

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p. m.

Student Mayor Samuleson 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 Hughes, Lisovicz, Mans, Lefkovits, Murphy and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta and Student Chief Tommy Pennington, Clerk Michael Rohal and Student Clerk Camila Zarate and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz, that the Minutes of the following meetings were approved as submitted:

- January 7, 2019 (Adjourned)
- January 7, 2019 (Annual)
- January 22, 2019
- February 11, 2019 and February 26, 2019.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Student Mayor Samuleson called for the presentation of the Written Communications.

Student Clerk Zarate presented the following written communications:

A letter from Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. reviewing the bids submitted for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project – Phase 1.

A letter from The Department of Environmental Protection authorizing the Borough to Solicit bids for the “Lead-Service water Line & Fire Hydrant Replacement” project.

A letter from Crestmont Property Management, the management company for the Parkway house development. The shareholders are requesting assistance with transportation to the polling locations during major elections via a shuttle service.

A letter from Bowman Consulting notifying the Borough of an application for an Individual Flood Hazard Area permit, with a Hardship exception for a development in the Township of Bloomfield.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-19

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MURPHY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following **CLAIMS** be approved and **WARRANTS** be drawn for the same:

CURRENT FUND	\$93,632.97
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,500.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$2,582.20
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$4,791.67
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00

POOL OPERATING FUND	\$0.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$8,032.67
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 March 15, 2019.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 51-19

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge Deputy Clerk, Tara Ventola, has requested that a Change Fund be established for The Glen Ridge Dog License Clerk in the sum of \$50.00; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge Court Administrator, Denise landolo, has requested an increase to the Court Change Fund in the amount of \$50.00; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Matthew Laracy, has approved these requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge, The County Of Essex, New Jersey hereby approves the establishment of a Change Fund for Clerk’s Office in the sum of \$50.00 and increase the existing Court Change Fund in the amount of \$50.00.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 52-19

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MURPHY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council that the fee scheduled adopted on January 22, 2019 in accordance with Ordinance No. 1417 is amended as follows:
 Garage Sale - \$10.00.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public safety Committee reported the following:

The Public Safety Committee met earlier tonight with Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta and Captain Sean Quinn. Generally, the committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Chief's office.

Among the items we covered this evening were parking permits and restrictions around town, staffing and personnel issues, recent reports of crime, a sidewalk snow removal complaint, speeding within the borough, and a complaint about shrubbery that impedes sight lines on a certain corner.

The Public Safety Committee is pleased to report that Kristofer Lucas and James Bigos have recently been hired as new police officers on our force.

Our monthly meeting is open to the public, except for some items that require confidentiality, so anyone who has public safety concerns is welcome to attend. Our meeting dates are published on the municipal calendar on the borough's website.

RESOLUTION NO. 53 – 19

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield and the Borough of Glen Ridge entered into an agreement on May 24, 2016 for the Township of Bloomfield to provide Animal Control Services to the Borough of Glen Ridge pursuant to N.J.S.A 26:3A2-1, et. seq; **and**,

WHEREAS, the agreement provided for a contract extension in the amount of \$16,800.00 for 2019: and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., provides that a municipality may enter into a contract with another municipality or local unit for the joint provisions of any service; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of The Borough to extend the contract with The Township of Bloomfield to provide animal control services to The Borough for 2019 in accordance with the attached agreement; **and**,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by The Mayor and The Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge, in The County of Essex, that The Administrator be and he is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement with The Township Of Bloomfield.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 54 - 19

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor's appointment of James Bigos to serve as a Police Officer effective March 4, 2019 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Mans reported that she has a resolution and an ordinance to introduce this evening.

The first is a resolution to award three film grants to the

1. Friends of the Library for their Selected Shorts Program
2. Women’s Club of Glen Ridge for their Arts Programming and
3. Glen Ridge Community Concerts

This funding is made possible through fees assessed for filming in town.

RESOLUTION NO. 55 – 19

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and The Borough Council authorize the following “FILM FUND” Grants:

- Friends of the Glen Ridge Library - Selected Shorts Program - \$ **2,000.00**
- Glen Ridge Community Concerts - \$ **2,000.00**
- Women’s Club of Glen Ridge Arts Programming - \$ **1,000.00**

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Mans stated that she would now like to introduce an ordinance that would prohibit the use of plastic bags for leaf collection. The reason for this ordinance is twofold.

First, when plastic bags are used for leaf collection they must be broken open and the leaves dumped out at the compost yard because the bags are not biodegradable. This adds a great deal of work and excess plastic to the process.

Second, this is an important first step in addressing plastic pollution. Single-use plastic is overwhelming our landfills, littering our streets and ending up in our local waterways. Once a piece of plastic ends up in the waterway, usually through local storm drains, it will never biodegrade. Instead, the sun's light and the water's current act as plastic shredders breaking the plastic into tiny microplastics.

This creates a "plastic smog" in our local waterways, such as the Passaic River and NY-NJ Harbor, that is harmful to the environment and fish. One study shows that at any given time there is up to 165 million pieces of plastic in the Harbor.

Ordinance No. 1701 entitled An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 9 was read by title and introduced by Councilor Mans. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1701** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Lefkovits. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Lefkovits reported the following:
 The Public Works Committee oversees the building and maintenance of the Borough’s infrastructure. This includes seeing that -

- the streets are free of snow in winter and well paved all year round;

- every home, business and institution in town has adequate clean water;
- our storm drain and sewage systems are up to the task of removing excess water and waste.

Since the last snow storm, the Department of Public Works has been salting the roadways as needed. The crews have also checked the storm water catch basins to ensure that they are clear and fully functional.

The staff has been performing building maintenance tasks as well.

The mechanics are evaluating the DPW vehicles and exploring options to upgrade the fleet, which in some cases is over 20 years old.

Tonight, the Council has a resolution to award the cleaning and lining of portions of our sewer system. This project is the second phase of our sewer improvement program. Portions of the sewer will be lined with fiberglass to improve the integrity of the pipe and improve the flow of material. Over 40 manholes will be rehabilitated as well. After a search for the lowest responsible bid, the winner was National Water Main Cleaning.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-19

Offered by Councilperson **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilperson **MURPHY**

WHEREAS, The Borough Of Glen Ridge sought to rehabilitate the Borough’s sanitary sewer at various locations; **and**,

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N. J. S. A. 40A:11, et. seq., The Borough Of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit proposals for the aforesated service; **and**,

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2019 National Water Main Cleaning Company, 1806 Newark Turnpike, Kearny, NJ 07032 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$ 672,397.50**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that National Water Main Cleaning Company be awarded the Sewer Rehabilitation Contract; **and**,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported the following:

Glen Ridge’s recreation programs and activities are administered by the Glen Ridge Parks and Recreation Department located in the Glen Ridge Senior/Community Center (Train Station) at 228 Ridgewood Avenue.

All programs, activities and park facilities are available for enjoyment by Borough residents as schedules allow.

The facilities accessible through the Recreation Department include 9 parks, the Glen Ridge Community Pool and the Glen Ridge Senior/Community Center.

Included in the Borough parks system are:

- Baseball, softball, soccer, football, field hockey and lacrosse fields, playgrounds, a street hockey rink, Tennis and platform tennis courts...
- **Speaking of our Tennis Courts**, Preseason registration for the 2019 Freeman Tennis Courts season is now open. Register online for permits and youth tennis lessons with

Community Pass at: www.glenridgenj.org/freemantennis

• Once our athletic fields have dried out from winter storms, they will be “dressed for play” and be available for the GRHS athletic teams.

For more information about the Glen Ridge Recreation Department and programs, please contact Jim Cowan, Recreation Director, at 973-748-2924 or jtcowan@glenridgenj.org.

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - 19

Offered by Councilor **MURPHY**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge seeks Aeration and Maintenance Applications for the Borough Athletic Fields; **and**,

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit proposals for the aforesated service; **and**,

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2019, Turfsmith, LLC, 50 Park Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of \$34,733.55 and alternate bid of \$2,760.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Turfsmith, LLC be awarded the contract for 2019 Aeration and Maintenance Applications for the Borough Athletic Fields; **and**,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development committee reported the following:

Mayor Patrick on behalf of Planning and Development I have one Resolution and four proposed Ordinances to present for First Reading tonight. The resolution and the ordinances all relate to the Clarus development on Baldwin Street and follow from the settlement agreements with Glen Ridge Redevelopers, the developers of the Clarus, and with the Fair Share Housing Center.

Resolution Number 58-19. Mayor this Resolution authorizes the three- party Agreement among the Township of Montclair, Glen Ridge Redevelopers LLC and the Borough of Glen Ridge relating to the water to be supplied to the Clarus project. Under the Water Agreement the township of Montclair will be responsible for supplying water to the Clarus, and the developer is responsible to Montclair for the cost of the water supply. The Water Agreement is one of the remaining items to be completed under the Order Approving the Settlement Agreement from Judge Gardner in January of this year.

Mayor I offer Resolution Number 58-19 authorizing the Water Agreement, the Rider to Water Agreement and Amendments of the Settlement and Redevelopment Agreements for the Clarus Development on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

Mayor, the next four Ordinances also relate to the settlement of the builder’s remedy litigation and specifically settlement with the Fair Share Housing Center and will amend and replace existing ordinances on these subjects. The changes and the new ordinances are required as part of the Borough’s settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing.

The first is **Ordinance Number 1702**, an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Glen Ridge to address the requirements of the Fair Housing Act and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls regarding compliance with the Borough’s affordable housing obligations. This Ordinance is intended to provide assurances that low- and moderate-income units (defined as “affordable units”) are created with controls on affordability over time and that low- and moderate- income households shall occupy those units. This Ordinance shall apply except where inconsistent with applicable law. The Planning Board has adopted a Borough Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. This Ordinance implements and incorporates the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted for the Borough.

Next is **Ordinance Number 1703**, an Ordinance of the Borough of Glen Ridge, Amending the “Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of Glen Ridge” in order to establish a Borough-Wide Affordable Housing Mandatory Set Aside Requirement. This Ordinance amends the Borough land use ordinances by establishing new regulations to ensure that any site that benefits from a subdivision or site plan approval, rezoning, use variance, redevelopment plan or rehabilitation plan approved by the Borough or the Planning Board which results in multi-family residential development containing five or more new dwelling units must include affordable housing at a set-aside rate of 20% for for-sale units and 15% for rental units. The Ordinance is consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement reached with Fair Share Housing Center regarding our compliance with the Borough’s affordable housing regulations.

Next is **Ordinance Number 1704**, an Ordinance replacing and superseding Chapter 17 of the Municipal Code in its entirety to address the Borough’s Affordable Housing Obligations under the Fair Housing Act and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls. This will amend the existing inclusionary overlay zoning on the portion of the Glen Ridge Country Club site that lies within the borough’s borders. The site is presently zoned for Planned Residential Development which requires a twenty percent set-aside of affordable housing. The current permitted density is nine units per acre. With this Ordinance the set-aside remains the same, but the density is increased to fourteen units per acre (instead of nine) thereby allowing for the possibility of increased affordable units in any development in the Planned Residential Development Zone. The intent is to help address the fair share housing obligation of Glen Ridge under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, and applicable regulations and to implement the settlement agreement entered into between the Borough and Fair Share Housing Center.

Finally, Mayor I have **Ordinance Number 1705**, Affordable Housing Development Fees. This Ordinance provides for and regulates fees to be paid by developers to the Borough with the purpose of creating a trust fund from payments of these development fees to assist with affordable housing projects and programs. This ordinance as well as any spending plan using developer fees collected under this ordinance requires court approval. It is anticipated that this Ordinance will be submitted to Judge Gardner on April 12th as part of that final proceeding in settlement of the litigation with Fair Share Housing Center.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-19

Offered By Counselor **MORROW**
Seconded By Counselor **LEFKOVITS**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Water Agreement, Rider to Water Agreement and Amendments of the Settlement and Redevelopment Agreements for the Clarus Development on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1702 entitled Affordable Housing Ordinance was read by title and introduced by Councilor Morrow. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1702** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1703 entitled Affordable Housing Set Aside Ordinance was read by title and introduced by Councilor Morrow. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1703** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1704 entitled Planned Residential Development Zone was read by title and introduced by Councilor Morrow. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1704** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1705 entitled Affordable Housing Development Fees was read by title and introduced by Councilor Morrow. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1705** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to Municipal Clerk Rohal for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 59-19

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MURPHY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and The Borough Council hereby affirmed the actions of the Glen Ridge High School Student Council with respect to all agenda items.

Student Clerk Zarate reported the following:

For nearly 20 years, New Jersey’s electric industry has been open to competition, meaning that, while the local electric utility (PSE&G) still has the responsibility for providing delivery service, consumers have the ability to receive the power supply from

any number of licensed suppliers competing in the marketplace. Under the State of New Jersey’s Government Energy Aggregation (GEA) law, another option is provided whereby municipalities are permitted to pool residents together and conduct a competitive bid for power supply on behalf of residents. Since 2012, dozens of municipalities throughout the state have followed this path and implemented so-called ‘community energy aggregation’ programs.

In addition, there has been a recent trend to utilize the ‘bulk purchasing power’ created by community energy aggregation programs to try to obtain green power for residents at a beneficial price. Given the strong interest in the Borough to promote sustainability and reduce our carbon footprint, the Borough of Glen Ridge, in conjunction with a number of surrounding municipalities, has launched a cooperative purchasing initiative to try to procure electricity supply for its residents that is ‘greener’ and has a lower price than the ‘default’ power supply offered by the utility (PSE&G). Specifically, Glen Ridge recently passed an ordinance authorizing an energy aggregation program for the Borough, and passed a resolution joining the Sustainable Essex Alliance Energy Procurement Cooperative. The neighboring Essex County municipalities of Millburn, Maplewood, Montclair, South Orange and Verona have also passed resolutions joining the Cooperative. The partner municipalities will collectively be implementing the Sustainable Essex Alliance Community Energy Aggregation program. The purpose of the program is to create purchasing leverage for the residents of the participating towns in a search for greener and lower cost power supply.

More information on the program is posted on the borough’s webpage under “What’s New”.

Student Police Chief Pennington reported the following:

- ❖ The 2018 Annual Report has been distributed and the department would like to recognize Sergeant Michael Medico for designing our cover. 2018 was a positive and productive year at GRPD. Crime in the Borough is down, with the exception of larceny’s and motor vehicle theft. We urge all residents to continue to safeguard your property and lock your vehicles and homes.
- ❖ We are in our 3rd week of the Citizen Police Academy with a graduation date set for April 2, 2019. All successful participants will be acknowledged for their participation at the graduation ceremony.
- ❖ Commencing January 1, 2019 we have issued 31 Borough Ordinance Violations for 12.20.010- Snow and ice removal. All residents and business owners must comply with our ordinance.
- ❖ The Chief will be a guest speaker at the School Safety meeting being hosted by the Glen Ridge Board of Education. It will be held tomorrow night 2-12-19 at 7 p.m. at the Upper Elementary School auditorium.

Student Mayor Samuleson called for comments of the Public.

No comments were made.

It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None				None	
	Lisovicz	Murphy						
	Mans	Morrow						

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:27 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

Michael J. Rohal

Municipal Clerk