

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 8, 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, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Lefkovits

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

It was moved by Councilor Meyer, seconded by Councilor Morrow, that the Minutes of the Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that was held on April 24, 2023, be approved.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

A letter from the NJ DOT stating that 2024 state aid grants are now available.

A letter from the owner of 33 Woodland Avenue with a complaint about recent garbage collection.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Patrick suspended the regular order of business for the Budget Presentation.

Councilor Mans, Chair of the Finance and Administration committee presented the budget slideshow.

Mayor Patrick called the meeting back to order.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-23

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	\$5,671,568.26
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$7,428.91
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$9,983.53
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$4,234.17
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$232.78
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$4,491.00
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 15, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 93-23

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

WHEREAS, NJSA 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 NJSA 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		None		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer						
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 94–23

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 AMENDED MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Local Municipal Budget for the Year 2023 was approved on April 10, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said Budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved Budget, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, that the following additional amendments to the approved Budget of 2023 be made:

General Revenues

3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F:		
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:		
Body Worn Camera Grant FY21	0.00	57,064.00
Total Section F -Public and Private Programs Offset by Appropriations	8,000.50	65,064.50
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G:		
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Consent - Other Special Items:		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) - Clarus	600,000.00	651,000.00
Total Section G - Other Special Items Appropriations	840,659.62	891,259.62
4. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	249,000.00
<u>Summary of Revenues</u>		
1. Surplus Anticipated	2,017,000.00	2,017,000.00
2. Surplus Anticipated with Prior Written Consent	0.00	0.00

3. Miscellaneous Revenues:	2,041,404.72	2,149,468.72
4. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000.00	249,000.00
5. Subtotal General Revenues	4,358,404.72	4,415,468.72

Summary of Revenues

6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:

a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	12,478,359.11	12,478,359.11
c) Minimum Library Tax	754,685.67	754,685.67
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	13,233,044.78	13,233,044.78

7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES **17,591,449.50** **17,648,513.50**

8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS" - (Cont.)

Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues		
Body Worn Camera Grant FY21	0.00	57,064.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	8,000.50	65,064.50
Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	2,852,242.50	2,909,306.50
Detail:		
Other Expenses	2,852,242.50	2,909,306.50

Summary of Appropriations

(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	12,596,707.00	12,596,707.00
(A) Total Operations Excluded from CAPS	2,852,242.50	2,909,306.50
(C) Capital Improvements	400,000.00	400,000.00
(D) Municipal Debt Service	893,500.00	893,500.00
(E) Total Deferred Charges	117,000.00	117,000.00
(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	4,262,742.50	4,319,806.50
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	732,000.00	732,000.00
Total General Appropriations	17,591,449.50	17,648,513.50

Dedicated Pool Utility Budget	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
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Dedicated Revenues from Pool Utility

Operating Surplus Anticipated	290,000.00	290,000.00
Rents	500,000.00	500,000.00
Miscellaneous	13,000.00	15,000.00
American Rescue Plan Act	30,000.00	28,000.00
Total Pool Utility Revenues	833,000.00	833,000.00

Appropriations for Pool Utility

Salaries & Wages	180,000.00	182,000.00
Salaries & Wages (ARPA)	30,000.00	28,000.00
Other Expenses	150,000.00	150,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00
Capital Outlay	40,000.00	40,000.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	158,000.00	158,000.00
Interest on Notes	5,000.00	5,000.00
Special Emergency Authorizations	220,000.00	220,000.00
Total Pool Utility Appropriations	833,000.00	833,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed in the Office of the Director.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95-23

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 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:	Year 2023
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 12,596,707.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 4,319,806.50
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	\$ 732,000.00

4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 17,648,513.50
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	\$ (4,415,468.72)
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 was published in the April 20, 2023 edition of the *Glen Ridge Paper*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held on May 8, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2023 was presented to the taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget was and 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). All persons interested in the proposed budget had 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		None		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer						
		Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1784 an Ordinance to establish non- union employees and management salaries for 2023; was presented for first reading. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1784** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Meyer. 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		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer						
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 96-23

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

Collective Negotiations Agreement with Communications Workers of America, Local 1040

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge (“Borough”) and the Communications Workers of America, Local 1040 (“Union”) have been in negotiations for a successor collective negotiations agreement for the employees covered by the Union agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to those negotiations, the Borough and Union have reached a Memorandum of Understanding, concerning the terms and conditions of employment for the employees covered by the Union’s collective negotiations agreement; and

WHEREAS, the current collective negotiations agreement will be effective from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Negotiation Team have recommended the ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding reached with the Union; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, having reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding, find ratification is in the best interests of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby ratify and accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and the Union for a three year contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with The Communication Workers of America.

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

Ordinance No. 1783 an Ordinance to establish salaries for CWA employees for 2023-2025; 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 Morrow that Ordinance No. **1783** 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		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer						
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 97-23

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that, except and until otherwise ordered by the Mayor and the Borough Council, the Municipal Offices of the Borough of Glen Ridge shall be open for the convenience of the public and for the transaction of official business during the year 2023 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and for the following summer hours:

Starting the day after Memorial Day and concluding the day after Labor Day
 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and
 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday; and
 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

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

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported parking revisions will continue to be reviewed and revised near the high school area. The Blue Envelope program is now being used for drivers on the spectrum during traffic stops. The Rhino Romp will be held on May 25th, Arts and Eco Fair on May 20th, and the Bike Rodeo on June 3rd, please prepare for traffic and road closures during these events.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-23

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge sought bids to rebuild the Municipal Plaza in front of the Glen Ridge Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, two bids were received and opened on May 6, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, all bids exceeded the Project Architect’s estimate and the bid amounts exceed the amount of available funds.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all bids submitted for this project are rejected.

A Tech Concrete Co. \$157,450.00
 Berto Construction, Inc \$192,000.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 99-23

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

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS FUND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge formally approves the grant application for the New Jersey Department of Transportation Local Transportation Projects Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township/Borough 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)	Mans	Law	None		None		Lefkovits	
	Hughes	Meyer						
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 100-23

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 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 **Glen Ridge Community Fund** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on June 11, 2023 at Hurrell Field, Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.

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

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli thanked Matt Laracy and the Finance committee for developing the 2023 budget. He reminded residents to be aware of traffic patterns during upcoming events.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Antonio Pavan of Hillcrest Road stated that no parking changes to parking on Hillside Avenue are affecting the residents.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk