

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 24, 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 May 10, 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 the Passaic Valley River Colition offering assistance to communities with water projects. Annula dues are \$200.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick suspended the regualr order of business for the Budget presentation and Public Hearing.

Councilor Hughes, CFO Laracy and Administrator Zichelli presented the budget presentation slideshow.

The 2021 budget was introduced on April 26, 2021 at the regualr meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Patrick opend the floor for the pubic hearing on the 2021 Municipal Budget.

No comments were made.

Councilor Hughes presented the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-21

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	\$5,058,838.57
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$66,157.84
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$11,777.12

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POOL OPERATING FUND	\$15,310.50
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$4,933.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$98,441.14
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 June 1, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 73 – 21

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

RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years and

WHEREAS, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3-year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

<u>Revenue Category</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>3 Year Average</u>
Swimming Pool Miscellaneous Revenues	32,624.43	20,811.44	11,616.74	21,684.20

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the above referenced revenues be anticipated using the 3 year average as permitted by the amendments to 40A: 4-26, adopted by the P.L. 2020, c. 74

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74-21

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

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:

1. 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 2021 shall be read by its “title” only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 75 – 21

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Councilor Hughes moved resolution 75-21 be tabled indefinitely. He stated this resolution was saved as a placeholder and was not needed. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lefkovits.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 76 – 21

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

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 revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the 2021 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2021</u>
1. Appropriations within “CAPS” (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 11,568,429.20
2. Appropriations excluded from “CAPS” (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 3,635,616.48
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 700,500.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 15,904,545.68

5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (3,291,605.14)</u>
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 12,612,940.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget was published in the May 6th, 2021 edition of the Glen Ridge Paper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held on May 24th, 2021 at 7:30 PM at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2021 was presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget was and is available on the Borough’s website at www.glenridgenj.org. Hard copies may be obtained by requesting same from the Municipal Clerk via email (tventola@glenridgenj.org) or phone (973-748-8400). All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

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

Mayor Patrick resumed the regular order of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 – 21

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

APPOINTMENT OF A FUND COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC ALLIANCE INSURANCE COVERAGE FUND & BOROUGH SATETY OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED, by The Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that it hereby appoints Michael P. Zichelli as The Fund Commissioner and Dean Gnardellis as the Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund and Borough Safety Officer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Michael P. Zichelli (Fund Commissioner)
2. Dean Gnardellis (Alternate Fund Commissioner)
3. Public Alliance Insurance Coverage Fund

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Relations and Community Affairs Committee reported the Little Libraries and the Rob Roberts Memorial in the Glen have been installed.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported new tree have been placed and gator bags have been installed, he asked residents to remember to fill the gator bags to water the new trees.

Ordinance No. 1747 an Ordinance to amend park property and regulations; 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 Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1747** 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	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 78 - 21

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY SPRONG AS THE FIRST ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE GLEN RIDGE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor’s appointment of **Garry Sprong** to The Board Of Adjustment First Alternate member for the term expiring December 31st, 2022 is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 79-21

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 1679 which established the collection of Affordable Housing Fees and these fees shall be used for eligible housing activities; and

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 78-20 appointed Community Grants, Planning & Housing as the Borough Administrative Affordable Housing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing advertised the program, accepted and reviewed applications; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing qualified an applicant, their proposed scope of work and bids for Affordable Housing Project Four; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing recommends the approval of Housing Project Four to **DT Contractors, Inc. of 10732 105th Street, Ozone Park, New York, 11417**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey approves the contract to **DT Contractors, Inc.** in the amount of **\$23,370.00** and said funds are available from the affordable housing trust fund.

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

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported the Board of Adjustment meeting was held on May 19th, where they approved a minor subdivision application pending approval from the Montclair Planning Board.

Covid-19 vaccines for ages 12-17 will be offered through Essex County and pre-registration is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-21

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, the Glen Ridge Public Library is seeking to apply for a Project grant entitled the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act in order to fund library renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are committed to providing half of the funding, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the project via Capital Ordinance 1718, adopted on September 9, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glen Ridge Mayor and Council do hereby approve the grant application to be filed by the Glen Ridge Library Director and/or the Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

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

Borough Administrator reported the budget presentation slideshow will be posted on the Borough website.

Chief Quinn wished everyone a safe Memorial Day.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

Maureen Mycka asked if the public will be able to attend the in person council meeting on June 14.

Borough Clerk Ventola reported the public will be able to attend in person.

On motion by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Morrow the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk