

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building at 7:30 p. m.

Mayor Mans called the meeting to order, 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 Hughes, Moody, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Lefkovits

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Chief Sean Quinn, and Borough Attorney John Malyska.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-24

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$326,395.56
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$1,966.86
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$6,825.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$5,914.12
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$5,312.42
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$41,304.49
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 April 15, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-24

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

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO P.L. 2017, C.183 OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

**GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 COUNTY OF ESSEX**

We, members of the governing body of the being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the county of Essex;
2. Pursuant to P.L. 2017, c.183, we have familiarized ourselves with the contents of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012);
3. We are familiar with the local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history;
4. We certify that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

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(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)
(L.S.)	(L.S.)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
 Notary Public of New Jersey

 Tara Ventola - Clerk

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 70-24

Offered by Councilor **LAW**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8,1(a) (b), have been met and therefore The Budget for 2024 shall be read by its “title” only.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 71-24

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Glen Ridge has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on

appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP Law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 72-24

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE 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 2024 calendar year;

General Appropriations:	<u>Year 2024</u>
1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19)	\$ 13,070,313.00
2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28)	\$ 4,120,666.79
3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29)	<u>\$ 755,000.00</u>
4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29)	\$ 17,945,979.79
5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11)	<u>\$ (4,235,311.13)</u>
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)	\$ 13,710,668.66

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget will be published in the April 18, 2024 edition of the Glen Ridge Paper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge does hereby approve the preceding as the Budget for the 2024 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on May 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget 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 (clerk@glenridgenj.org) or phone (973-748-8400 x 222). All persons interested in the proposed budget will have an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

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

Ordinance No. 1804 an Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank (NJSA 40A:4 45.14), was presented for first reading. Councilor Law moved that Ordinance No. **1804** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Meyer. Mayor Mans referred the Ordinance to the Municipal Clerk for the purposes of statutory publication and posting.

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

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety committee thanked Matt Laracy for his work on the budget this year with Borough Administrator Zichelli. The Public Safety committee met and discussed the grant of \$56,000.00 for auto license plate readers.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that there may be an item of business at each Regular Meeting of the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge entitled: “**CONSENT AGENDA**” which shall consist of a Resolution or Resolutions of a routine and noncontroversial nature not requiring discussion. Each Resolution placed on the Consent Agenda shall be discussed at the Work Session Meeting preceding the Regular Meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that a copy of all Resolutions placed on the Consent Agenda shall be distributed to each Member of the Borough Council prior to the Regular Meeting and more specifically attached to and made a part of the Agenda as distributed to the Mayor and the Borough Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 74-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Glen Ridge High School Home & School Association and the Glen Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee to coordinate the Arts & Eco Fair in the Borough on Saturday, May 18, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, May 19, 2024. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all the

organizations referred to above be considered volunteers so that they may be afforded protections under the Borough's insurance policies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on May 18, 2024 or May 19, 2024 to accommodate the Arts & Eco Fair.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Board of Education to coordinate the Rhino Romp in the Borough on Friday, May 24, 2024..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on Friday, May, 24, 2024 to accommodate the Rhino Romp.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes The Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club to coordinate the Memorial Day Parade and Picnic in the Borough on Monday, May 27, 2024. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all the organizations referred to above be considered volunteers so that they may be afforded protections under the Borough's insurance policies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on May 27, 2024 to accommodate the Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and picnic.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-24

Offered by Counselor **HUGHES**
Seconded by Counselor **MOODY**

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be over 1,000 participants in the Community Fund Lager Race on Sunday, June 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the use Hurrell Field for the post Lager Run event for public safety and nuisance reasons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that The Community Fund is permitted to hold the post race event at Hurrell Field and that section 12.36.020.h.1 is suspended on Sunday, June 9, 2024 for the annual Lager Run event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the suspension of the aforesaid regulation is predicated on the submission and approval of the appropriate ABC license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on Sunday June 9, 2024 to accommodate the race.

RESOLUTION NO. 78-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED, The Mayor Borough Council authorizes Ashenfelter 8K Race Committee volunteers to sponsor said race in the Borough on Thursday, November 28, 2024. It is the intent of this Resolution that all the persons and all the organizations participating in the event be considered "VOLUNTEERS" so that they may be afforded protections under The Borough's insurance policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the closing of municipal roads on Thursday, November 28, 2024 to accommodate the Ashenfelter 8k Race.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-24

Offered By Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded By Councilor **MOODY**

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 DRAW Raffle** submitted by the **Linden Avenue HSA** to be held on May 11, 2024 at 205 Linden Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (24-11)

RESOLUTION NO. 80 – 24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the council of Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey, that warrants be drawn to the below listed Individuals and Mortgage Processing Service in designated amounts representing Overpayment Tax or Utility payment as following:

Block:	Lot:	Qual:	Name & Address	Date Paid	Amount
6	15		Patricia Tucker 150 Carteret Street	02/02/2024	\$3,384.97

Refund Tax Payment
 Mortgage Company Remitted Duplicate Payment at Closing

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the individuals and Mortgage Processing Service listed above have advised that they want a refund rather than applying these payments to their tax or utility account.

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

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported on the many events taking place within the Borough this month during Earth month.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Meyer, seconded by Councilor Hughes.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk