

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 24, 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, Hughes, Lefkovits, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were present: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sean Quinn, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Law, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on April 10, 2023, be approved.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Francis and Diane Klein of 14 Summit Street addressed the council members with regards to high school seniors parking on Summit Street. Councilor Hughes responded to the residents that it was on the department’s radar, and they were issuing summons to any violators.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-23

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	\$3,063,344.75
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$42,619.64

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$76,362.87
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,267.91
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$6,357.24
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$12,530.24
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 May 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 87-23

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed individuals and mortgage processing services in the designated amounts representing overpayments of tax or utility payments as follows:

Block: Lot:	Qual:	Name & Address	Date	Paid Amount
Acct: 94000-0		McCann, Kevin & Eileen 7 Summit Street	02/15/2023	\$388.27

Make Check Payable / Mail Refund to;
 Kevin & Eileen McCann
 7 Summit Avenue
 Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Refund: Utility Water overpayment, 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the individuals and mortgage processing services listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their taxes or utility account.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 88-23

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge has committed to creating a sustainable, healthy town for its residents, and recognizing the environmental protection, sustainable practices, and human health are critical to this goal; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes that purchasing decisions made by its employees impact the sustainability of the local community and the global environment and the Borough’s purchasing policies and procedures should promote the long-term health and prosperity of the area residents; and,

WHEREAS, goods and services purchased for Borough operations have a significant effect on the carbon-footprint of the Borough, and the Borough is committed to becoming a leading municipality in the State in the effort to reduce and reverse the negative impacts of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, other city, state and local governments throughout the United States have adopted, or are in the process of adopting, procurement strategies that incorporate environmental and human health factors in determining the goods and services that are purchased; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and The Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, that the Borough Administrator is authorized to develop and aid in the implementation of a Green Purchasing Policy for our Municipal Operations to reduce the negative impacts on human health and environment associated with the Borough’s procurement, use, maintenance, and disposal of commodities, services, equipment and technology; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator will review the Green Purchasing Policy annually and report to the Borough Council the results of the Policy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 89-23

Offered by Councilor **MANS**

Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council).

WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Borough of Glen Ridge’s desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, and continue procurement practices. (e.g., improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.

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

Ordinance No. 1783 an Ordinance establishes salaries for CWA employees for 2023-2025; was presented for first reading. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1783** 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)	Mans	Law	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported the department has recently hired two new officers. The “Take Me Home” program has begun to aid at risk residents who are lost. The newest program “Blue Envelope for Autism” is beginning to aid residents on the autism spectrum during interactions with officers. Police cars will now be equipped with Epi Pens and officers have been trained on usage. The department recently received the new Harley Davidson motorcycle, and the Bike Rodeo will be held again this year on June 3, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 90-23

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 & 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 June 3, 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 91-23

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

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to The Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called “**ARBOR DAY**”, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, “**ARBOR DAY**” is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as “**ARBOR DAY**” in The Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey.

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

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development committee reported that information about the Greenway Project can be found on the Borough website under “What’s New.”

Borough Administrator, Mike Zichelli reported that the Borough would be planting 50 trees to celebrate Arbor Day. He also gave an update on the County Grant for reconfiguring traffic intersections on Bloomfield Avenue.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

The Council adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Tara Ventola

Glen Ridge, N.J. April 24, 2023

Municipal Clerk