

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 11, 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, Chief Sean Quinn, Borough Attorney Malyska and Clerk Tara Ventola.

The minutes of August 19, September 9, September 23, October 15 and October 28, 2024 were adopted on motion by Lefkovits seconded by Moody.

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

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

A resident of Edgewood Road approached the council regarding flooding and parking signage on Edgewood Road.

Several residents of Sunset Avenue spoke in opposition of a Stop sign on Sunset Avenue; stating it would be a nuisance to the neighborhood and in order to effectively address speeding on Sunset Avenue more tickets should be issued.

A resident from Baldwin Street stated that the leaf blower ban limits will improve air quality.

A resident of Forest Avenue stated that the GR Country Club was requesting a large variance at the Board of Adjustment meeting on Thursday.

A resident of Forest Avenue requested that the leaf blower ban also address a final date when gas powered leaf blowers will not be allowed permanently.

A resident of Hillcrest Road thanked all Veterans for their service and also spoke in support of the leaf blower ban.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 139-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$90,784.26
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$101,802.57
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$5,697.17
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$1,140.00
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$0.00

PAYROLL AGENCY	\$0.00
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 Nov 15, 2024.

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

Ordinance No. 1815 a Bond Ordinance providing for water main replacement around Carteret Street and Forest Avenue in and by the Borough of Glen Ridge in the County of Essex, New Jersey, appropriating \$2,200,000 therefore and authorizing the issuance of \$2,200,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof; was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1815** 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					
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 140-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

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 **\$18,431.74** from the **Essex County Municipal Alliance Committee 2024-2025** 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 **\$18,431.74**. 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: MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of **\$18,431.74** 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:

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 141-24

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

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Safety has determined that there is a need to purchase new **RADIO AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT** for the Glen Ridge Police Department; 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, **PMC Associates** of 8 Crown Plaza, Unit 106, Hazlet, NJ 07730 has a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of New Jersey, Contract 83900; and,

WHEREAS, The Chief Finance Officer certified the availability of funds for this contract from capital ordinance 1805.

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 radio and communications equipment in the amount of **\$74,906.20** from **PMC ASSOCIATES**.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 142-24

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 Merchandise Raffle** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on December 8, 2024 at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Ordinance No. 1816 an Ordinance establishing Chapter 9.32 Leaf Blowers was presented for first reading. Councilor Moody moved that Ordinance No. **1816** be passed on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Morrow. 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					
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 143-24

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge sought to pave various streets in 2024; and,

WHEREAS, **American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, 818 Summer Ave, Newark, NJ 07104** submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$508,685.89** for the Base Bid; and,

WHEREAS, in the course of the project it was determined by the Borough Project Manager that it desired to provide milling and paving on Argyle Street; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed change order has been reviewed and verified by the Project Engineer; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Finance Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from the current fund, NJDOT Municipal Aid 2022 and CDBG Reprogramming grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved a previous change order in the amount of \$52,483.40, increasing the overall contract to \$561,172.35; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that change order #2 in the amount of **\$18,565.44** is hereby approved bringing the total project cost to **\$579,737.79**.

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

Administrator Zichelli recognized and thanked Veterans on staff.

Chief Quinn thanked all Veterans for their service and announced to expect traffic delays on Thanksgiving morning due to the Ashenfelter 8K.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

A resident of Hillside Avenue sought information on whose responsibility a dead tree is.

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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

The Council adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk