for their assistance in relocating the bear last week.

Clerk Ventola stated that tomorrow is the Primary Election, and all polling places will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 108-25

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for tax appeal legal services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. of 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059 can provide such specialized services; and

WHEREAS, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. must provide the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and a completed Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a Resolution authorizing the payment of such professional fees, without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the County of Essex as follows

- 1. The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a professional services agreement with DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. for this professional service.
- 2. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the qualitative nature of the service provided.
- 3. Fees for services are authorized as per proposal dated June 9, 2025 and the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds in the maximum amount not to exceed \$120,000.00.
- 4. A copy of this resolution shall be published in The Glen Ridge Paper as required by law, within ten (10) days of its passage.

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

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was provided.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, 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 7:52 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk