

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 26, 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, Lt. Dean Gnardellis, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Patrick read a prepared statement regarding the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and announced a Cannon Salute event taking place at the cemetery this weekend.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, 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 June 12, 2023, be approved.

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

Mayor Patrick called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Ryan Doyle of Mead Terrace inquired about any updates on leaf blower regulations. He also stated that Glen Ridge and its residents are being misrepresented with regards to the Montclair Shared Service for Fire Contract.

Francis Mielach of Willow Street inquired about what events the Borough has planned for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION NO. 115-23**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$129,333.90</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$6,871.20</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$2,872.75</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$3,476.67</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$188,838.13</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$14,127.81</b>
<b>STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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 July 1, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 116-23**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2023**

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Borough Tax Collector will not be in receipt of a certified tax rate in enough time to be able to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by the required statutory date, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector and the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer have requested that the Council provide them with the latitude to submit estimated 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter real property tax bills, which would allow the Tax Collector to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills in a timely manner, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector, in consultation with the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levy for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council approve the estimated tax levy of \$57,896,654 at a tax rate of \$3.366; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy and rate have been calculated on a worksheet that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy amount falls between the mandated estimated range required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3(a)(1) and approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations; maintain the tax collection rate; provide uniformity for tax payments; and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and timely issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Glen Ridge for the third quarter installment of 2023 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2023 is hereby set at \$57,896,654. The estimated tax rate for 2023 is hereby set at \$3.366.
3. In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2023 taxes (whether estimated or not) shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge for their records.
5. The Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
6. This resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

<b><u>2023 Estimated Tax Rate</u></b>	
Municipal	12,478,359.00
School	754,686.00
County of Essex	9,288,780.00
County Open Space	315,904.00
School	35,058,925.00
Total Tax Levy	57,896,654.00
<b>2023 Assessed Value</b>	<b>1,720,115,800.00</b>
<b>2023 Estimated Tax Rate</b>	<b>3.366</b>

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

**Ordinance No. 1787** an Ordinance to establish crossing guard and recreation salaries for 2023; was presented for first reading. Councilor Mans moved that Ordinance No. **1787** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. 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						

**Ordinance No. 1786** an Ordinance appropriate capital improvement funds for various capital improvements and equipment; 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 Meyer that Ordinance No. **1786** 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 117- 23**

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

**WHEREAS,** the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management requires that each municipality appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS,** Ann Marie Morrow has been designated by the Mayor to serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the intention of the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge to comply with requirement set forth by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and to forward a resolution naming appointees to the Office for its records.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby reappoints Ann Marie Morrow, to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator effective July 14, 2023 for a period of three years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 118-23**

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

**RESOLUTION 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 **Bloomfield Cemetery** located at 383 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey to host a Revolutionary War Memorial Unveiling on private property between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and approximately 11:30 p.m. on **July 1, 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 Cannon Salute on private property of the Bloomfield Cemetery located at 383 Belleville Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey between the hours 11:00 a.m. and approximately 11:30 a.m. on July 1, 2023 pending any and all restrictions and requirements placed by the Fire and Police Departments.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 119 – 23**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2024 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, formally approves the grant application for the 2024 Municipal Aid Program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NJDOT SAGE application MA-0471 as priority #1 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 120 – 23**

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2024 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, formally approves the grant application for the 2024 Municipal Aid Program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NJDOT SAGE application MA-00529 as priority #2 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Lefkovits	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 121-23**

Offered by Councilor **LAW**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF WATER METERS THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge has identified the need to replace water meters in the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a public entity cooperative purchasing system, empowered through NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq “Local Public Contracts Law to act as lead agency for the advertisement of bids for goods and services, and the provision and performance for of goods and services at a lower cost through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement This approach has

been chosen for the procurement of water meters for several key reasons: it allows for a streamlined process, and offers a competitive price due to the collective purchasing power. The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is particularly beneficial for the Borough of Glen Ridge, considering the volume of meters needed, the timing and the assurance of quality and service that comes from the collective power of the co-op; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of water meters through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council is desired by the Borough of Glen Ridge due to these reasons, and the expectation that it will deliver timely, cost-effective and efficient results in line with the requirements and expectations of the Borough and its residents.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough seeks to procure the following quantities of water meters:

PROCUREMENT OF METERS	QUANTITY
5/8" T-10, PRO-CODER)r900i, CUBIC FEET, INSIDE	2,137
1" T-10, PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	78
1.5" PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	8
2" T-10 PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	12

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize the Administrator and Deputy Administrator to procure the necessary water meters in the above quantities through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 122-23**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following appointments be approved and confirmed effective July 1, 2023:

Construction Code Official	Michael DeFrino
Zoning Officer	Michael DeFrino
Code Enforcement Officer	Michael DeFrino
Electric Subcode Official & Electrical Inspector	Michael DeFrino

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following re-appointments be approved and confirmed effective immediately:



Building Subcode Official & Building Inspector  
 Plumbing Subcode Official & Plumbing Inspector  
 Fire Subcode Official & Fire Inspector

Felix Esposito  
 Anthony D’Ascoli  
 Thomas Simpson

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 123-23**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2024-2026 (OCTOBER 1, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026)**

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and

**WHEREAS**, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME); and

**WHEREAS**, substantial Federal funds are provided to the County of Essex through Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living, commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG)

**WHEREAS**, the current Uniform Shared Services and Consolidated Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) provides a mechanism through which counties and municipalities may enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

**WHEREAS**, by July 7, 2023 each municipality must notify the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above as part of the Urban County Requalification Process; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge and its residents to participate in said entitlement programs; and.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge desires to renew its’ participation in the Essex Urban County for conducting certain community development activities for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026); and

**WHEREAS**, a letter has been drafted by the Mayor to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development notifying the County of the Borough’s desire to renew its inclusion as a participant municipality in the Essex Urban County entitlement program for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 to 2026 (October 1, 2023- September 30, 2026) and for successive three (3) year periods, as provided in the Housing and Community Development Act, until terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Essex Urban County desire to enter into a Cooperation Agreement for Federal Fiscal Years 2024-2026 (October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026) which authorizes the automatic renewal of the agreement for successive qualification periods of three years, and shall remain in effect at least until the CDBG, ESG and HOME funds from each of the federal fiscal years of the agreement’s specified qualification period, and each successive qualification period for which the agreement is renewed, are expended and the funded activities completed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the attached Cooperation Agreement in accordance with the provisions of law; for the Federal Fiscal Years 2024 to 2026 (October 1, 2023- September 30, 2026), and for successive three (3) year periods, as provided in the Housing and Community Development Act, until terminated; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and a copy to this resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development no later than July 31, 2023.

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 thanked Mr. Zichelli, Public Workds and the Police Department for all their efforts during the planned PSE&G outage.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli thanked Councilor Morrow for accepting another three year term as Emergency Management Coordinator. PSE&G was able to complete all work necessary in the planned outage which upgraded existing equipment. On July 1<sup>st</sup> Bloomfield Cemetery will be holding a Cannon Salute during their Revolutionary War Memorial unveiling.

Chief Quinn reported that Bloomfield will be hosting the Sunset Classic on Thursday from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM; expect traffic delays and road closures.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

Francis Mielach inquired what the Borough was planning for July 4 2023.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk