

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, June 24, 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 Moody, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Lefkovits and Hughes

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lt. Dean Gnardellis.

A motion by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits was made to adopt the minutes of the Monday, June 10, 2024 meeting.

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

Mayor Mans thanked the finance team for being upgraded to Moody's AAA rating.

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-24**

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**

Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$420,553.30</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$2,082.05</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$14,874.08</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$1,138.72</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$900.00</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 & 15, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)		Law	None		None		Lefkovits	
		Meyer					Hughes	
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**RESOLUTION NO. 108-24**

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need within the Borough for Tax and Water Collections services as well as general tax office support; and

**WHEREAS**, Battaglia Associates, LLC; 490 Ridgefield Terrace, Fairview, New Jersey is qualified in training and experience to provide such specialized services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined that the value of the contract may exceed \$17,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Battaglia Associates LLC has provided the Business Entity Disclosure Certification in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 and completed Political Contribution Disclosure Form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that a Resolution authorizing the payment of such professional fees, without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the County of Essex as follows:

1. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Services agreement with Battaglia Associates LLC to provide Tax and Water Collection services for the Borough at a rate of \$8,000 per month, not to exceed \$96,000 in total, and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available within the 2024 municipal budget.
2. That this contract is made without competitive bidding as “professional services” under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law of the qualitative nature of the services to be performed.
3. That a notice of this resolution shall be published in Glen Ridge Paper as required by law.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-24**

Offered by Counselor **MORROW**  
 Seconded by Counselor **LAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge will be holding a Pop Up Picnic in The Glen, a public event; and

**WHEREAS**, the event will include food, beer and entertainment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee has recommended the use of The Glen; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Pop Up Picnic in The Glen event is approved and that section 12.36.020.h.1 is suspended on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 with a rain date of July 25, 2024.

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 110-24**

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**  
 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 **We've Got Friends** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **July 15, 2024** at the **Glen Ridge Country Club, 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028**.

**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 **Fitzgerald's** for a **Catering Permit** for a **Pop up Picnic** to be held on **July 24, 2024** in **The Glen, Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028**; with a rain date of July 25, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
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Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public relations Committee reported that the Historical Society assisted in an event at Bloomfield Cemetery cleaning and restoring headstones of African American Veterans. An unmarked grave was discovered and quickly fabricated and installed at a ceremony.

**RESOLUTION NO. 111-24**

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

**Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Maolis Avenue, Hamilton Road, and Spencer Avenue Improvements Project.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Deputy Administrator and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as Application ID 00339 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Glen Ridge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mayor, Deputy 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)		Law	None		None		Lefkovits	
		Meyer					Hughes	
	Moody	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 112-24**

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

**WHEREAS,** The Glen Ridge Department of Public Works has determined that there is a need to replace all residential water meters in the Borough and,

**WHEREAS, Rio Supply** of 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, New Jersey 08081 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council, District One, MCCPC Contract #47; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from Ordinance 1785.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey does hereby approve the purchase of 2,369 water meters in the amount of \$723,250.50.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 113 - 24**

Offered by Counselor **LAW**

Seconded by Counselor **MOODY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to replace 2,369 water meters; and,

**WHEREAS**, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11, et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit bids for the aforesated project; and,

**WHEREAS, National Metering Services, Inc.**, 163 Schuyler Avenue, PO Box 491, Kearny, NJ 07032 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **\$302,340.00**; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of fund for this contract from Ordinance 1785.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that National Metering Services, Inc. be awarded the water meter replacement project; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Administrator and Deputy Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

Contractor	Bid
National Metering Services, Inc.	\$302,340.00
MeterTek Utility Services, Inc.	\$303,665.80

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)		Law	None		None		Lefkovits	
		Meyer					Hughes	
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Brough Administrator Zichelli added remarks about the ceremony for the African American veterans and the upgraded Moody’s rating of AAA.

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 Moody.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
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		Meyer					Hughes	
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Monday, June 24, 2024

The Council adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk