

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, May 13, 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, Hughes, Moody and Meyer

Absent: Law and Morrow

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

A motion by Councilor Law, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits was made to adopt the minutes of the Monday, April 8, 2024 meeting.

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

Mayor Mans thanked all involved in the celebration of volunteerism and congratulated Mayor Patrick.

Mayor Mans Presented the following proclamation:

## National Police Week

*To recognize National Police Week 2024 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.*

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of Glen Ridge Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 1 members of the Glen Ridge Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

**WHEREAS**, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 36<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be *observed* this year May 10th-16th;

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Deborah Mans along with the Borough Council will observe May 10-16, 2024, as National Police Week in the Borough of Glen Ridge, and we publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Councilor Lefkovits led the Budget Presentation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 85-24**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$373,593.74</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$2,182.49</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$20,465.80</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$10,690.06</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$610.50</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$0.00</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 May 15, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-24**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 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 NJSA 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)	Lefkovits		None				Law	
	Hughes	Meyer					Morrow	
	Moody							

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-24**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

**ADOPTION OF THE 2024 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;

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution was held on May 13, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolutions for 2024 was presented to the taxpayers or other interested persons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the budget was and is available on the Borough's website at [www.glenridgenj.org](http://www.glenridgenj.org). Hard copies may be obtained by requesting same from the Municipal Clerk via email (tventola@glenridgenj.org) or phone (973-748-8400). All persons interested in the proposed budget had an opportunity to address the Mayor and Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-24**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE APPROVED 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, The Local Municipal Budget for the year 2024 was approved on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the approved capital budget to align with the Water Quality Accountability Act plan as required by the State of New Jersey; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Glen Ridge the County of Essex, State of New Jersey that following amendments to the adopted capital budget of the 2024 budget be made:

Water System Improvements

	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>As Amended</u>
Water General Capital:	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000
Meter Replacement	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500,000
Carteret Main Replacement	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,270,000
Lead Service Line Replacement	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,415,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of the resolution are to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to each of the following:

1. Chief Financial Officer
2. Borough Auditor

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

**Ordinance No. 1805** a Bond Ordinance, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1805** 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)	Lefkovits		None				Law	
	Hughes	Meyer					Morrow	
	Moody							

**Ordinance No. 1806** an Ordinance establishing titles for nonunion and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing maximum salaries and other compensation for those titles, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1806** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Moody. 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)	Lefkovits		None				Law	
	Hughes	Meyer					Morrow	
	Moody							

**RESOLUTION NO. 89 – 24**

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX BILLING THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2024**

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Borough Tax Collector will not be in receipt of a certified tax rate in enough time to be able to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills by the required statutory date, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector and the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer have requested that the Council provide them with the latitude to submit estimated 3rd quarter real property tax bills, which would allow the Tax Collector to complete the mailing and delivery of real property tax bills in a timely manner, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax Collector, in consultation with the Borough of Glen Ridge Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3 and they have both signed a certification showing the tax levy for the previous year, and the range of permitted estimated tax levies; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Chapter 72, P.L. 1994, the Tax Collector requests the Council approve the estimated tax levy of \$59,512,033.40 at a tax rate of \$3.453; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy and rate have been calculated on a worksheet that is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the above levy amount falls between the mandated estimated range required by N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3(a)(1) and approval will enable the Borough to meet its financial obligations; maintain the tax collection rate; provide uniformity for tax payments; and save the unnecessary cost of interest expenses on borrowing.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and timely issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Glen Ridge for the third quarter installment of 2024 taxes.
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2024 is hereby set at \$59,512,033.40. The estimated tax rate for 2024 is hereby set at \$3.453.
3. In accordance with applicable law, the third quarter installment of 2023 taxes (whether estimated or not) shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10 or the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date the estimated bills were mailed. The estimated tax bills shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.
4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Glen Ridge for their records.
5. The Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.
6. This resolution shall take effect as herein provided.

<b>2024 Estimated Tax Rate</b>			
County		\$ 9,579,745.88	\$ 0.556
County Open Space		\$ 349,945.77	\$ 0.020
Municipal		\$ 12,892,257.95	\$ 0.748
Library Tax		\$ 754,685.67	\$ 0.044
School		\$ 35,935,398.13	\$ 2.085
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 59,512,033.40</b>	<b>\$ 3.453</b>

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

**Ordinance No. 1807** an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.32 – Parking Restrictions on Designated Streets, was presented for first reading. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1807** 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)	Lefkovits		None				Law	
	Hughes	Meyer					Morrow	
	Moody							

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-24**

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 Casino Night** submitted by the **Wynona’s House Inc.** to be held on June 5, 2024 at 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (24-12 and 24-13)

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

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Commission reported that the committee met and provided an update on the traffic study on Sunset. Speeding enforcement is being performed at Highland Avenue seeking traffic improvements for that area. He thanked Mayor Mans for the proclamation and thanked the PBA for placing flowers at the Officer Roberts memorial stone.

Councilor Moody, chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations committee announced upcoming Borough events for the month of May.

Borough Administrator Zichelli thanked CFO Matt Laracy and Councilor Lefkovits for their work on the budget presentation.

Chief Quinn thanked the Mayor for the Police Week Proclamation.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk