

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 27, 2022, in the Glen Ridge council chambers 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 Morrow, Hughes, Lefkovits, Mans, Law and Meyer

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were present: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lieutenant Faranda, and Clerk Tara Ventola.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Hughes, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on May 23, 2022, be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Councilor Mans' son Linus approached the council and wished his mother a happy birthday!

Lauren Johnson of 55 Chestnut Hill Place provided feedback on the proposed Ordinance 1764 asking that the Council reconsider the No Parking amendment on the Northside of Woodland Avenue and review the Ordinance to accommodate current needs of the Drop Off Zone.

Gordon Levitt of 131 Hillside Avenue stated that he is having an issue with large delivery trucks on Hillside Avenue not being able to make the clearance of the underpass on Hillside Avenue. Delivery Trucks can not see the existing signage.

Mark Holzappel of 10 Appleton Place stated he would like the newly painted crosswalk on Ridgewood Ave and Reynolds Avenue removed for safety concerns.

He also reported that the GRPL hosted a very successful Shredding Day and inquired about hosting two shredding events a year to accommodate the needs of the Glen Ridge residents. An update of the library delivery lockers was also provided.

Phil Johnson of 55 Chestnut Hill Place stated that the newly painted crosswalk on Ridgewood Avenue at Reynolds Road is a hazard without proper signage. He requested signage be installed or the crosswalk lines be removed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 101-22**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$2,896,613.76</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$5,186.43</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$84,228.37</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$17,232.30</b>

<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$8,230.89</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$61,029.56</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$53,752.33</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, 2022.

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

**Ordinance No. 1763** an Ordinance establishing Titles for Non-Union and other Employees and fixing the 2022 maximum annual salaries and other compensations for those titles; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Morrow. 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 Morrow, seconded by Councilor Hughes that Ordinance No. **1763** 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-22**

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

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2022**

**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 2022, 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 \$56,545,378 at a tax rate of \$3.291; 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 2022 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2022 is hereby set at \$56,545,378. The estimated tax rate for 2022 is hereby set at \$3.291.
3. In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2022 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-22**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE TO ENTER INTO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge desires to become a member of the Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System, #2-SOCCP, effective and, that such membership shall be for the period ending December 31, 2023 and each renewal, thereafter of the system, unless elects to formally withdraw from the system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to execute the attached agreement

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

**Ordinance No. 1762** an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 32.010 Establishment of a Police Department; 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 Morrow that Ordinance No. **1762** 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

**Ordinance No. 1764** an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.32 No Parking/School Drop Off Zone and time limited parking; 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 but prior public comment with regards to this Ordinance was taken into consideration. Mayor Patrick declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Meyer that Ordinance No. **1764** be withdrawn and reviewed for revisions. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance has been withdrawn.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-22**

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

**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.

**Commented [MH1]:** Comments:  
Is this already required under NJ state anti-discrimination law and incorporated in Borough policies? If not, will there be follow-up on this?  
  
Let's make sure this does not have unintended consequences. For example, would it limit the Borough's ability to recruit diverse candidates, etc.

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

**Ordinance No. 1765** an Ordinance to appropriate Capital Improvement Funds for various Capital improvements and Equipment; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Mans. 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. **1765** 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

**RESOLUTION NO. 105 – 22**

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

**RESOLUTION:** Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2023 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 MA-417 as priority #2 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of The Borough Of Glen Ridge; **and**,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor 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)	Morrow	Mans	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Law						
	Lefkovits	Meyer						

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that a food scrap drop off will be hosted at the Benson Street Lot to be transported to an off-site commercial compost facility. Benson Street will also host a pollinator garden that the Environmental Advisory Committee is working on.

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Councilor Law, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported that the pool and summer camp attendance is rising above 2021 numbers.

Lieutenant Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Quinn that Bloomfield will be holding the annual Sunset Classic will be held Thursday at 6:00 PM, expect street closures and traffic delays.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk