

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

Absent: Councilor Hughes

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 Lefkovits, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on February 13, 2023 be approved.

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

It was moved by Councilor Mans, 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 February 27, 2023 be approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-23

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$474,652.35
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$691.28
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$50,597.20
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$41,807.34
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$11,751.74
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$148,268.29
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$52,670.05
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$58.80

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 March 15, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-23

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

COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING SPENCER ROAD GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has established a Community Project Funding grant process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to participate in this program in order to install sidewalk bump outs on Spencer Road to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians as well as serve as rain gardens to gather storm water; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the Borough’s continued efforts to improve pedestrian safety and reduce the impact of storm water on our infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize and support the submission of the Community Project Funding, DOT Highway Infrastructure Projects, **Spencer Road Green Infrastructure Pedestrian Safety Improvements** application in the amount of **\$150,000.00** and the Administrator and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign submission documents necessary to effectuate the grant.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-23

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

Community Project Funding Carteret Street Water Main Replacement

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has established a Community Project Funding grant process; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to replace and upgrade the water main on Carteret Street; and

WHEREAS, this project will replace an aged water main and improve water flow and quality in this area of the Borough, consistent with the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS, this project has been submitted to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize and support the submission of the Community Project Funding, State and Tribal Assistance Grant Projects, **Carteret Street Water Main Replacement** application in the amount of **\$1,500,000.00** and the Administrator and Deputy

Administrators are hereby authorized to sign submission documents necessary to effectuate the grant.

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

Ordinance No. 1780 Ordinance to exceed the Municipal budget appropriation limits and to establish a CAP bank; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Mans. 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 Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1780** 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)	Mans	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 65-23

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH ESSEX COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council seek to improve the pedestrian crossings at:

- Ridgewood Avenue and Wildwood Terrace; and
- Ridgewood Avenue and Baldwin Street; and
- Ridgewood Avenue and Sunset Avenue; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge to further improve the safety of pedestrians crossing at these locations and seek permission to install a pedestrian signal within the Essex County right-of way based upon the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee and Borough Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby requests permission from the County of Essex to install solar powered pedestrian crossing arrays at the above locations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Glen Ridge will accept the responsibility for installation and maintenance of the pedestrian stanchions and crosswalks and will hold Essex County harmless from any claims and litigation from any types of incidences related to the signs and associated equipment installed within the County right-of-way. The signage and equipment will be installed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Commissioner of Transportation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-23

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

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 **The Freeman Gardens Association** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on May 26, 2023 at the Freeman Gardens, 644 Hawthorne Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-23

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

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 **The Glen Ridge Congregational Church** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on April 14, 2023 at Pilgrim Nursery School, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.

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

Ordinance No. 1781 an Ordinance an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10.32 – parking restrictions on designated streets; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lefkovits. 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 Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1781** 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)	Mans	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 68-23

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

WHEREAS, the Glen Ridge Public Library is seeking to execute a grant agreement with the New Jersey State Library, New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, in order to fund various library renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are committed to providing half of the funding, in an amount not to exceed **\$250,000**, for the project via Capital Ordinance 1718, that was adopted on September 9, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glen Ridge Mayor and Council do hereby approve the commitment of funds as part of the execution of the grant agreement to be filed by the Glen Ridge Library Director and/or the Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act.

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee that the library has received a grant for renovations that has been waitlisted for four years.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee provided an update from PSE&G about the ongoing gas lamp repairs, 133 have already been repaired. Tree trimming has also begun in the rear yards of the Northern end of town.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-23

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge sought aerification services 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 bids for the aforestated services; and,

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, **Harmony Tree Care, LLC.** of 230 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, New Jersey 09924 submitted the lowest responsible base bid and alternate bids in the amount of **\$21,327.00.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Harmony Tree Care, LLC be awarded the contract for the **2023 Aerification Program for Athletic Fields** for the Borough athletic fields in the amount of **\$21,327.00**; 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.

Company	Base	Alt #1	Alt #2	Alt #3	Total
Harmony Tree Care	\$13,927.00	\$3,900.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,800.00	\$21,327.00
Double D Turf	\$19,120.00	\$1,785.00	\$1,485.00	\$2,690.00	\$25,080.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-23

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge sought 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 bids for the aforestated services; and,

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2023, **Harmony Tree Care, LLC.** of 230 Mount Harmony Road, Bernardsville, New Jersey 09924 submitted the lowest responsible base bid and alternate bids in the amount of **\$23,550.00.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Harmony Tree Care, LLC be awarded the contract for **2023 Maintenance of Athletic Fields** for the Borough athletic fields in the amount of **\$23,500.00**; 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.

Company	Group A Base	Group A Alt #1	Group A Alt #2	Group B	Total
Harmony Tree Care	\$16,100.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,350.00	\$23,550.00
Downs Tree Service	\$33,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$41,700.00

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

Administrator Zichelli reported that the DPW crews and vehicles are prepared if there is a weather event tonight. He provided an update on the water utility fund and upcoming fee increase from Montclair due to required water quality act upgrades, meter replacements and lead line replacement requirements on private property.

Chief Quinn reported that the department released a new initiative called “Take Me Home” which creates a registry that will allow Law Enforcement to assist seniors and persons with special needs if they are missing. Applications are now available and there is no limitation to age or disability to apply.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Mans 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		Hughes	
		Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

The Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk