

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Tuesday, May 28, 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, Meyer, Law and Morrow

Absent: Hughes, Moody

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

A motion by Councilor Morrow, seconded by Councilor Meyer was made to adopt the minutes of the Monday, April 23, 2024 meeting.

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

Mayor Mans Presented the following proclamations:

National Gun Violence Awareness

WHEREAS, every day, more than 110 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 200 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are nearly 16,000 gun homicides every year; and

WHEREAS, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities and protecting public safety in the communities they serve is the mayor’s highest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than two years of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence;

WHEREAS, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 3, 2024, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya’s friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 7, the first Friday in June in 2024, to help raise awareness about gun violence and by wearing orange on June 7, 2024 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Deborah Mans, declares the first Friday in June, June 7, 2024, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage

all citizens to support their local community’s efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

William Bartlett

WHEREAS, William Bartlett, was born and raised in Vernon by Richard and Kathleen. He graduated from Vernon High School where he was active football; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 1994, William Bartlett began his career in Municipal Public Works when he was hired as a Probational Maintenance Worker; and

WHEREAS, Bill has risen through the ranks of Crew Leader, Field Supervisor, Operations Supervisor and in 2013 was promoted to Supervisor of the Public Works Department where he currently serves; and

WHEREAS, William has dedicated himself to learning and growing with each position and is a true example of a dedicated Borough Employee. William is looked upon as not only a colleague but a mentor in Public Works leadership.

WHEREAS, William Bartlett is known to answer every call, question and email with a smile and can solve any problem the Borough throws his way during any type of weather; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2024, Bill completed his 30th year of employment here at the Borough of Glen Ridge and we are grateful for the years of dedication and service to the Borough of Glen Ridge and The Glen Ridge Public Works Department Bill continues to proudly provide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that due to William Bartlett’s dedication and commitment to the Borough of Glen Ridge, I, Deborah Mans, the Mayor of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby thank and commend William Bartlett for his service and dedication to the Borough over the past 30 years and hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 29, 2024 to be “William Bartlett Day” in the Borough of Glen Ridge.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

A Glen Ridge Crossing guard approached the council with traffic concerns.

Those in attendance congratulated William BArteltt on his 30th anniversary with the Borough.

Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun safety thanked Mayor Mans for the proclamation.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-24

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	\$5,444,038.93
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$2,940.28
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$115,632.85
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$2,842.15
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$7,121.91
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$208.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$42,103.51
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 June 1, 2024.

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

Ordinance No. 1805 a Bond Ordinance, was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Hughes. 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 Law that Ordinance No. **1806** 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		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

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 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 Morrow that Ordinance No. **1806** 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		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1808 an Ordinance to appropriate Pool Utility Capital Improvement Funds, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1808** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Law. 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	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 92-24

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

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH TAX AND WATER COLLECTOR

WHEREAS, there exists a vacancy in the position of the Borough of Glen Ridge Tax and Water Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is appointed pursuant to N.J.S.A 4A:9-141 and N.J.S.A 4A:9-142; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-142, the term of office is for four (4) years commencing from the first day of January next following his/her appointment; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that James Pries has the expertise and satisfies the criteria as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.2 to hold the position of Tax Collector.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that James Pries, license T-8687, is appointed as the Borough Tax and Water Collector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Borough Clerk, Tax Collector and the Chief Financial Officer.

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

Councilor Meyer, Chair of the Parks and recreation Committee, Thanked GRAA board and volunteers for all the work they put into supporting youth sports in Glen Ridge.

Ordinance No. 1807 an Ordinance amending Chapter 10.32 – Parking Restrictions on Designated Streets was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Meyer. 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 Meyer, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits that Ordinance No. **1807** 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		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 93-24

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **MORROW**

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 **The Freeman Gardens Association** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on June 7, 2024 at the Freeman Gardens, 644 Hawthorne Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028; and

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 **The Community Fund** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on June 9, 2024 at Hurrell Field, 865 Bloomfield Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028; and

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 **Wynona’s House** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on June 7, 2024 at The Women’s Club of Glen Ridge, 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028

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

RESOLUTION NO. 94-24

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge sought bids for the collection of solid waste; and,

WHEREAS, two bids were received and opened on May 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, **Suburban Disposal, Inc.** submitted the lowest responsible bid for solid waste collection; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the Current Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that Suburban Disposal, Inc., 54 Montesano Road, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 be awarded the contract for a three year term for rear yard collection of solid waste in the amount of \$2,158,000.00 in accordance with their proposal dated May 9, 2024; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Borough Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

	Suburban Disposal	Recycle Track Systems NJ, LLC
Year 1	696,000.00	794,500.00
Year 2	717,000.00	826,280.00
Year 3	745,000.00	859,331.00
3 Year Total	2,158,000.00	2,480,111.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 95-24

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., the Borough of Glen Ridge sought bids for the collection of recycling material; and,

WHEREAS, two bids were received and opened on May 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, **F. Basso Jr. Rubbish Removal, Inc.** submitted the lowest responsible bid for collection of single stream recyclables; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the Current Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **F.Basso Jr. Rubbish Removal, Inc.**, 55-93 South 20th Street, Irvington, NJ 07111 be awarded contract for a five year term for either the collection of single stream recycling material in accordance with their submission dated May 9, 2024; and,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council will determine which option shall be in effect in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract. The Borough Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 96-24

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

WHEREAS, The Glen Ridge Department of Public Works has determined that there is a need to purchase a new **2024 Ford F-250 XL Truck**; and,

WHEREAS, The purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and,

WHEREAS, Nielsen Ford of 170 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of New Jersey via State Contract #23-Fleet-34922; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from the capital ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey do hereby approve the purchase of the new 2024 Ford F-250 XL Truck from Nielsen Ford in the amount of **\$76,418.50**.

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

Ordinance No. 1809 an Ordinance establishing Chapter 15.36 Inspection of Lead Based Paint in Certain Residential Dwellings was presented for first reading. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1809** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Lefkovits. 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	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1796 an Ordinance establishing Chapter 17.44 Prohibition of Short-Term Rental Properties of the Borough Code; was presented for first reading. Councilor Morrow moved that Ordinance No. **1796** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Lefkovits. 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	Law	None		None		Hughes	
		Meyer					Moody	
		Morrow						

Borough Administrator Zichelli announced that the pool opened up Memorial Day weekend. He thanked Bill Bartlett for his service and stated we have received notice from the County we have been ordered to do a property tax re-evaluation by the end of 2027.

Chief Quinn stated the Lager Run will be held June 9, expect road closures. The Bike rodeo will be held this Saturday at central Avenue school and all are welcome to attend.

Clerk Ventola reported that all polling locations will be open on Primary Election Day Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Phil Johnson a resident of Glen Ridge thanked the Council for moving forward with Ordinance 1796 – Short Term Rental regulations and inquired about Ordinance 1808.

RESOLUTION NO. 97 – 24

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

FORM 1B – DMHAS Youth Leadership Grant

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Essex

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Glen Ridge Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of:

GCADA GRANT	\$13,721.26
Cash Match	\$ 3,430.32
In-Kind	\$10,290.95
2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

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

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

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

The Council adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk