

The Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, October 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, 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 27, 2023, be tabled.

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 presented the following Proclamation:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love and tranquility; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and affects over 10 million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three American women and one in four American men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average and are more likely to become victims or offenders as adults; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated community effort is an effective tool with which to stop this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and shows support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the important work done the domestic violence response teams, I, Stuart K. Patrick, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** in the Borough of Glen Ridge and urge our citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Mayor Patrick called for comments of the public.

A resident from Appleton Place inquired about the progress of the Air B&B Ordinance.

A resident from Mead Terrace inquired about George Washington Field access in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-23

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$303,617.45
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,000.07
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$17,601.16
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$1,060.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$474.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$48,111.70
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 October 15, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 152-23

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

WHEREAS, N. J. S. 40A:4-87 provides that The Director of The Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has received **\$13,721.26** from the **Essex County Municipal Alliance Committee 2023-2024** grant and wishes to amend its 2023 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge, The County of Essex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of The Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2023 in the sum of **\$13,721.26**. Which is now available as revenue from: Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$13,721.26** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
 (A)Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
 Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:
 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this Resolution to The Director of Local Government Services for approval.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 153-23

Offered By Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded By Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

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 50/50 Raffle and an On-Premise Merchandise Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge HSA** to be held on November 3, 2023, at 200 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 Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported the dedicated position of the Traffic Officer in August has working since August to assess traffic issues throughout the Borough.

RESOLUTION NO. 154 - 23

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

RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the following appointments to the Board of Adjustment are to be made:

- **Garry Sprong** as Member for the term expiring December 31st, 2023 is hereby approved and confirmed.
- **Sean Payne** as First Alternate Member for the term expiring December 31st, 2024 is hereby approved and confirmed.
- **Steve Zimet** as Second Alternate Member for the term expiring December 31st, 2024 is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee asked the Chief if the newly installed bollards on Ridgewood Avenue were slowing down traffic. Chief Quinn responded slower traffic has been observed and there have been no accidents.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee thanked the DPW for all their work maintaining the fields during the rainy fall.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee reported the Greenway Project briefings and outreach is still ongoing. Phase I development is set to open in the Spring of 2024.

Administrator Zichelli thanked William Seeman for his many years of service to the Borough on the Planning Board. Mr. Zichelli advised residents to look out for water meter notices and if you receive one, please call for an appointment to replace the meter battery to ensure correct reads.

Chief Quinn reported the Department recently held a car seat installation event which was well attended. Residents in need of car seat installation assistance can call anytime to make an appointment with a trained officer.

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 8:01 PM.

Tara Ventola
Municipal Clerk