

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 9, 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 and Borough Attorney Malyska.

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

No written communications were presented.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

The Chair of the Mayor’s Gala announced the event will be held on January 25, 2025 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the club.

Several residents spoke in opposition if the Glen Ridge Country Club expansion and proposed tree removal due to noise disturbances, light and parking issues.

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

Mr. Zichelli presented a CDBG application on behalf of the Borough to seek funding for a barrier free restroom at Freeman Gardens and ADA barrier free ramps in conjunction with our road jobs.

Mayor Mans reinstated the regular order of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 146-24

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	\$192,000.16
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$5,310.71
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$34,328.00
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$30,446.67
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$0.00
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 Dec 15, 2024.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147-24

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

AUTHORIZE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS PURSUANT TO NJSA 40a:40-1

WHEREAS, certain transfers of funds for various 2024 budget appropriations are necessary to cover anticipated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 provides for transfer of appropriations with an excess over and above the amount deemed necessary to fulfil their purposes to those appropriations deemed to be insufficient;

WHEREAS, the appropriations subject to fund transfers hereby are not within those restricted by N.J.S.A. 40a:4-58 for transfer purposes;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough Glen Ridge that the Borough Financial staff is hereby authorized to make transfers between appropriations accounts of the 2024 Municipal Budget as follows:

	To:	From:
<u>Current Fund</u>		
Administration – Other Expenses	\$ 30,000	
Finance – Other Expenses	\$ 15,000	
Finance – Salary & Wage	\$ 500	
Police – Salary & Wage	\$ 40,000	
Public Buildings & Grounds – Salary & Wage	\$ 5,000	
Board of Health – Salary & Wage	\$ 1,000	
Parks & Playgrounds – Salary & Wage	\$ 25,000	
Parks & Playgrounds – Other Expenses	\$ 1,500	
Workers Compensation Insurance		\$ 15,000
Crossing Guards – Salary & wage		\$ 37,000
Garbage, Trash, Recycling – Other Expenses		\$ 40,000
Public Buildings & Grounds – Other Expenses		\$ 5,000
Board of Health – Other Expenses		\$ 1,000
Recreation – Other Expenses		\$ 15,000
Recreation – Salary & Wage		\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 118,000	\$ 118,000
<u>Swimming Pool Utility</u>		
Swimming Pool – Salary & Wage	\$ 10,000	
Swimming Pool – Other Expense		\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

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

RESOLUTION NO. 148-24

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

WHEREAS, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11 et. seq., and 19:44-A.20.4 et. seq., The Borough of Glen Ridge used a fair and competitive process to solicit bids for mandated residential revaluation services; and,

WHEREAS, **Professional Property Appraisers, Inc.** of 101 Route 130 South, Suite 301, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 submitted the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Professional Property Appraisers, Inc. be awarded the contract in the amount of **\$241,540.00**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents necessary to effectuate the award of this contract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 149-24

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

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, TO BE ISSUED IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,200,000, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE BOROUGH IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Local Unit”), intends to undertake the replacement of water mains around Carteret Street and Midland Avenue, including all work and costs necessary and ancillary thereto (collectively, the “Project”), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the New Jersey Water Bank of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the “I-Bank”);

WHEREAS, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the undertaking of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan (or loans) to be made by the I-Bank (collectively the “Construction Loan”) to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the I-Bank (the “Construction Financing Loan Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Loan Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell a short term note to the I-Bank in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$2,200,000 (the “Note”);

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New

Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the "Local Bond Law"), and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2024 the Local Unit adopted Bond Ordinance #1815 (the "Local Unit Bond Ordinance") pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law;

WHEREAS, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law, the Infrastructure Trust Act and the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note have been appropriated and authorized by the Local Unit Bond Ordinance, finally adopted by the Local Unit at a meeting duly called and held on November 25, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and acted throughout, all in accordance with the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

Section 2. The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

Section 3. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

Section 4. The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the aggregate principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered "CFP-2024-2", or other such denomination as may be requested by the I-Bank;
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk; and
- (i) the Note may be issued in one or more series as may be deemed necessary by the I-Bank.

Section 5. The Note shall be substantially in the form required by the I-Bank, together with such additions, deletions and other modifications required by the I-Bank and agreed to by the Local Unit upon consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit, such determinations being conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Note by the Authorized Officers (as defined herein).

Section 6. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter

& English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Loan Financing Program, to arrange for same.

Section 7. The Local Unit Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and Local Unit Clerk (each an “Authorized Officer”) of the Local Unit are each hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 9. Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

RECORDED VOTE:	Ayes		Nays		Abstained		Absent	
(Insert last name)	Lefkovits	Law	None		None		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	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 final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Lefkovits. Administrator Zichelli 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. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Lefkovits, seconded by Councilor Moody that Ordinance No. **1817** 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	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 final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilor Law. Administrator Zichelli 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. **1818** be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

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

Councilor Hughes, Chair of the Public Safety Committee reported that the committee met with Montclair Fire Chief this evening and he submitted a presentation about their commitment to Glen Ridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 150-24

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES**
 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 **Glen Ridge Kiwanis Club** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **February 20, 2025** at the **Glen Ridge Women’s Club, 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, 07028.**

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 Women’s Club** for a **Social Affair Permit** for the fundraiser to be held on **January 25, 2025** 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	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 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. Mayor Mans declared the Public Hearing closed. It was moved by Councilor Hughes, seconded by Councilor Morrow that Ordinance No. **1819** 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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

RESOLUTION NO. 151-24

Motion by Councilor **MOODY**
 Motion by Councilor **MORROW**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge authorize the following “FILM FUND” Grants:

- Glen Ridge Community Concerts, 2024-2025 Season: \$2,000
- Glen Ridge Public Library, 2025 Speaker: \$2,000
- Glen Ridge Historical Society, Oral History Project \$2,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to execute the payment of these grants.

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Department thanked all involved in making the Ashenfelter 8K race a success despite the weather.

RESOLUTION NO. 152-24

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge seeks to purchase and the delivery of pool furniture; 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 aforesated goods and service; and,

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2024, Indoff, LLC of 11816 Lackland Rd. Saint Louis, Missouri 63146 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$107,216.24**; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Mayor and Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge that Indoff, LLC be awarded the pool furniture contract; and,

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

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

Councilor Meyer, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee reported the committee met with the GRAA and will continue to meet through 2025 to maintain the good working relationship.

RESOLUTION NO. 153-24

Offered by Counselor **MORROW**
 Seconded by Counselor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge is a participating municipality in The Essex County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge desires to request funding under the CDBG program year 2025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge do hereby authorize the Director of Planning and Development to submit an application for funding under the Essex County Community Development Block Program for the following projects by priority number:

<u>Priority No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
1.	Freeman Gardens ADA Bathroom	\$35,000
2	ADA Street Ramps	\$40,000

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

Administrator Zichelli thanked all involved in the Ashenfelter 8K race. It is a demand day for DPW and PD and the race was completed successfully despite the rain.

Chief Quinn announced the upcoming Santa Parade.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was offered.

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		None	
	Hughes	Meyer						
	Moody	Morrow						

The Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk