

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 28, 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, Chief Quinn, Borough Attorney Malyska and Borough Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Lisovicz, seconded by Councilor Morrow, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on June 14, 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 Janice Tally, Director of Planning and Development for the Township of Montclair announcing a public hearing to amend their Unified Land Use & Circulation Plan on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-21**

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>\$143,591.78</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$4,945.20</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$98,954.70</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$17,697.12</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$12,670.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$7,905.82</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$1,543.00</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$13,423.41</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 July 1, 2021.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 92 – 21**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FULL EXEMPTION OF TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,322.81 FOR THE YEAR 2021 ALSO AMOUNT OF \$1,726.72 FOR THE YEAR 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 54:4-3:30 ET.SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Tschudy filed a petition with the Tax Assessor’s office pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 5, 2021 the Department of Veterans Affairs certified that Joseph Tschudy wartime service-connected disability is totally disabling and **100%** permanent, effective November 2014 in accordance with the Veterans Affairs Rating Schedule; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Joseph Tschudy is entitled to a 100% property tax exemption for his single family dwelling house located at 79 Glen Ridge Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, Block: 71, Lot: 8 from January through December 2020 and January through June 2021.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of Borough of Glen Ridge hereby determines that the Borough of Glen Ridge shall provide an Exemption of taxes from January through December 2020 in the amount of \$4,322.81 and January through June 2021 in the amount \$1,726.72.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-21**

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

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2021**

**WHEREAS**, in light of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, the Division of Local Government Services has strongly recommended that municipalities prepare to issue estimated real property tax bills for the third quarter of 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Borough Tax Collector will not be in receipt of a certified tax rate in enough time to be able to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by the required statutory date, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector and the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer have requested that the Council provide them with the latitude to submit estimated 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter real property tax bills, which would allow the Tax Collector to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills in a timely manner, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector, in consultation with the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levy for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council approve the estimated tax levy of \$55,402,322.62 at a tax rate of \$3.237; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy and rate have been calculated on a worksheet that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy amount falls between the mandated estimated range required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3(a)(1) and approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations; maintain the tax collection rate; provide uniformity for tax payments; and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and timely issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Glen Ridge for the third quarter installment of 2021 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2021 is hereby set at \$55,402,322.62. The estimated tax rate for 2021 is hereby set at \$3.237.
3. In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2021 taxes (whether estimated or not) shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge for their records.
5. The Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
6. This resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

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; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. 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 Hughes, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1748** 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. 94 – 21**

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

**ACCEPTING THE AWARD OF THE 2021 SFY21 BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Police Department has been awarded a grant in the sum of \$57,064.00 from the State of New Jersey Body Worn Camera Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, this funds will assist the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Glen Ridge Police Department with the purchase of Body Worn Cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s contribution toward the grant will be the zero dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to accept this grant 21-BWC-165 in the amount of \$57,064.00 for the award period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator, Chief of Police, Municipal Clerk and any other officer deemed appropriate are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept this grant.

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 final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. 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 Mans, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1749** 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						

Councilor Mans reported on the Sustainable NJ Grant.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95 – 21**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

**RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GLEN RIDGE AVENUE, SHERMAN AVENUE AND ARGYLE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2022 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NJDOT SAGE application ID# 00116 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 96 – 21**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**Resolution of Approval to submit a grant application for the Roswell Terrace and Innes Place Improvements Project and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2022 Municipal Aid Program.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NJDOT SAGE application ID# 00606 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-21**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to replace the existing fuel pump at the municipal building by a qualified contractor; and,

**WHEREAS, T. Slack Environmental Services, Inc.** 180 Market Street, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$76,780.00**; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the course of the construction, it was determined that additional costs due to the deteriorated condition of the below ground conduit was required; 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 **\$40,436.93** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$117,216.93**.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-21**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LISOVICZ**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to renovate the Glen Ridge Train Station 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 **\$324,910.00**; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the course of the construction, it was determined that additional costs for the exterior work due to NJ TRANSIT requirements was required; 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 **\$57,628.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$382,538.00**.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that registrations for the GR Pool, Summer Camp and Tennis Program has improved over the past several weeks.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported that the Planning Board will be meeting in person on July 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Borough Administrator Zichelli reported that the Planning Board has no cases filed for the July 21, 2021 meeting and will not be meeting. The Board of Adjustment has one case and will meet in person.

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 7:48 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk