

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, April 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, and Morrow

Absent: Hughes and Meyer

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

A motion by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits was made to adopt the minutes of the Monday, March 11, 2024 meeting.

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

A motion by Councilor Moody, seconded by Councilor Morrow was made to adopt the minutes of the Monday, March 25, 2024 meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-24

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

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

CURRENT FUND	\$4,495,492.46
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$305,364.15
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$2,934.23
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,016.36
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$710.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$900.00
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 May 1, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Lefkovits	Law	None				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 final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lefkovits. Municipal Clerk Ventola reported that

the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Mayor Mans declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Meyer that Ordinance No. **1804** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

Mayor Mans declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

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

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee stated that the final budget presentation will be held at the Monday, May 13, 2024 Council Meeting.

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Public Relations and Community Affairs Committee reported the celebration of volunteerism honoring Mayor Patrick and all volunteers will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Women’s’ Club.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-24

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF WATER METERS THROUGH THE MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge has identified the need to replace water meters in the Borough of Glen Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge is a member of the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council, a public entity cooperative purchasing system, empowered through NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq “Local Public Contracts Law to act as lead agency for the advertisement of bids for goods and services, and the provision and performance for of goods and services at a lower cost through a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement This approach has been chosen for the procurement of water meters for several key reasons: it allows for a streamlined process, and offers a competitive price due to the collective purchasing power. The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is particularly beneficial for the Borough of Glen Ridge, considering the volume of meters needed, the timing and the assurance of quality and service that comes from the collective power of the co-op; and

WHEREAS, the procurement of water meters through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council is desired by the Borough of Glen Ridge due to these reasons, and the expectation that it will deliver timely, cost-effective and efficient results in line with the requirements and expectations of the Borough and its residents.

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to procure the following quantities of water meters:

PROCUREMENT OF METERS	QUANTITY
5/8" T-10, PRO-CODER)r900i, CUBIC FEET, INSIDE	2,287
1" T-10, PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	63
1.5" PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	8
2" T-10 PRO-CODER)R900i, CF, INSIDE	11

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize the Administrator and Deputy Administrator to procure the necessary water meters in the above quantities through the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 83-24

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

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to The Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called “**ARBOR DAY**”, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, “**ARBOR DAY**” is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as “**ARBOR DAY**” in The Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 84-24

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge seeks field maintenance services for the Borough athletic fields; 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 services and March 7, 2023 and no proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation then sought proposals directly from vendors and

TruGreen, LP of 9 Middlebury Boulevard, Randolph, New Jersey 07869 submitted the lowest responsible proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **TruGreen, LP** be awarded the base contract and all alternative bids for the **2024 Field Maintenance Service** for the Borough in the amount of **\$27,178.00**; and,

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

	Base	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Total
TruGreen	21,826	1,095	1,517	2,740	27,178
Downes	30,600	2,000	3,500	3,000	39,100

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported the committee and staff had an introductory meeting with TruGreen.

Brough Administrator Zichelli stated Essex County will be holding their hazardous waste collection on May 4th. A copy of the budget can be found on the Borough website.

Chief Quinn reported several upcoming events on May 18 and 24th.

Councilor Lefkovits also reminded the public on May 4 at 11 am the new Young adult library space will be opened.

Councilor Moody reminded the public that shredding day will be held on April 27th.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Phil Johnson announced several upcoming events this month and also inquired of the status of the leaf blower regulations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilor Moody, seconded by Councilor Morrow.

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

The Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk