

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 10, 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 Quinn, Borough Attorney Malyska and Borough Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Morrow, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on April 26, 2021 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

A letter from James Grady on behalf of the Kiwanis Club offering services for the 2021 Virtual Memorial Day Service.

A letter from the DOT announcing the Fiscal Year 2022 State Aid Programs.

Mayor Patrick suspended the regular order of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 68- 21

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

Resolution Appointing Chief of Police

WHEREAS, Chief of Police and Acting Director of Public Safety Sheila Byron-Lagattuta tendered her resignation effective May 1, 2021 with the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, The Public Safety Committee of the Mayor and Borough Council has determined a need to fill the vacancy of the position of Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, The Chair of Public Safety and the Chair of Finance and Administration have met with and reviewed the current state of the Department of Public Safety with Officer in Charge Captain Sean Quinn and having served in the capacity a Captain of Police, second in command, at the Police Department since 2016, and having served in the capacity as the Officer-In-Charge of the Department on numerous occasions; and,

WHEREAS, Captain Sean Quinn has attended and utilized advanced training by completing the prestigious Command and Leadership Course (also known as the West Point Leadership course) offered by the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police Association and earned the Chief Harry Wilde Academic Achievement Award, completed Command Leadership Institute training offered by the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development, earned a Master of Science Degree in Forensic Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has determined the need for continued command leadership and that Captain Sean Quinn has demonstrated his professional experience, qualities, and proper training to embrace the position as Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey do here by appoint Sean Quinn Glen Ridge Chief of Police.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
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RESOLUTION NO. 69 –21

Offered by Councilor **LISOVICZ**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF OFFICER CHARLES E. ROBERTS, III AND DEDICATING HERMAN STREET IN HIS NAME

WHEREAS, Charles Edward Roberts, III, or Rob as he was called, was born on September 29th, 1974, to Charles Edward Roberts, Jr. and Dorothy Roberts in Monmouth, New Jersey, and was raised in Livingston, New Jersey, attending Livingston High School, Raritan Valley Community College and then Eastern Carolina University; and

WHEREAS, Rob began his career in the Glen Ridge Police Department as a Community Service Officer on June 2nd, 2000, and became a Police Officer on July 30th, 2001, training at the Essex County Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Rob and his wife Alice settled in Glen Ridge and raised their three children Shea, Natalie, and Gavin; and Rob became a pillar of our community, supporting family, friends, and the force alike with selfless care and a ceaseless smile; and

WHEREAS, Rob became the face of our Police Department and a stellar example of good community policing, during his career serving as Bicycle Patrol Officer, a DARE/LEAD Officer, a Certified Car Seat Installer, an Implicit Bias Instructor, a Field Training Officer, a Terminal Agency Coordinator, and a Detective; and

WHEREAS, Rob was posthumously promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, on May 11th, 2020, the residents of Glen Ridge all mourned the loss of our beloved friend, neighbor and police officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this day one year later that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge announce their fondness for this special resident, and we commemorate him by dedicating Herman Street as “Officer Roberts Way.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread of record in the permanent proceedings of the Council, and a suitable copy hereof be presented to the Roberts family with heartfelt recognition of the extraordinary contributions of Rob Roberts to our community.

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Mayor Patrick called Sean P. Quinn to present himself before the Municipal Clerk for the purpose of taking the Oath of Office for the position of Chief of Police.

Councilor Lisovicz congratulated Chief Quinn on becoming the 12th Chief of Police for the Borough of Glen Ridge.

Chief Quinn thanked the Mayor and Councilors for their appointment and support in his new position.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Maggie Reed of 960 Bloomfield Avenue questioned why the Council meetings and Board of Education meeting are held on the same nights.

Erik Deline congratulated Chief Quinn.

Chief Byron-Lagattuta (Ret.) congratulated Chief Quinn on his appointment and wished him and the Glen Ridge Police Department continued success.

Maureen Mycka of 270 Forest Avenue addressed the council on the new Chief of Police appointment.

Mayor Patrick resumed the regular order of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 70-21

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$358,518.00
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$181,966.58
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$43,277.43
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$1,299.55
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$5,235.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$38,198.50
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 May 15, 2021.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
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RESOLUTION NO. 71 - 21

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

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.

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Councilor Mans, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported the 2021 Memorial Day Service will be held virtually with assistance from the Kiwanis Club.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that the crews have cleaned and stored all the winter storm equipment.

Ordinance No. 1747 an Ordinance to amend park property and regulations was presented for first reading. Councilor Law moved that Ordinance No. **1747** be tabled; the motion was seconded by Councilor Lisovicz. Mayor Patrick declared this ordinance tabled until further notice.

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Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported that 59% of Glen Ridge residents over the age of 18 are fully vaccinated and 31% have received their first vaccination.

Borough Administrator congratulated Chief Quinn on his appointment as the 12th Chief of Police.

Borough Attorney congratulated Chief Quinn on his appointment.

Chief Quinn thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

No Public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Morrow the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk