

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, October 12, 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, Mans, Lefkovits, Law, and Morrow

Absent: Councilor Lisovicz

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 Morrow, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Meetings of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge held on September 27, 2021 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

There were no written communications presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Elizabeth Baker of Hillside Avenue approached the council with regard to the trees on Ridgewood Avenue from Watchung to Bay. She stated the Shade Tree Commission has a detailed plan for the future of the shade trees in the area and funds are needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 123-21

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$3,291,679.47
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,300.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$17,174.03
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$6,780.80
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$6,698.49
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$43,538.59
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 October 15, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 124-21

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

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP THEREIN FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

WHEREAS, the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council (“MCCPC”) was created in 1974 to conduct a voluntary cooperative pricing system with municipalities, boards of educations, and other public bodies located in the County of Morris and adjoining counties; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MCCPC is to provide substantial savings on various goods and services to its members through the cooperative public bidding process; and

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge desires to enter into an Agreement with the MCCPC, which is administered by Randolph Township as Lead Agency, to renew its membership in the MCCPC for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026.

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

1. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby authorize the execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council by the Township of Randolph as Lead Agency dated October 1, 2016, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5). Said Agreement is for **renewal** of membership in the MCCPC for a five (5) year period from October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2021.
2. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of this adopted Resolution, along with an executed Agreement, to Randolph Township as Lead Agency of the MCCPC.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon final passage according to law.
4. All appropriate Department Heads and the Borough Administrator are authorized and directed to perform all required acts to affect the purpose of this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 125-21

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

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Safety has determined that there is a need to purchase new **IN CAR CAMERA HARDWARE AND ACCESSORIES** for the Glen Ridge Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. of 64 East Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07653 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of New Jersey, contract 17-FLEET-00793; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from capital ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey do hereby approve the purchase of the new in car cameras and equipment in the amount of **\$29,335.00** from **MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.**

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

Councilor Mans, Chair if the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported that the Borough will be issuing guidance for Halloween in the next coming days.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Public Worls Committee reported the Public Works crew has been seeding the fields and repairing cobble stone gutters. They h ave also been replacing street signs and removing trees.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-21

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

WHEREAS, when a local governmental contracting unit experiences an emergency that meets the requirement of law, a waiver of Chapter 19 is automatically granted, as long as the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and the rules at N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 are met; and,

WHEREAS, it was discovered that the sewer line was broken Sommer Avenue and created an emergency situation affecting the public health and welfare of the residents which required the immediate performance of services; and,

WHEREAS, the nature and scope of the break did not allow time for competitive bidding and **Speedy Sewer, Drain and Plumbing Service** of 25 Orange Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003 was immediately available to address the issue.

BE IT RESOLVED, Speedy Sewer, Drain and Plumbing Service be awarded the project in amount of **\$9,238.00** for emergency sewer repair and said funds are available in the Capital Fund.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Hughes	Lefkovits	None		None		Lisovicz	
		Law						
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Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported the fields will be treated for the final time this season. He thanks the Public Works crews for their work on maintaining the fields this year, there has been a 99% reduction of complaints.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-21

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**

Seconded by Councilor **MANS**

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users is a priority of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all roadway users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets allow for safe, accessible, and convenient travel, reducing serious injuries and fatalities for all users of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, “all users” include motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, delivery trucks and movers of commercial goods, persons with disabilities, older adults, residents of Priority Communities, and those who cannot afford a car or choose to reduce their car usage; and

WHEREAS, Complete Street policies support the goals of the Borough of Glen Ridge Master Plan and supporting elements; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is federally designated as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus State due to high numbers of pedestrian/bicycle-involved fatalities, and New Jersey’s pedestrian fatality rate continues to significantly exceed the national average; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are preventable and the only acceptable number of traffic deaths for Borough of Glen Ridge is zero; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets that incorporate sustainable Green Streets design elements, such as green storm water infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, and the use of recycled materials, protect and create a healthier natural and social environment, improve air and water quality, and reduce localized flooding; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets implementation enhances access to local businesses, encourages reinvestment, increases property values and employment, and stimulates private investment, especially in retail districts, downtowns, and tourist areas; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets encourage an active lifestyle through increased physical activity, social connectivity, and sense of community belonging, thereby lowering risk of obesity, reducing chronic disease, improving mental health, and promoting wellness; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets implementation provides the opportunity to enhance the historic character of our communities and our understanding of our shared history in a way that promotes the economic and social vitality of our communities and should be considered in the design of infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, procedures should be implemented that ensure fair treatment, equitable funding and resource distribution, and meaningful involvement of all communities in all phases from selection, planning, and design to construction and long-term maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a balanced and flexible transportation system where all people can easily and safely walk and bicycle to everyday destinations — such as schools, shops, restaurants, businesses, parks, transit, and jobs — enhances neighborhood economic vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, low- and moderate-income areas, whether in rural, urban, or suburban communities, are typically the least safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, especially for children walking and biking to school, due to long-standing infrastructure disparities and

higher concentration of streets with faster-moving and higher-volume traffic; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Complete Streets policy should not negatively impact the affordability of the neighborhood for current residents; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets policy applies to new, reconstruction, retrofit, and resurfacing projects, including design, planning, construction, maintenance and operations, for the entire right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, requests for all exceptions must be submitted in writing, with supporting documentation, and made publicly available with a minimum of 30 days allowed for public input; and

WHEREAS, all initial planning, concept and design studies of infrastructure projects consider design elements that improve public health, environment, economy, equity, and safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge adopts the Complete Streets Policy by Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all Borough departments within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 128-21

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

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Avenue, identified as County Route 653, is an Urban Minor Arterial under the jurisdiction of Essex County, where Glen Ridge High School, Glen Ridge Post Office, and the Glen Ridge Train Station are located along the roadway corridor between Clark Street and Darwin Place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has identified this segment of the Ridgewood Avenue Roadway Corridor to be subject to significant pedestrian and vehicular volumes due to these land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has identified this segment of the Ridgewood Avenue Roadway Corridor to be subject to a high volume of reported accidents, over the most recent three years of accident data examined, from November 2017 to November 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Department of Planning & Development has elected to enact mitigation measures along the portion of Ridgewood Avenue between Clark Street and Darwin Place, and the Borough’s Traffic Consultant has performed an engineering study of the roadway corridor and prepared conceptual design documents for potential improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of Glen Ridge as follows:

- A. The Borough Department of Planning & Development shall move forward and apply for a Safe Routes to School Grant to fund the proposed improvements.
- B. The Borough Department of Planning & Development is hereby authorized to take all actions to implement this Resolution to accomplish its goals and intents.
- C. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129-21

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge has received a check for \$6,971.64 and a bond for \$62,744.76 as a performance guarantee posted on behalf of Glen Ridge Developers, LLC. to insure the successful completion of improvements with regard to Block 72 Lot 2.01 on the Borough tax maps; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development has received the Borough’s Inspecting Engineer’s communication dated October 4, 2021 which recommends the release of the performance bond based upon the successful completion of the work by Glen Ridge Developers, LLC.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believes it is in the best interest to release the performance bond previously posted by Glen Ridge Developers, LLC, subject to the conditions set forth therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the performance guarantee posted by Glen Ridge Developers, LLC. shall be released to the applicant subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Posting of a two-year maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$10,457.46.
2. Payment of all outstanding escrows. \$1,000.00 must be maintained in escrow in order for the improvements to be inspected prior to the expiration of the maintenance bond.

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

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli thanks all those who assisted in the Safe Routes to School project this year.

Borough Clerk Ventola reviewed this year’s upcoming elections procedures.

Chief Quinn thanked all those who assisted in the safe routes to school program. He announced that Sgt. Roberts name will be etched to the fallen officers memorial this week.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the Public.

No public comment was made.

On motion by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Mans the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk