

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Patrick 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: Mayor Patrick, Councilors Murphy, Mans, and Morrow

Absent: Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz and Lefkovits

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Borough Clerk Michael Rohal and Borough Attorney John Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from Citizens Improving Affordable Housing seeking support asking State Officials to take over the Affordable Housing Act in order to make the law work properly for all NJ Citizens.

Mayor Patrick ordered the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick read the following proclamation:

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love and tranquility; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 10 million Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three American women and one in four American men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average and are more likely to become victims or offenders as adults; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated community effort is an effective tool with which to stop this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and shows support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Glen Ridge and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 128-19**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,808,590.62</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$37,978.55</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$82,701.57</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$17,902.40</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$1,223.08</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$8,024.20</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$8,561.00</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$299.00</b>

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 Oct 1, 2019.

**RESOLUTION NO. 129-19**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed Individuals and Mortgage Processing Service in designated amounts representing Overpayment Tax or Utility payment as following:

<b>Block:</b>	<b>Lot:</b>	<b>Qual:</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Account: 189000-0</b>					
(Blok 108 Lot 11)			Gray, Rosemary 62 Oxford St	8/16/2019	\$1,154.54

**Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;**  
**Gary, Rosemary**  
**62 Oxford Street**  
**Glen Ridge, NJ 07028**

**Refund Utility Overpayment: 3rd Qtr. 2019**  
**Resident accidentally overpaid her water bill.**  
**Payment was intended for a Pre-k school payment.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the individuals and Mortgage Processing Service listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their taxes or utility account.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 130-19**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

**Resolution in Support of Federal Extreme Risk Law**

**WHEREAS**, firearm suicide is a significant public health crisis in the US. Every year, over 22,000 Americans die by firearm suicide, including over 1,000 children and teens. Nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths in the US are suicides, an average of 61 deaths a day; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, an analysis of mass shootings from 2009 to 2017 revealed that in 51 percent of incidents the shooter exhibited warning signs that they posed a risk to themselves or others before the shooting; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Secret Service and the United States Department of Education studied targeted school violence incidents and found behavioral warning signs that caused others to be concerned in 93 percent of cases; and

**WHEREAS**, when a person is in crisis and considering harming themselves or others, family members and law enforcement are often the first people to see the warning signs; and

**WHEREAS**, Extreme Risk laws, also commonly known as Red Flag laws, allow family members and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily remove guns from a person in crisis, empowering families, and law enforcement to help keep guns out of the hands of those at risk of injuring themselves or others; and

**WHEREAS**, Extreme Risk laws are designed to defuse dangerous situations while also providing due process and a system of checks and balances; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 states and the District of Columbia have enacted Extreme Risk laws; and

**WHEREAS**, Extreme Risk legislation is being considered in Congress both to enable federal courts to issue Extreme Risk orders and also help fund state systems to implement their own laws; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge records its strong support for Extreme Risk laws and urges the federal government to enact such laws.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 131-19**

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

**Resolution in Support of Federal Background Checks for All Gun Sales Law**

**WHEREAS**, federal law only requires a background check when a gun seller is a licensed gun dealer, leaving all other sales -- like unlicensed gun sales negotiated over the internet -- unregulated and unchecked; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2015 survey found that nearly a quarter of Americans (22 percent) who acquired a firearm within the past two years did so without a background check; and

**WHEREAS**, our federal background check law was written 25 years ago, well before the establishment of online gun marketplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent investigation found that on a single website, there were nearly 1.2 million ads for firearm sales that did not require a background check; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent investigation found that 1 in 9 of the people looking online to buy a gun from an unlicensed seller would fail a background check; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent investigation of online unlicensed gun sellers found that state background check laws have a profound public safety impact, with only 6 percent of sellers contacted by investigators indicating they would require a background check, while 84 percent of sellers from states with background check laws expressly stated they would follow the background checks law; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System is an effective tool to keep guns away from prohibited purchasers, including felons, domestic abusers and people involuntarily committed, and over 3.5 million sales have been blocked to violent criminals and other prohibited people since the system began in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this success, the system is undermined by loopholes that enable guns to be sold without a background check ; and

**WHEREAS**, repeated polls show overwhelming support for requiring background checks on all gun sales, with 94% of American voters indicating support, including 92% of Republicans and 90% of gun owners.

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives has passed H.R. 8, an important, bipartisan public safety bill that would require a background check for every gun sale, by a vote of 240-190,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge urges the Senate to pass, and the President to sign critical public safety legislation to require a background check on all gun sales.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-19**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., The Mayor & Borough Council approves The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by the Glen Ridge Congregational Church for a Social Affair Permit for the Chili Cook -Off function to be held on October 12, 2019 at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, N. J.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., The Mayor & Borough Council approves The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by the Forest Avenue Home and School Association for a Social Affair Permit for the Floral Arrangement Workshop to be held on December 12, 2019 at the Glen Ridge Train Station / Community Center, 228 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, N. J.

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Relations Committee reported that the Energy Aggregation Program we are participating in is earning an award on October 4, 2019 from The Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions and that Glen Ridge has the highest percentage of participation out of the participating municipalities.

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

The public works crew has been out removing smaller trees designated by the Forester. They will be going out in the upcoming week and grinding the stumps. After my report, I will be introducing a resolution to approve a contract for the removal of larger trees that require a crane.

Leaf Bags

Just a reminder that the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 1701 - Banning Plastic Bags for Leaf Collection. Starting September 1, 2019, property owners will no longer be able to place their leaves in plastic bags for curb side collection. Property owners will have to use biodegradable paper bags. Please do not put any plastic materials in your leaf bags, such as planting flats or plastic bags containing pet waste. A post card has been sent to all homeowners.

Sewer Rehabilitation

Phase One of the sewer Rehabilitation Project is 99% complete and in the punch list phase of the project. Phase Two is 70% complete and moving forward according to schedule. This phase should be completed by November. As part of the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project, the contractor will be working at night. Work will take place according to the following schedule:

Monday (9/23): Bay Ave (between Ridgewood Ave and Forest Ave)

Tuesday (9/24): Bay Ave (between Forest Ave and Essex Ave)

Hours of Operation will be between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. One lane of traffic will be closed. An inspector from Suburban Consulting Engineering will be on site during construction along with a police officer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 133- 19**

Offered by Counselor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Counselor **MANS**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Glen Ridge sought the removal of Borough trees & stump grinding services; 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 services; and,

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 2019, **Dujets Tree Experts, Inc.** of 54 Notch Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **\$25,670.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **Dujets Tree Experts, Inc.** be awarded the 2019 Tree Removal & Stump Grinding 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.

**2019 Tree Removal & Stump Grinding**

September 18, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Dujets	\$25,670
Birchler	\$27,500
Harmony	\$31,325

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

**Ordinance No. 1720** entitled An Ordinance to Appropriate Capitol Improvement Funds for Various Capital Improvements and Equipment was read by title and introduced by Councilor Lefkovits. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1720** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Mans. 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)	Mans		None		None		Hughes	
	Lefkovits						Lisovicz	
	Morrow						Murphy	

**Ordinance No. 1721** entitled An Ordinance to Appropriate Capitol Improvement Funds for Various Capital Improvements and Equipment was read by title and introduced by Councilor Lefkovits. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1721** be passed on first reading, the motion was seconded by Councilor Morrow. 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)	Mans		None		None		Hughes	
	Lefkovits						Lisovicz	
	Morrow						Murphy	

**RESOLUTION NO. 134-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined that it is desirable to reduce the risk to human health safety and welfare of its citizenry and the environment by minimizing the use of certain herbicides; and

**WHEREAS**, recently there has been evidence suggesting that there are cancer risks associated with glyphosate-based weed killers such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro; and

**WHEREAS**, in a March 2015 report, the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (“IARC”) concluded that glyphosate, the key ingredient in Round-Up, is “probably carcinogenic in humans”; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined that the use of certain herbicides on lands within Glen Ridge creates a risk contributing to adverse effects on surface and/or groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of Glen Ridge wishes to further protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, employees, and contractors by eliminating their exposure to potentially harmful and carcinogenic substances used in the maintenance of landscaping within Glen Ridge owned and private lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of Glen Ridge wishes to eliminate the risks associated with herbicide products containing glyphosate and therefore seeks to ban the application of glyphosate containing herbicides such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro by all employees and commercial applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all Glen Ridge Borough - Owned property or property managed by the Borough of Glen Ridge, and directs municipal departments to take all actions necessary to accomplish the aforesated objectives.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Borough of Glen Ridge approves the ban on the application of glyphosate containing herbicides such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro by all employees and commercial applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all Glen Ridge Borough-Owned property or property managed by the Borough, and directs municipal departments to take all actions necessary to accomplish the aforesated objectives.

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

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning & Development Committee reported that the Planning Board met on September 18, 2019 and heard a preliminary presentation for a library addition by Dan Kopec, Architect and Jen Breuer, Library Director. The addition is contingent on a grant that would provide additional funding. The Planning Board reviewed the preliminary application and provided feedback. Also, there is still time to respond to the Planning Board Master Plan re-examination survey.

Administrator Rohal reported that Glen Ridge currently has an 89% participation rate in the Energy Aggregation Program and that this was the first year in a long time that renewable energy has been increased while cost has decreased. Also reported, the Glen Ridge Library is hosting the annual town-wide yard sale on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Hillside Avenue Lot will be open from 9 am to 4 pm and there are approximately 90 homes participating. Maps are available at the library and the Hillside Lot.

Chief Byron-Lagattuta thanked the Mayor and council for recognizing October as Domestic Violence Month. Glen Ridge Police Department participated in a surge drill at Mountainside Hospital with surrounding towns first responders and Essex County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public. No comments were made.

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

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

Mayor Patrick declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:04 p. m.

Michael J. Rohal

*Michael J. Rohal*

Municipal Clerk