

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, November 25, 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, and Morrow

Absent: Meyer

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

Chief Quinn announced the police department has earned re-accreditation and a short presentation took place honoring the police department.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

Several residents of Forest Avenue spoke in opposition of the proposed tree removal and variance application being presented by the Glen Ridge Country Club.

A resident of Chestnut Hill Place inquired about the replanting of trees in Glen Ridge as per Ordinance 1811.

Mayor Mans suspended the regular order of business for the first of two CDBG hearings.

Mr. Zichelli stated that the Borough will present an application at the next hearing.

Mayor Mans reinstated the regular order of business.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 144-24

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	\$5,415,148.52
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$8,480.46
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$3,745.06
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$728.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$46,954.26
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 Dec 1, 2024.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Lefkovits	Law	None		None		Meyer	
	Hughes							
	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 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 Law that Ordinance No. **1815** 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		Meyer	
	Hughes							
	Moody	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1817 an Ordinance to establish a new chapter in the code of the Borough of Glen Ridge, Chapter 9.9 entitled, "Restricted areas in buildings where Municipal Operations are conducted limited to authorized employees only to protect and safeguard public records containing personally identifiable information," was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1817** 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	Law	None		None		Meyer	
	Hughes							
	Moody	Morrow						

Ordinance No. 1818 an Ordinance establishing titles for non-union and other employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge and fixing the 2025 maximum annual salaries and other compensations for those titles, was presented for first reading. Councilor Lefkovits moved that Ordinance No. **1818** 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		Meyer	
	Hughes							
	Moody	Morrow						

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee congratulated the Chief and the entire Police Department on earning re- accreditation.

RESOLUTION NO. 145-24

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 PBA** to be held on December 15, 2024 at 226 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028.

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

Ordinance No. 1819 an Ordinance establishing policies for outside employment of Borough of Glen Ridge Police while off duty: Chapter 2.40.160, was presented for first reading. Councilor Hughes moved that Ordinance No. **1819** 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		Meyer	
	Hughes							
	Moody	Morrow						

Councilor Moody, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee announced the Ashenfelter 8K will be held on Thanksgiving morning and the Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Ordinance No. 1816 an Ordinance establishing Chapter 9.32 leaf blowers; was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Moody. 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.

Several members of the public spoke in favor of the Ordinance and were very pleased it has finally passed. The Chair of the EAC stated the committee will help with communication to all residents.

Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Moody, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1816** 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)	Mans	Law	None		None		Meyer	
	Lefkovits							
	Hughes	Morrow						
	Moody							

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee, congratulated the Chief on re-accreditation and thanked the DPW and PD for all the work that goes into the 8K race on Thanksgiving.

Councilor Morrow, Chair of the Planning and Development Committee, thanked the EAC for all their work on the leaf blower ordinance. She also thanked the Chief and Lt. Gnardellis for their work towards accreditation and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Borough Administrator, Michael Zichelli, congratulated the Chief on re-accreditation and announced the Ashenfelter 8K on Thanksgiving. He announced the Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8th and the Santa Parade on December 20th.

Chief Quinn announced the Santa Parade on December 20th will debut a new sleigh.

Councilor Lefkovits, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, announced Moody's will be renewing the Borough's AAA rating.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was offered.

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

The Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk