

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building 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 were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lieutenant Faranda, and Borough Clerk Tara Ventola.

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 May 24, 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 DOT approving the Municipal Aid Grant for various street paving 2019-2020 in the amount of \$84,798.25.

A letter from the DOT announcing Safe Routes to School grant applications will be accepted until October 14, 2021.

A letter from Carol Pameris, Essex County District 5 Commissioner congratulating Chief Quinn on his appointment as Chief of Police.

A letter announcing that lottery applications for affordable housing in the Baldwin St / CLARUS development are now being accepted and are due by June 30, 2021.

Mayor Patrick congratulated Councilor Hughes on the birth of his new grandson Benjamin.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Gordon Levitt of 131 Hillside Avenue thanked the library and public works departments for the excellent services provided during the pandemic. He asked when the bottle cap recycling program would be available again and expressed concerns about speeding on Hillside Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-21

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	\$3,094,943.15
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$257.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$2,384.99
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$111,052.30
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00

POOL OPERATING FUND	\$2,116.48
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$1,560.44
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$46,135.91
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 15, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 82-21

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

Whereas, The Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in effort to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State Of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages and therefore established a Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Council has applied for funding to The Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through The County of Essex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for The Glen Ridge Municipal Alliance grant for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in the amounts of:

DEDR	\$ 13,100.00
Cash Match	\$ 3,275.00
In Kind	\$ 9,825.00

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83 – 21

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**

Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

WHEREAS, N. J. S. 40A:4-87 provides that The Director of The Division Of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; **and**,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; **and**,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has received **\$12,281.25** from Essex County Municipal Alliance Committee and wishes to amend its 2021 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge, The County Of Essex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of The Division Of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2021 in the sum of.....**\$12,281.25**

Which is now available as revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:

Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$12,281.25** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:

(A)Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT **and**,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this Resolution to The Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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

Ordinance No. 1748 entitled An Ordinance establishing titles for non-union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing the 2021 maximum annual salaries; Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1748** 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	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Lisovicz reported that the following items are considered to be routine and will be acted on with a single Motion. If any discussion is requested on a Consent Agenda item, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. All Consent Agenda items will be reflected in full in the minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 84 - 21

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **RIDGE BOTTLE KING, INCORPORATED**, trading as **Bottle King Discount Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708 - 44 - 001 - 010**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the State Of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and running through June 30, 2022 for the premises located at 710 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 85 - 21

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **THE GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708 - 33 - 004 - 001**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State Of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and running through June 30, 2022 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 86 - 21

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MAYFIELD TAVERN PARTNERS, LLC**, trading as **FITZGERALDS 1928** for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License, Number **0708 - 33 - 005 - 004** be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State Of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and running through June 30, 2022 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

RESOLUTION NO. 87 - 21

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of **MECAP, INCORPORATED**, a Corporation, trading as **The Glen Ridge Pharmacy And Liquors**, for the renewal of a Plenary Retail Distribution License, Number **0708 - 44 - 003 - 005**, be and the same is hereby approved and The Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Division Of Alcoholic Beverage Control, The State Of New Jersey, consenting to the issuance of said License for the period beginning on July 1, 2021 and running through June 30, 2022 for the premises located at 855 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Councilor Lisovicz, Chair of the Public Safety Committee congratulated Chief Quinn and Officer Caruso on their Oath’s of Office.

RESOLUTION NO. 88 – 21

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

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GLEN RIDGE’S COMMITMENT TO EQUAL, RESPECTFUL AND DIGNIFIED TREATMENT OF ALL PEOPLE, AND TO BE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge is an inclusive community that welcomes diversity and believes in the safety, prosperity, equality, and hope for all who live or work in or visit our Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the human rights of all people and actively supports an end to all forms of prejudice and discrimination based on race, ethnicity, country of origin, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or veteran status; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the Borough must be a place that respects our differences and believes that diverse perspectives enhance the cultural fabric and overall prosperity of our community for current and future generations; **and**,

WHEREAS, we pledge to stand against hate and discrimination in all forms; **and**,

WHEREAS, the Borough and residents of Glen Ridge are committed to fostering an inclusive community through meaningful action and support of diversity; **and**,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, that:

FIRST: Glen Ridge reaffirms its policy that no department, employee or official of the Borough of Glen Ridge shall condition the provision of Borough services or benefits on matters related to race, ethnicity, country of origin, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or veteran status.

SECOND: We urge all the people of Glen Ridge and beyond to promote diversity and inclusion and create welcoming and affirming spaces for all.

THIRD: Recognize, honor and support a diverse and inclusive community where people are free to be true to themselves.

FOURTH: Within seven (7) days after passage of this Resolution, the Borough Administrator shall disseminate this Resolution to all Borough employees and officials.

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

Ordinance No. 1749 an Ordinance establishing the Environmental Advisory Committee was presented for first reading. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1749** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Morrow. 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	Lefkovits	None		None		None	
	Lisovicz	Law						
	Mans	Morrow						

Councilor Mans thanked the Mayor, Councilors and Borough Administrator for the Inclusive Resolution and the Pride Progress flag in the vestibule.

RESOLUTION NO. 89-21

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to rehabilitate the Glen Ridge Public Library Roof by prequalified historic preservation specialists; and,

WHEREAS, **Alden-Baily Restoration Corp.** of 115 Franklin Turnpike, #296, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$184,010.00**; and,

WHEREAS, through the course of the construction, it was determined additional rehabilitation to the library was desired; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the bond Ordinance 1718; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a change order in the amount of **\$37,280.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$221,290.00**.

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Works Committee thanked Mr. Levitt for his positive remarks about the Public Works Crew.

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. Maureen Mycka of Forest Avenue asked if there was going to be monitoring and fines assessed for dogs in these parks. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Mans 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. 90-21

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

WHEREAS, the following organizations provide an invaluable service for / to the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge may add organizations as an additional insured with the Public Alliance Insurance Fund with no increase in insurance premiums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator is authorized, to add the following organizations to the Borough’s insurance policy:

- Neighbor to Neighbor Network

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

Borough Administrator Zichelli congratulated Chief Quinn and Officer Caruso on their Oaths of Office and announced the Municipal Building will be re-opening to the public.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk