

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 10, 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 and Meyer

Absent: Councilor Hughes and Morrow

The following Borough Officers were present: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lt. Timothy Faranda, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Mans, seconded by Councilor Meyer, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on March 27, 2023 be approved.

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

Councilor Mans announced that Glen Ridge resident Jackie Youstein has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Caputo on the Democratic Assembly. The entire council offered their congratulations.

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Peter Hansen of 56 Chapman Place approached the council to speak about the possibility of contacting Montclair township to allow Glen Ridge Senior citizens to join Montclair pools.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-23

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$312,315.11
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$5,784.10
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$15,324.34
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$15,955.88
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$9,409.21
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$325.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$43,398.37
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 of April 15, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 80-23

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S

“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 COUNTY OF ESSEX**

We, members of the governing body of the being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the county of Essex;

2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-23

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

WHEREAS, N. J. S. A. 40A:4-8 provides that The Budget as advertised shall be read in full at the Public Hearing, or that it may be read by its “title” only if:

At least one week prior to the date of the hearing a complete copy of the approved Budget, as advertised;

- (a) shall be posted in a public place where public notices are customarily posted in the principal public building; and,
- (b) copies are made available to each person requesting same during said week and during the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby declares that the conditions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8,1(a) (b), have been met and therefore The Budget for 2023 shall be read by its “title” only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 82-23

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the 2023 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2023</u>
1. Appropriations within “CAPS” (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 12,596,707.00
2. Appropriations excluded from “CAPS” (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 4,262,742.40
	<u>\$ 732,000.00</u>
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	\$ 17,591,449.50
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	<u>\$ (4,358,404.72)</u>

5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	
6. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11)	\$ 13,233,044.78

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget will be published in the April 20, 2023 edition of the Glen Ridge Paper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge does hereby approve the preceding as the Budget for the 2023 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on May 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2023 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget is available on the Borough’s website at www.glenridgenj.org. Hard copies may be obtained by requesting same from the Municipal Clerk via email (tventola@glenridgenj.org) or phone (973-748-8400 x 222). All persons interested in the proposed budget will have an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83- 23

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

2023 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown: April 1 - 30, 2023

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

WHEREAS, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

WHEREAS, from 2011-2020 distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 32,000 deaths on our nation’s roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 50-percent of all motor vehicle crashes from 2016-2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* from April 1 - 30, 2023 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Borough of Glen Ridge declares it’s support for the *Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-23

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

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 April 21, 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				Hughes	
		Meyer					Morrow	
	Lefkovits							

RESOLUTION NO. 85-23

Offered By Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded By Councilor **MEYER**

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 Draw Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on May 20, 2023 at 200 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Ordinance No. 1782 an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 15.28 FLOOD in accordance with updated FEMA requirements; 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. **1782** 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		None		Hughes		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer					Law	
		Morrow						

Administrator Zichelli noted this meeting was being broadcasted in black and white due to technical difficulties. He thanked NJ Transit for stepping up with routes to cover the cancelled DeCamp bus routes. Mr. Zichelli thanked our CFO Matt Laracy and the finance committee

Lt. Faranda reported on behalf of Chief Quinn thanking the council for the distracted driving resolution and reminded all resident’s to be aware of the campaign.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits 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		None		Hughes		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer					Law	
		Morrow						

The Council adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Glen Ridge, N.J. April 10, 2023

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk