

A Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, September 29, 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 and Law

Absent: Morrow

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

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

A letter from the NJ Film commission requesting municipalities in New Jersey to open their jurisdictions to film crews post Covid-19.

A letter from NJ Transit announcing a public hearing date for programs developed for senior citizens and disabled residents for paratransit services.

Mayor Patrick ordered the correspondence be filed.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Hughes, 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 September 14, 2020 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for public comment.

Amanda Porcell of 15 Evergreen Court called with regards to the speeding on Washington Street and Lincoln Street. Chief Byron-Lagattuta responded to the resident.

Kristin O'Neill of 63 Midland Avenue called with regards to the infestation and unsafe conditions at Barrows Field. Councilor Law responded to the resident.

Mayor Patrick called for the written communications.

Municipal Clerk reported a letter from NJDOT notifying the Borough that online applications are now being accepted for 2021 Local Freight Impact Fund.

Mayor Patrick read the following proclamation:

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 the domestic violence response teams, 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. 129 -20

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Claims be approved, and Warrants be drawn for the same:

CURRENT FUND	\$154,266.68
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$26,065.65
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$6,206.50
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$17,550.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$12,349.97
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$14,259.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$54,679.64
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 Oct 1, 2020.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

RESOLUTION NO. 131 - 20

Offered by Counselor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Counselor **LAW**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and The Borough Council have reviewed the Auditor's comments & recommendations and approve The 2019 Corrective Action Plan.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

Ordinance No. 1735 entitled An Ordinance to Appropriate Capital Funds for Various Capital Equipment and Improvements; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1735** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Lisovicz. Mayor Patrick referred the Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Works Committee offered a moment of silence honoring Sgt. Charles “Rob” Roberts on what would have been his 46th birthday.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-20

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

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Department of Public Works has determined that there is a need to purchase a John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader; and,

WHEREAS, **Jesco Inc.** of 118 Saint Nicholas Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative (Contract #032119); and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from capital ordinance 1718.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey does hereby approve the purchase of a John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader in the amount of **\$108,411.14**.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Relations Committee thanked the Borough Administration and staff for their work assisting the Environmental Advisory Committee on various grant applications.

Councilor Murphy, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported on the status of various projects throughout the Borough and announced Essex County’s Hazardous Waste Dropoff program.

Ordinance No. 1734 entitled An Ordinance to repeal and amend Chapter 8.44 – Smoking in Municipal Buildings was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Law. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Patrick declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the

Ordinance. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lisovicz that Ordinance No. **1734** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported that the Building Department is still processing permits and inspections. The planning board will host its next meeting on October 14, 2020 via conference call due to Covid-19. There is a Zoning Ordinance for affordable housing under review and we are currently accepting prequalification applications for the Library roof restoration and the Train Station restoration.

RESOLUTION NO. 133- 20

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

AUTHORIZING CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ESSEX PHASE TWO

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) for, among other reasons, providing relief for economic damage caused to states, counties and municipalities by the COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, Essex County has received CARES Act funds from the United States Treasury (the Stimulus Funds”) to be used to reimburse the County and municipalities and agencies within the County, including the Borough of Glen Ridge, due to economic damage caused by COVID-19 health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge wishes to enter into an agreement with the County of Essex to receive a phase two reimbursement from the Stimulus Funds of COVID-19 related costs and damages, to the extent available and applicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the County of Essex according to the terms and conditions and in substantially the form attached hereto.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Murphy						
	Lisovicz	Morrow						
	Mans	Law						

Borough Administrator Zichelli thanked the Mayor and Council and Erik DeLine for the work being wrapped up on the lead line replacements. Over 700 lead services were replaced as part of this project and all services maintained by the Borough are now lead free.

Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta thanked the Mayor for the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation. The Chief stated parking enforcement has resumed with warnings and will be fully implemented beginning October 1, 2020. Speeding enforcement and speed surveys are also currently underway. A virtual National Night Out will be held on October 6, 2020 – please turn your porch lights on from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Kristin O’Neill of 63 Midland Avenue thanked the Mayor and Council for the moment of silence honoring Sgt. Roberts. She also followed up with seeking information on the long-term plan for the deteriorating field in the Borough.

Mary Mullin of 295 Washington Street was also seeking information about the condition of the fields in town and asked the Mayor and Council to consider Turf as an option.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Lyn Ventola

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Municipal Clerk