

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 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, Lefkovits, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

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

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on February 8, 2021 be approved as submitted. Councilor Lefkovits expressed concerns from the previous meeting on allowing comments of the public from anonymous callers.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	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.

Maureen Mica of 270 Forest Avenue addressed the council with concerns about litigation within the Police Department and the sick leave policy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-21**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$134,631.13</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$61,688.64</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$495.00</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$13,728.46</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</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 March 1, 2021.

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

**Ordinance No. 1741** entitled CAP 2021, an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriations limits and establish a CAP bank; was read by title and introduced by Councilor Hughes. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1741** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Lefkovits. 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	Lekfovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

**Ordinance No. 1742** entitled an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.32.10 No Parking Any Time was read by title and introduced by Councilor Lisovicz. Councilor Lisovicz moved that Ordinance No. **1742** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Mans. 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	Lekfovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Affairs and Community Relations reported the virtual meeting and information session on the sustainable energy aggregation program was well attended.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works committee reported the following:

“Since our last meeting, DPW crews have been clearing more snow and salting more roads, especially last Thursday and Friday. In February we have used an estimated 260 tons of salt & 10,000 lbs. of calcium chloride pellets. A crew is out plowing this evening, with a focus on removing slushy accumulation from the side streets.

**Public Works Activities**

- Snow removal from sensitive areas of Borough (snow trucked to pool lot)
- Opened catch basins to collect snow melt
- Maintain crossing guard stations, which have a tendency to melt & refreeze (daily)
- Conducted equipment repairs (truck 4 front end, truck 1 power steering, snowblowers)
- Completed maintenance on snow equipment (wash & lube salt trucks, plow trucks, snowblowers & toro 7210s)
- Conducted snowstorm operations (Feb 18 & 19)

**Capital Projects**

- 2019/2020 Roads Program bidding begins February 25
- Will need to rebid gun range ventilation system because there were no bidders. Working with design engineer to identify additional outputs to publicize the project
- Deadline to bid on the replacement of the Fuel Pump next to the police and ambulance station has been pushed back to March 10<sup>th</sup> because of technical questions.

Glen Ridge will have to move to dual-stream recycling soon because our recycling facility was destroyed in a fire and there is not enough capacity at other single-stream processing plants in the area. It is possible that the dual-stream approach would yield a

modest cost saving to the town. We are receiving and evaluating proposals from different vendors.

The Shade Tree Commission has published its annual report for 2020. The report makes clear that Glen Ridge’s shade trees are still threatened by age, disease and the occasional extreme weather event, and that maintaining them with a view to an ideal streetscape in 40 to 60 years is an important investment in the value of our town.

In 2020 Glen Ridge spent about \$150 thousand on our urban forest, and about 1/3 of that was to remove 84 trees; mostly for age but partly for the devastation of tropical storm Isaias in August. The Borough spent about \$25,000 on planting new trees, although the pandemic has interrupted the planting timetable.

Most critically, The Shade Tree Commission recommends the planting of another 70 trees on the northern stretch of Ridgewood Avenue, ideally with the help of the County. At a relatively modest cost of \$25,000, this project will renew the arboreal canopy that so symbolizes Glen Ridge and contributes to the value of our town.

The Shade Tree Commission report is well worth reading. You can find it at [glenridgenj.org/shadetree](http://glenridgenj.org/shadetree).”

**Ordinance No. 1740** entitled Stormwater Management; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Morrow. 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 Morrow, seconded by Councilor Mans that Ordinance No. **1740** 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	Lekfovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli reported that professional planner and employee of H2M, David Genota, had passed away. He world on several projects with the Borough over the years and will be sorely missed. Mr. Zichelli also thanked all the Borough employees or their efforts during the winter storm cleanups.

Borough Attorney, John Malyska echoed Mr. Zichelli’s sentiments on Mr. Genota’s passing.

Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta reported on snow storm summonses and thanked the Glen Ridge students who assist in snow removal for residents in need.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Zichelli reported the council will return to workshop session.

It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits 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	Lekfovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

The Council adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk