

A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 8, 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, Deputy Clerk Tara Ventola, Lt. Timothy Faranda and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

Norfolk Southern submitted a combined environmental and historic report in connection with the railway's proposed abandonment of the Old Boonton Rai line between Montclair and Jersey City for the purposes of conveying the property to Open Space Institute of NY in partnership with Essex and Hudson Counties for a bicycle and pedestrian greenway. The line has not been served for freight rail since 1999 and was discontinued for passenger rail service in 2002.

The Environmental report addresses the required considerations in the Code of Federal Regulations associated with abandonment procedures related to land use, energy, air, noise, safety, biological resources, and water resources. Further the report is required to identify any necessary mitigation, of which none is required.

The Historical report follows a similar pattern, describing the history of operations on the line and changes contemplated, with an opinion on the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, proving the list of the 16 railroad related historic resources (all bridges) in Appendix D while also noting that NJSHPO was provided photos of the structures for comments.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Mans, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on May 26, 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 introduced Congressman Donald Payne Jr. to address the citizens of Glen Ridge.

Congressman Payne thanked Mayor Patrick for the opportunity to speak at the council meeting. The Congressman spoke about available resources his office has set up for residents effected by the Covid-19 pandemic. He also reminded all residents to fill out their 2020 census data form in order to help Glen Ridge to obtain appropriate funding in the future.

Mayor Patrick presented the following Proclamation.  
**NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

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

**WHEREAS**, every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, gun homicides predominantly occur in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, cities across the nation, including 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; and

**WHEREAS**, 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**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the pandemic facing America has drastically impacted communities and individuals sheltering in place which may result in situations where access to firearms

results in increased risk in intimate partner violence gun deaths, suicide by gun and unintentional shootings;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in the presidential inaugural parade and was tragically shot and killed just weeks later, should be now celebrating her 23rd birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, to help honor Hadiya – and the more than 100 Americans whose lives are cut short every day and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day – a national coalition of organizations has designated June 5, 2020, the first Friday in June, as the 6th National Gun Violence Awareness Day; 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 this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 5th, the first Friday in June in 2020, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 5, 2020 Americans 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 wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Patrick of the Borough of Glen Ridge declares the first Friday in June, June 5, 2020, 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.

The Essex County Representative for NJ Be Smart / Moms Against Gun Violence thanks Mayor Patrick and the Council for supporting this cause for the fourth year in a row.

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-20**

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

**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 June 15, 2020.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-20**

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

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2020**

**WHEREAS**, in light of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Division of Local Government Services has strongly recommended that municipalities prepare to issue estimated real property tax bills for the third quarter of 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Borough Tax Collector will not be in receipt of a certified tax rate in enough time to be able to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by the required statutory date, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector and the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer have requested that the Council provide them with the latitude to submit estimated 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter real property tax bills, which would allow the Tax Collector to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills in a timely manner, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector, in consultation with the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levy for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council approve the estimated tax levy of \$54,277,527.09 at a tax rate of \$3.187; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy and rate have been calculated on a worksheet that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy amount falls between the mandated estimated range required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3(a)(1) and approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations; maintain the tax collection rate; provide uniformity for tax payments; and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

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

- 1.The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and timely issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Glen Ridge for the third quarter installment of 2020 taxes.
- 2.The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$54,277,527.09. The estimated tax rate for 2020 is hereby set at \$3.187.
- 3.In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2020 taxes (whether estimated or not) shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
- 4.A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge for their records.
- 5.The Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
- 6.This resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

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 reported that a statement with the Borough’s stand against discrimination has been posted on the Borough website.

Councilor Mans, Chair of Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee thanked the Mayor, Administration and Police Department for their quick response to the publics request for a peaceful gathering last week.

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported on the upcoming 2020 paving project. He also announced the 2020 Virtual Lager Run.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported on the plans for the opening of various parks throughout town and also summer camp and pool opening updates.

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-20**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic has had a significant negative economic impact on the Borough's restaurants and eateries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to temporarily ease the site plan and zoning regulations in order to help the Borough's restaurants and eateries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, starting June 15, 2020, that the Director of Planning & Development may permit an existing restaurant or food establishment to expand outdoor dining during the 2020 outdoor season upon issuance of the appropriate Executive Order by Governor Murphy authorizing said activity, subject to the following:

1. Outdoor dining may be conducted on any restaurant property in the C1 & B zoning districts; and
2. Hours of operation are limited to 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and
3. The hours of operation for expanded outdoor dining and conditions under which such expanded outdoor dining is permitted may be further limited by the Borough Administrator; and
4. Any restaurant may create outdoor dining on private property, the public sidewalk in front of their business and the public sidewalk next to their establishment with the consent of the property owner, and
5. Outdoor dining may be permitted on premise-owned parking lots in spaces that may have been previously required by zoning or other agreements; and
6. Service of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in outdoor areas licensed or allowed by temporary ABC or state regulations; and
7. Submission of an acknowledgement that the restaurant will abide by all CDC and State regulations and recommendations for the food service industry including 1) social distancing, 2) appropriate masks for staff; and
8. Submission of a sketch that shows the table layout and service dates and hours; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator and the Director of Planning & Development with the advice and consent of the Borough Attorney may waive other sections of Glen Ridge Code Chapter 16 & 17 and may enact other regulations as appropriate to maintain order, enhance public safety and to help Borough restaurants and eateries that are economically impacted by the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee announced that the county has hosted several emergency food bank pick up locations for residents experiencing financial hardship due to Covid-19.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli encouraged Glen Ridge residents to continue sending in their 2020 Census information in order to secure proper funding in the future.

Lieutenant Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Sheila Byron- Lagattuta that there has been an uptick in crime and car burglaries and reminded all residents to be diligent in locking the cars and homes.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Deputy Clerk