

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Wednesday, September 27, 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, Meyer, Law and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were present: Deputy Borough Administrator Erik DeLine, Chief Quinn, Borough Clerk Tara Ventola and Borough Attorney Malyska.

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 September 11, 2023, be approved.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Mans	Law	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.

A resident of Woodland Avenue proposes the Council postpone adopting the short-term rental ordinance until further research can be done in order to not limit owner-occupied short-term rentals for carriage houses that are in good standing with regulations.

A resident of Glen Ridge Avenue expressed support of postponing the adoption of the short-term rental ordinance.

A resident of Snowden Place expressed his support of a gas-powered leaf blower ordinance to be introduced.

A resident of Midland Avenue also expresses support of a gas-powered leaf-blower ban.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-23

Offered by Councilor
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

MANS

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

CURRENT FUND	\$3,077,914.59
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$251,786.50
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$190,978.49
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$6,556.58
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$7,132.63
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$57,104.76
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 Oct 1, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 145 – 23

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

MAC CHAPTER 159 GRANT RESOLUTION

Motion to withdraw this resolution from the agenda as the final grant amounts have not been confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 146-23

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

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 for following the hours:

- 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		Hughes	
		Meyer					Lefkovits	
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 147-23

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

WHEREAS the workplace is unique in its ability to encourage individual and community change and the increasing number of people seeking help for chronic diseases (like diabetes, heart disease, and obesity) and the rising costs of health care make employers vital players in the decisions that affect the health of their communities and the health care delivery system.

WHEREAS, those who are working more than 35 hours a week spend much of their waking hours in the workplace and employers can use this opportunity to provide and promote healthy work environments and improve the quality of life for all employees.

WHEREAS, by offering programs, improving physical surroundings, and implementing health-minded policies, a workplace setting can improve the health of their employees and lower indirect costs related to absenteeism.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes the importance of tobacco free public and private worksites and encourages businesses to aim towards increasing employee wellness by reducing tobacco use through education

of cessation resources and the harmful effects of tobacco products, employee benefits that include cessation referrals and support and wellness initiatives.

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

Ordinance No. 1795 an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 10.16.020 Stop Signs Designated, 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. **1795** 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. 148-23

Offered By Councilor **MANS**
 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 **Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge PBA** to be held on December 10, 2023 at 226 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Councilor Mans reported on behalf of Councilor Hughes and the Public Safety Committee; the Borough has achieved Gold status recognition for Safe Routes to School this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 149-23

Offered by Councilor **LAW**

Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, when a local governmental contracting unit experiences an emergency that meets the requirement of law, a waiver of Chapter 19 is automatically granted, as long as the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 and the rules at N.J.A.C. 5:34-6.1 are met; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency arose with respect to a portion of the retaining wall and stream bed in Toney’s Brook, also known as Anthony’s Brook and Second River; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect adjacent properties immediate action must be taken; and

WHEREAS, due to the emergency nature of this project, the magnitude of the work and the equipment needed to stabilize the stream bed and wall, it is necessary to retain a contractor; and

WHEREAS, **R & R Construction** of 105-B Parker Road, Chester, New Jersey 07930 submitted a proposal in the amount of **\$53,734.00**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, that **R & R Construction** is authorized, and an emergency contract with same hereby ratified, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6, to perform the necessary repair/replacement work without the necessity of public bidding and funds for said emergency repairs are available in the Capital Fund.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 150-23

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

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Public Works Department has determined that there is a need to purchase a new **2023 John Deere Gator XUV835M**; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, **Deere & Company** of 2000 John Deere Run of Cary, North Carolina 27513 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (22/23-12 (PG of CG22); and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the capital fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey do hereby approve the purchase of the new 2023 John Deere Gator XUV835M from John Deere in the amount of **\$37,578.06**.

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

Councilor Meyer reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee, thanking Jim Cowan, Recreation Director for securing permits and access at additional turf fields for sports practice.

Ordinance No. 1796 an Ordinance to permit parking on designated streets, was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Morrow. 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 Morrow, seconded by Councilor Meyer that Ordinance No. **1796** be tabled. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Patrick declared that this Ordinance is tabled until a future date.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 143-23

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

Approval to submit an award extension request for MA-2022 Glen Ridge Borough Glen Ridge Avenue, Sherman Avenue and Argyle Street Improvements to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of Glen Ridge Borough formally approves the request for a three (3) month award extension for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk, or those authorized on their behalf, are to submit a formal request for a three (3) month award extension for the above referenced project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Clerk and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the three (3) month award extension request on behalf of Glen Ridge Borough and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

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

Borough Administrator Zichelli reminded all residents to lock their car doors and keep the keys with them to avoid auto theft. He thanked the Chief, Erik DeLine and the Police Department for their work on Safe Routes to School Gold status.

Councilor Meyer, Chair of the Recreation committee thanked the Board of Education for opening their facilities to Temple Ner Tamid for Rasha Shannah and Yom Kippur services.

Chief Quinn reported that the revised implemented parking plan in the area of the High School has been very effective. He thanked the staff and students for their cooperation. The newly implemented position of Traffic Officer Sgt. Perigo has handled over 300 motor vehicle stops since August which resulted in over 100 summonses being issued.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Morrow, 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 8:29 PM.

Tara Ventola

Glen Ridge, N.J. September 27, 2023

Municipal Clerk