

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the Glen Ridge Municipal Building 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 Hughes, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Councilors Mans and Lefkovits

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 Mans, seconded by Councilor Hughes, that the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on January 3, 2023 be approved as submitted.

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

It was moved by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Hughes, that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on January 3, 2023 be approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Raymond Donnelly of 22 Madison Street noted a light on the Municipal Building steps was not working and the new sign posed on Ridgewood Avenue by the county is an eyesore.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-23

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$9,430,804.52
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$39,635.50
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$171,644.47
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,127.57
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$59,246.63
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$248.00

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 of February 15, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50- 23

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:40-1

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2022 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 for transfer purposes;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Borough is hereby authorized to make transfers between the appropriations accounts of the 2022 Municipal Budget as follows:

	To:	From:
Administration – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000	
Engineering – Other Expenses	5,000	
Streets and Roads – Other Expenses	5,000	
Street Lighting – Electric and Gas	30,000	
Electric Utilities	<u>1,000</u>	
Garbage and Recycling –Other Expenses		\$25,000
Streets and Roads – Other Expenses		10,000
Legal – Other Expenses		<u>11,000</u>
	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51-23

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

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT AND OBJECTIVE OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE GREEN TEAM

WHEREAS, The Borough Of Glen Ridge adopted Resolution No. 134 -10,"Creation of The Borough Of Glen Ridge Green Team" at a regular meeting conducted on September 13th, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Of Glen Ridge resolved in that Resolution that they wished to pursue local initiatives and actions that would lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Of Glen Ridge further resolved in that Resolution to create the Borough Of Glen Ridge Green Team, to serve as The Borough Of Glen Ridge's agents for the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification process; and,

WHEREAS, The Green Team was composed of individuals who are interested in advancing the efforts of The Borough Of Glen Ridge in The Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program, and that have been actively working as a Green Team for six years; and,

WHEREAS, that group, has been creating and cataloging significant sustainability actions so that The Borough of Glen Ridge may maintain Sustainable Jersey certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, do hereby proclaim the following :

- 1) The Environmental Advisory Committee will continue to be the Green Team of The Borough of Glen Ridge and has been active in the community advancing sustainable practices and actions included in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program; and,
- 2) The Green Team has been and shall continue to be composed of individuals who have demonstrated interest in advancing the efforts of The Borough of Glen Ridge to pursue certification through the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program; and,
- 3) The role of The Green Team has been and shall continue to be to lead and coordinate the sustainability activities of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council establishes the Green Team as follows:

Lorijeane Moody
 Megan Guilanelli
 Megan Blank
 Carolee Bol
 Deborah Mans
 Amanda McCabe
 Yerina Mugica
 Gouri Sadhwahi
 Erik DeLine

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52-23

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 50/50**

Raffle submitted by the **Ridgewood Avenue School HSA** to be held on March 9, 2023 at 235 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23

Offered By Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded By Councilor **MANS**

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 50/50 Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on April 26, 2023 at 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54-23

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 & Borough Council approve the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by **Womens Club of Glen Ridge** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on March 4, 2023 at the Glen Ridge Womens Club, 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55-23

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 & Borough Council approve the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by **Glen Ridge Congregational Church** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on March 4, 2023 at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56-23

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 21:3-3

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 and Borough Ordinance 1662 requires the Governing Body to authorize the display of fireworks on private property subject to the review and approval of the Municipal Fire and Police Officials;

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by the **GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB** located at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey to host a Fireworks Display on private property between the hours of 8:45 p.m. and approximately 10:00 p.m. on **July 4, 2023** and said application has been deemed to be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 and Borough Ordinance 1662;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that that approval is hereby given for the Fireworks Display on private property of the Glen Ridge Country Club located at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey between the hours of 8:45 p.m. and approximately 10:00 p.m. on July 4, 2023 pending any and all restrictions and requirements in place due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Commissioner Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported a no parking recommendation from the public safety committee for Hillcrest Avenue. Crossing guards will be posted at Ridgewood Avenue and Belleville Avenue for an additional 30 minutes to accommodate students leaving after school programs.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-23

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

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, an emergency arose with respect to a water main break on the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission’s 72” transmission line during the first week of October 2022, which affected the Montclair and Glen Ridge water system; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain additional water flow into the system, the installation of a watermain bypass connecting Montclair’s system with the Passaic Valley Water Commission’s system was required; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency nature of this project, the magnitude of the work and the equipment needed to install the bypass watermain, it was necessary to retain a contractor; and

WHEREAS, CRJ Contracting, Inc. of 7 Commerce Street, Suite 2, Sommerville, New Jersey was contracted to install the new bypass water main; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract totaled \$131,500.00, which Glen Ridge is responsible to pay CRJ Contracting, **\$32,875.00** directly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, that CRJ Contracting, Inc. be, and hereby is, retroactively authorized, and an emergency contract with same hereby ratified, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, to perform the necessary repair/replacement work without the necessity of public bidding and funds for said emergency repairs are available in the Water Operating Account.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58-23

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

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and,

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing cost, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open spaces, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and,

WHEREAS, given New Jersey’s strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions, with the intent of making Glen Ridge a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and reexamination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly.

Regional Cooperation- We pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts with land use decisions.

Transportation Choices- We pledge to create transportation choices with a complete streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles through, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. We will reevaluate our parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Natural Resource Protection- We pledge to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, we pledge to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of our natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses- We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for our municipality and the region, particularly in the downtown and town center areas.

Housing Options- We pledge, through the use of our zoning revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single- and multi-family, for sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design- We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting- We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walk ability, bike ability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported that the Library Board met last week regarding the book challenge, all books were upheld unanimously.

Councilor Law reported that tennis registration is now open on behalf of Councilor Meyer, Chair of the Recreation Committee.

Administrator Zichelli reported that CRJ, who was awarded the emergency water contract provided excellent service during the water emergency in October.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Phil Johnson of 55 Chestnut Hill Place thanked the town for the support and heartfelt outpouring at the public hearing of the library board for the book challenge.

Raymond Donnelly of 22 Madison Avenue asked about painting the crosswalk at Baldwin and Ridgewood where people are crossing without the crosswalk lines.

Commissioner Hughes thanked Mr. Zichelli and everyone involved in the work during the water emergency in October.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk