

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 via teleconference due to the Public Health crisis Covid-19 at 7:30 p. m.

Council President Mans 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 Morrow, Hughes, Lefkovits, Mans, Law and Meyer

Absent: Mayor Patrick

The following Borough Officers participated in the teleconference: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sean Quinn, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on January 24, 2022 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Loretta Simon of 926 Bloomfield Avenue requested that the Borough reinstates plastic bag collection at the Municipal Building.

Raymond Donnelly of 22 Madison Street requested repairs to potholes on Freeman Parkway and thanked the Chief for placing the speed detector on Hawthorne Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-22

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$4,319,948.59
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,168.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$212,798.82
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$125,931.08
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,420.30
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$441.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$5,128.50
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 February 15, 2022.

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

Ordinance No. 1759 an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank was presented for first reading. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1759** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported the committee had met just prior to this meeting and reviewed safe routes to school to increase school safety, installing blinking pedestrian signs and the proposed four-way stop designated at Lincoln and Douglas.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-22

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Department of Public Safety has determined that there is a need for a new voice recording system; and,

WHEREAS, INTERACTION INSIGHT CORPORATION of 125 Half Mile Road, Ste 200 Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 has a cooperative purchasing agreement for a 40 port analog and digital play back system with the State of New Jersey Division of Purchasing (Contract #83891); and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey does hereby approve the purchase of the 40 port analog and digital play back system from Interaction Insight Corporation. in the amount of **\$19,765.00**.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 45-22

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bloomfield and the Borough of Glen Ridge have previously entered into an agreement with the Township of Bloomfield to provide Animal Control Services to the Borough of Glen Ridge pursuant to N.J.S.A 26:3A2-1, et. seq; and,

WHEREAS, the new agreement provides for a contract in the amount of **\$18,000.00** for 2022 with a 2% annual increase; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1, et seq., provides that a municipality may enter into a contract with another municipality or local unit for the joint provisions of any service; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of The Borough to extend the contract with The Township of Bloomfield to provide **Animal Control Services** to The Borough for 2022 in accordance with the agreement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by The Mayor and The Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge, in The County of Essex, that the Administrator be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement with the Township of Bloomfield.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 46-22

Offered By Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded By Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:74.1, et. seq., the Mayor and Borough Council approves the Raffle License application for an **ON-PREMISE MERCHANDISE RAFFLE and an ON-PREMISE 50/50** submitted by the St. Vincent’s Auxiliary, Inc. to be held on April 3, 2022 at the Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028; pending the approval of the background check.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 47-22

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, Glen Ridge Borough Code 12.28.060 entitled “Removal of dangerous privately owned trees; notification of owner” provides:

"The borough arborist may move or require the removal of any tree, shrub or plant or part thereof dangerous to public safety at the expense of the owner of such tree, shrub or plant, upon first serving written notice to the owner of said tree, shrub or plant that same will be removed unless the owner removes same within one week from the date of said notice or as determined by the shade tree commission or its designee."

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2021, the Glen Ridge Borough Arborist (the “**Arborist**”) submitted a letter (the “**Report**”) via certified mail to the property owner (the “**Owner**”) of 150 Ridgewood Avenue (the “**Property**”), designated as Lot 20 in Block 35 on Borough tax maps, and via hand delivery to the Glen Ridge Borough Code Enforcement Office and Construction Official finding that numerous dead and broken branches on the private trees located at the Property present a hazard and a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare.

WHEREAS, Glen Ridge Mayor and Council have received and accepted the findings of the Report.

WHEREAS, the hazardous condition as found in the Report remains unabated.

WHEREAS, Glen Ridge Borough Code 8.28.010 (as part of Chapter 8.28 entitled “Removal of Hazardous Weeds, Trees and debris from Private Property”) provides that:

“In any case where the governing body of the borough shall by resolution determine that it is necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety, general welfare or to eliminate a fire hazard to remove or have removed from any lands lying within the limits of the borough, brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris, the work of such removal shall be done by or at the expense of the owner or tenant of such lands, and shall be done under the supervision of the superintendent of public works of the borough.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the Report and under the authority given under Glen Ridge Borough Code 8.28.010, the Mayor and Council determine that numerous dead and broken branches on the privately owned trees located at the Property and identified in the Report present a threat to the public health, safety and general welfare and that it is necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare for said dead and broken branches, and to the extent necessary trees, to be removed from the Property as set forth in the Report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glen Ridge Borough Clerk immediately after the passage of these Resolutions or as soon thereafter as is practicable shall cause a copy of these Resolutions and a notice in writing (the “**Demand**”) to be served upon the Property Owner demanding that said dead and broken branches, and to the extent necessary trees, identified in the Report be removed within 10 days after the service of these Resolutions and the Demand; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Resolutions and the Demand be served upon the Property Owner in the manner provided in N.J.S.A. 40:65-3 -- i.e., personally or if the Property Owner is a nonresident of Glen Ridge, the Demand and copy of these Resolutions may be served upon the Property Owner (both by certified mail, return receipt requested and also by regular mail, postage prepaid) at the Property Owner’s last known post-office address; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED under the authority of Glen Ridge Borough Code 8.28.040 that if the Property Owner does not remove from the Property said dead and broken branches, and to the extent necessary trees, identified in the Report within 10 days after the service of these Resolutions and the Demand upon the Property Owner, then the Glen Ridge Borough superintendent of public works (the “**Superintendent**”) is hereby directed to cause the required work to be done at the cost of the Property Owner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the removal from the Property of said dead and broken branches, and to the extent necessary trees, is effected by the Superintendent as aforesaid, the cost of same shall be paid out of moneys appropriated in the annual tax levy to the repair and maintenance of streets and roads in the same manner as other work done by the public works committee, and the cost of such work when finished shall be certified to the governing body by the Superintendent and the governing body shall examine the certification, and if found correct, shall cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the Property and the amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon the Property and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the Property for the calendar quarter immediately following the cost certification and shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 48-22

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., and 19:44-A.20.4 et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process for the removal of Borough trees and stump grinding services; and,

WHEREAS, **Dujets Tree Experts, Inc.** of 54 Notch Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$29,535.00**; and,

WHEREAS, through the course of the project it was determined that additional trees needed to be removed; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the capital fund; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a change order in the amount of **\$3,610.00** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$33,145.00** and that the Administrator and the Director of Planning and Development are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the change order.

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

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that Public works had completed their annual safety training.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-22

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge sought aeration and maintenance applications for the Borough athletic fields; and,

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit proposals for the aforesated services; and,

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, **Downes Tree Service, Inc.** of 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506. submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$23,375.00 and alternate bids of \$1,150.00 (#1) and \$975.00 (#2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Downes Tree Service, Inc. be awarded the contract for **2022 Maintenance of Athletic Fields** for the Borough athletic fields in the amount of **\$25,500.00**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and Director of Recreation are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

	Base Bid	Alt 1	Alt 2
Downes Trees	\$23,375.00	\$1,150.00	\$975.00
Green Valley	\$85,705.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,700.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50- 22

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JULIE ZICHELLI AS A MEMBER OF THE GLEN RIDGE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s appointment of **Julie Zichelli** as a member of the **Glen Ridge Shade Tree Commission** for the term expiring December 31st, 2022 is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51-22

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING IN KOO KIM AS A MEMBER OF THE GLEN RIDGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor’s appointment of **In Koo Kim** as a 2nd Alternate, Class C member of the **Glen Ridge Historic Preservation Commission** for the term expiring December 31st, 2023 is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

Chief Quinn reported an uptick in stolen vehicles and reminded residents to park and lock their vehicles at all times, refrain from leaving vehicles unattended and remove valuables.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No Public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Meyer that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk