

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 27, 2020 via teleconference due to the Public Health crisis Covid-19 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: Councilors Hughes, Lisovicz, Mans, Murphy, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers participated in the teleconference: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta, Deputy Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Law, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on April 13, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

There were no written communications.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Patrick suspended the order of business for the 2020 Budget Presentation and Hearing. Councilor Hughes presented and overview of the budget.

There were no comments of the public with regards to the 2020 Municipal Budget.

Mayor Patrick resumed the regular order of business.

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-20**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer be authorized to pay the Claims and Warrants of the Borough; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a listing of Claims and Warrants shall be provided to the Governing Body prior to the release of these payments; and

**BE IT FINALLY 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<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-20**

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**

Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

**WHEREAS**, N. J. S. A. 40A:4-8 provides that The Budget as advertised shall be read in full at the Public Hearing, or that it may be read by its “title” only if:

At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Budget, as advertised;

- (a) shall be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the principal public building; and,
- (b) copies are made available to each person requesting same during said week and during the public hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby declares that the conditions of N. J. S. A. 40A:4-8,1(a) (b), have been met and therefore The Budget for 2020 shall be read by its “title” only.

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

**Resolution 74-20**

Offered By Councilperson **HUGHES**  
 Seconded By Councilperson **MURPHY**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Municipal Budget for the Year 2020 was approved on the April 27, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved Budget, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex that the following additional amendments to the approved Budget of 2020 be made:

	<u>From</u>
<u>General Revenues</u>	
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:	
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:	
Municipal Alliance Grant	31,000.00
Total Section F -Public and Private Programs Offset by Appropriations	47,143.39
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G:	
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Consent - Other Special Items:	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) - Clarus	89,514.00
Jitney Fees	35,000.00
Total Section G - Other Special Items Appropriations	339,021.40

Summary of Revenues

3. Miscellaneous Revenues:

Total Section F: Public and Private Programs Offset by Appropriations	47,143.39
Total Section G - Other Special Items Appropriations	339,021.40
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,731,705.43
4 Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	205,000.00
5 Subtotal General Revenues	3,486,705.43

Summary of Revenues

6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:

a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	11,615,593.51
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	12,234,318.51

**7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES 15,721,023.94**

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8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" - (Cont.) Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues Municipal Alliance Grant	31,000.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	47,143.39
Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	2,529,282.39
Detail: Other Expenses	2,529,282.39
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from CAPS	4,008,066.07
(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from CAPS	4,008,066.07
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	15,041,023.94

( M	Reserve for Uncollected	
)	Taxes	680,000.00
9	Total General Appropriations	15,721,023.94

Summary of Appropriations

(H-1)	Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	11,032,957.87
( A	Operations - Excluded from CAPS	
)	Public and Private Programs Offset by Rev.	47,143.39
	Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	2,529,282.39
(M)	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	680,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>		<b>15,721,023.94</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 75 –20**

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough for the 2020 calendar year;

<b>General Appropriations:</b>	<b>Year 2020</b>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	<b>\$ 11,032,957.87</b>
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	<b>\$ 3,999,327.53</b>
	<b><u>\$ 680,000.00</u></b>
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<b>\$ 15,712,285.40</b>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	<b><u>\$ (3,477,966.89)</u></b>
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows)	<b>\$ 12,234,318.51</b>
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Budget was published in the April 2, 2020 edition of the Glen Ridge Paper.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held on April 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of the budget were available on the Borough’s website at [www.glenridgenj.org](http://www.glenridgenj.org). Hard copies were available by requesting the same from the Deputy Clerk via email ([tventola@glenridgenj.org](mailto:tventola@glenridgenj.org)) or phone (973-748-800 ext 222). All persons interested in the budget had an opportunity to address the Borough Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge does hereby adopt the preceding as the budget for the 2020 year.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 76 - 20**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF ASSESSOR'S TAX APPEALS, ANSWERS, COUNTERCLAIMS, APPEALS AND CROSS APPEALS IN TAX MATTERS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the taxation of real property within the Borough of Glen Ridge are routinely filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and the Superior Court of New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Glen Ridge to authorize and direct the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge to take any and all action the Tax Assessor deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promote and advance the Borough's interest in assuring that each property within the Borough is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Glen Ridge to authorize and direct the Borough Attorney to assist the Borough's Tax Assessor in such tax matters referred to herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge be and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, file, pursue and litigate, if necessary, any Assessor's Tax Appeals, Answers to Tax Appeals, Counterclaims, Appeals and Cross-Appeals in statutory tax appeals and other matters and applications affecting the taxation of real property within the Borough of Glen Ridge as may be filed with the Essex County Board of Taxation and/or the Superior Court of New Jersey, that the Tax Assessor deems advisable in such tax matters in order to protect, promote and advance the Borough's interest in assuring that each property within the Borough is fairly and equitably assessed in accordance with the law.
2. The Attorney for the Borough of Glen Ridge be and is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all action said Attorney deems advisable to assist the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Glen Ridge in such tax matters as are referred to herein.

3. The Mayor, Borough Administrator, Municipal Tax Assessor, Borough Attorney and any and all other Borough officials, or their designees be and are hereby authorized take all necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the subject and intent of this Resolution.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication in accordance with law, if required.

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

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Safety Committee gave an updated report on the Covid-19 pandemic and its effects throughout New Jersey, Essex County and Glen Ridge.

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Public Works Department reported that our Public Works crews have been working alternating shift in order to reduce person to person contact within the department. He also offered love and support to Officer Roberts and his family and thanks the residents for their heartwarming response through the Borough. He also reminded residents the Thunderbirds will be flying over the area in tribute to all Health Care workers.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that Recreation Director Jim Cowan has several interactive musical videos posted by residents on social media platforms and he is also still collecting pictures of lawn signs made for our first responders and Officer Roberts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 77-20**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING MARKETING PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge has entered into a court ordered settlement regarding affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of said agreement the Borough with its administrative agent, Community Grants, Planning & Housing, LLC (CGP&H), must develop an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan provides applicant and project information, description of the selection process, and what commercial and other media utilized to provide information in Essex, Morris, Union and Warren County; and

**WHEREAS**, said plan was developed in March 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex and State of New Jersey that it hereby approves this Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan as provided by CGP&H in March 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 78-20**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**

Seconded by Councilor **MURPHY**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING RELATED PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1702, passed on April 8, 2019, established the positions of Municipal Housing Liaison and Administrative Agent for the purposes of administering the Borough’s affordable housing program;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex and State of New Jersey that Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) is hereby appointed as Borough Administrative Affordable Housing Agent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by law.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 79-20**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**

Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

**WHEREAS**, on July 27, 2015, Glen Ridge Developers, LLC (together with its successors, collectively the “**Builder**”) commenced a builder’s remedy lawsuit (the “**Builder’s Remedy Litigation**”) against Glen Ridge Borough and the Glen Ridge Planning Board (collectively, “**Glen Ridge**”) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Essex County, under Docket No. ESX-L-5308-15, involving the approximately 2.1 acres now designated and consolidated as Glen Ridge Tax Block 72, Lot 3 (the “**Baldwin Street Property**”);

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms set forth in a certain settlement agreement dated September 24, 2018 (the “**Settlement Agreement**”), Glen Ridge and the Builder settled the Builder’s Remedy Litigation by, among other things, allowing the Builder the right to construct 110 residential rental units (the “**Inclusionary Development**”) on the Baldwin Street Property, including a set-aside of approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the units (that is, 17 rental units) affordable to the region’s very low, low and moderate income households;

**WHEREAS**, disputes arose between Glen Ridge and the Builder as to the rights and obligations of both Glen Ridge Borough and the Builder under Section 4.4(b) of the Settlement Agreement and such disputes were resolved as set forth in Resolution 64-20 adopted March 23, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of Resolution 64-20, the Builder is anticipated to execute an amendment to the Settlement Agreement (the “**Settlement Agreement Amendment**”);

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement Amendment sets forth terms consistent with Resolution 64-20 as well as (1) a provision by which Glen Ridge will seek the purchase of an undivided 145 million gallons of water per year from North Jersey District Water Supply Commission (“**NJDWSC**”), of which an undivided 126 million gallons of water is allocable to Glen Ridge (without regard to the undivided separate needs of the Inclusionary Development) and an undivided 19 million gallons of water is allocable to the Inclusionary Development and (2) a provision which reaffirms Glen Ridge’s obligation to purchase such additional undivided million gallons of water per year from NJDWSC in an amount required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection if such additional amount is necessary to supply potable water to the Inclusionary Development;

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement Amendment (including the above provisions) and its execution by Glen Ridge have been recommended by Glen Ridge’s counsel, subject only to a technical correction relating to the description of the Settlement Agreement Amendment’s Exhibit A (water connection location);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Resolution 64-20 is reaffirmed and, to the extent necessary, is amended so as to be consistent with the foregoing; and

Glen Ridge is authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement Amendment after the incorporation therein of the technical correction relating to the description of the Settlement Agreement Amendment’s Exhibit A (water connection location) and after the Builder’s prior execution thereof.

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

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee thanked all the Borough Administration and GRPD for their efforts during Covid-19.

Borough Administrator, Mike Zichelli reported that the DPW team is still working and garbage and recycling are still being picked up. All drop off programs are postponed until further notice. Second Quarter taxes can be paid online, through the mail or dropped off at Borough Hall or Police Department drop boxes. He offered support to the Roberts family and thanked the Mayor, Council, Department Heads, staff and volunteers for their hard work during the pandemic.

Chief Byron-Lagattuta offered thanks to the council and residents for the outpouring of support for Officer Roberts and his family. The Chief gave an update on the status of the Public Safety employees. Thanks was expressed to the officers who responded and performed heroic lifesaving measures on their brother, to Mr. Zichelli for his support and assistance with testing for Covid-19, and to Commissioner Lisovicz for his support. Chief Byron also expressed thanks to Lt. Timothy Faranda who has been an excellent leader throughout the pandemic. The Chief also stated she has tested negative and will be returning to the office tomorrow.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Murphy, seconded by Councilor Law the meeting was adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

*Tara Lyn Ventola*

Deputy Clerk