

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, October 15, 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, Law, Meyer and Morrow

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, Lt. Faranda, Borough Attorney Malyska and Clerk Tara Ventola.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

No written communication was presented.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Residents of Adams Place and Madison St. spoke in regards to the high volume of flooding on their streets this year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 132-24**

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

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

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>\$3,671,468.03</b>
<b>FEDERAL &amp; STATE GRANT FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$6,002.29</b>
<b>WATER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$145,275.50</b>
<b>WATER CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>POOL OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$7,159.31</b>
<b>POOL CAPITAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUND</b>	<b>\$17,738.86</b>
<b>PAYROLL AGENCY</b>	<b>\$48,430.64</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 Oct 15, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 133-24**

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITZ**  
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

**WHEREAS**, N. J. S. 40A:4-87 provides that The Director of The Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such items shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Glen Ridge has received **\$55,753.28** from the **FY24 DOJ Cops Technology and Equipment** grant and wishes to amend its 2024 Municipal Budget to include this amount as a revenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, the County of Essex, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2024 in the sum of **\$55,753.28**.

Which is now available as revenue from: Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations: **FY24 DOJ Cops Technology and Equipment**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the like sum of **\$55,753.28** be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
 (A)Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
 Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:  
**FY24 DOJ Cops Technology and Equipment**, and:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval and the Chief Financial Officer shall certify the submission in the New Jersey FAST portal.

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

**Ordinance No. 1813** an Ordinance titled The preparation and execution of a complete program of revaluation of property in and by the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1813** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Hughes. 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. 1814** an Ordinance to appropriate Capital Improvement Funds for various Capital Improvements and Equipment, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1814** 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	Law	None		None			
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

**RESOLUTION NO. 134-24**

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 & Borough Council approve the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control application submitted by **Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **October 21, 2024** at the **Glen Ridge Women’s Club, 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						

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee announced the Toney’s Brook clean up this Saturday and the Kiwanis Octoberfeast on October 21st.

**RESOLUTION NO. 135-24**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to pave various streets; and,

**WHEREAS**, seven bids were received and opened on October 3, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, **D.L.S Contracting, Inc, 36 Montesano Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004** submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$263,985.45** for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid #2; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the capital fund, NJDOT Municipal Aid 2023 and PY 2024 CDBG grants; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge hereby recommends to the New Jersey Department of Transportation that the contract for **2023-MA-00200 (LA-2023 MA Glen Ridge Borough MA 2023 Baldwin Street, Sherman Avenue and Laurel Place Improvements)** in the Borough of Glen Ridge County of Essex be awarded to **D.L.S Contracting, Inc.** whose bid amounted to \$263,985.45 subject to the approval of the Department and that the Borough Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Borough of Glen Ridge are hereby authorized and directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said construction.

Firm Name	Base	Alt 2	TOTAL
DLS Contracting	\$ 227,172.20	\$ 36,813.25	\$ 263,985.45
AJM	\$ 228,511.75	\$ 37,932.00	\$ 266,443.75
D+L Paving	\$ 232,207.52	\$ 36,414.77	\$ 268,622.29
Smith-Sondy	\$ 241,558.88	\$ 38,624.10	\$ 280,182.98
Cifelli	\$ 235,293.50	\$ 42,537.00	\$ 277,830.50
JA Alexander	\$ 233,821.60	\$ 44,087.89	\$ 277,909.49
Crossroads	\$ 243,865.50	\$ 46,990.00	\$ 290,855.50

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 136-24**

Offered by Counselor **LAW**  
 Seconded by Counselor **HUGHES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Glen Ridge seeks removal of Borough trees and stump grinding services; 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 proposals for the aforesaid services; and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 3, 2024 **Dujets Tree Experts Inc.** of 54 Notch Road Woodland Park, NJ 07424 submitted the lowest responsible proposal in the amount of **\$44,525.00**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **Dujets Tree Experts Inc.** be awarded the 2024 Tree Removal & Stump Grinding Contract; and,

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

Company	Total
Dujets Tree Experts	\$44,525.00
Downes	\$58,850.00

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

Administrator Zichelli reported the tree removal contract awarded at this meeting calls for the removal of 42 dangerous trees and affected owners will receive a letter before work begins.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

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

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

The Council adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk