

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, September 23, 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 Lefkovits, Moody, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: Hughes

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

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

The President of the Library Board of Trustees thanked the Borough for being supportive of their library programs. She encouraged all residents to participate in the library survey distributed via email.

A resident asked the council to review the condition of the speed bumps and paving in the area of Hillside and Washington St.

RESOLUTION NO. 128-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$3,121,350.20
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$3,295.38
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$1,170.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$44,866.09
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, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 129-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Township of Bloomfield wish to enter into an agreement for the Township of Bloomfield to provide lead based paint inspection services for the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (the “Act”), encourages municipalities and other local contracting units to enter into Interlocal and other agreements for shared services to reduce property taxes through the reduction of local expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Act provides that municipalities may enter into agreements to provide or receive any service that each municipality is empowered to receive or provide within its own jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Township of Bloomfield to have the Township of Bloomfield provide lead inspection services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Township of Bloomfield to provide aforesaid services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 130-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the Essex County Board of Taxation directed the Borough of Glen Ridge to conduct a borough-wide revaluation of properties to be completed by October 1, 2027, for the 2028 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the divergence between assessed property values and true market values continues to increase, creating a growing need for fair, equitable, and uniform property assessments; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge desires to advance the revaluation process to ensure timely and accurate assessments for the benefit of all property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to formally request that the Essex County Board of Taxation amend its original directive to move the revaluation deadline from October 1, 2027, to October 1, 2025, for the 2026 tax year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby respectfully request that the Essex County Board of Taxation revise its order, thereby setting the new revaluation completion date as October 1, 2025, to take effect for the 2026 tax year, in the interest of fair and equitable property taxation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 131-24

Offered By Councilor **MOODY**
 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 Merchandise Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on October 5, 2024 at 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 and Borough Council approves the **Raffle License** application for an **On-Premise 50/50 Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on October 5, 2024 at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee reported that there will be a public hearing on the proposed leaf blower Ordinance.

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported the grass that was too high for the fall sports has been rectified.

Borough Administrator Zichelli stated the water meter project will be rolling out over the next several weeks and we will be installing new water meters in each household and also take inventory of the material of the water line going into each home.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comments was made.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits.

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

The Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Tara Ventola

Municipal Clerk