

An **ANNUAL** Meeting of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the council chambers of the Glen Ridge Municipal Building.

Mayor Mans 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, Zimet, Law, Meyer and Moody

Absent: None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1-25

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **BYLAWS** of the Borough Council for the Year 2025 as amended and supplemented, are hereby adopted as the **BYLAWS** of the Borough Council for the year 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2-25

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Mayor’s appointment of **John Malyska, Esq.** and the firm **Meyner & Landis**, to serve as this Borough’s **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY** for the year 2025 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-25				
Offered by Councilperson	by	LAW		
Seconded by Councilperson	by	ZIMET		
BE IT RESOLVED , that the Mayor’s appointments of members for the aforementioned Board, Committees, Commissions and for representatives to serve on the Joint Meetings, for the terms mentioned in making said appointments be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.				
Board of Adjustment				
Authorization -N.J.S.A. 40:55D-69 & Ordinances 8.120, 820 & 987				

Felicia	Berger		4 Years	12/31/2025
Carl	Bergmanson		4 Years	12/31/2027
Philip	Johnson		4 Years	12/31/2028
Dennis	Krien		4 Years	12/31/2028
Hugh	Mahoney		4 Years	12/31/2028
Raymond	Scott		4 Years	12/31/2025
Garry	Sprong		4 Years	12/31/2027
Sean	Payne	Alternate 1	2 Years	12/31/2026
		Alternate 2	2 Years	
The Planning Board				
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 40:55D-23 & Ordinances 990 & 1284				
Deborah	Mans	Class I - Mayor's Designee	1 Year	12/31/2025
Michael	Zichelli	Class II	1 Year	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody	Class III Council Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
Robyn	Fields	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2028
Timothy	Hegarty	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2026
Karin	Robinson	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2027
Ravi	Mehrotra	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2025
Robert	Morrow	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2026
Anthony	Turiano	Class IV	4 Years	12/31/2026
Katherine	Bojsza	Alternate 1	2 Years	12/31/2026
Robert	Baum	Alternate 2	2 Years	12/31/2026
Erik	DeLine	Borough Staff Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
The Board of Health				
Authorization - N.J.S.A. & Ordinances 1, 4 & 1525				
Donna	Heinzen		2 Years	12/31/2026
Donna	Lifson		2 Years	12/31/2026
Deborah	Priestman		2 Years	12/31/2026
Michael	Sherman		2 Years	12/31/2025
Sydney	Carey		2 Years	12/31/2026
Pearl	Philips		2 Years	12/31/2025
Jacqueline	Yustein		2 Years	12/31/2025
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Staff Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
Borough Risk Manager				
Authorization - PAIC Bylaws				
Bruce	Roddy			
The Library Board of Trustees				
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 40:54-9				
Bernice	Clark Bonnett		5 Years	12/31/2025
Geoffrey	Darby		5 Years	12/31/2029
Marilyn	Law		5 Years	12/31/2028
James	Doyle		5 Years	12/31/2029
Edward	Kastenmeier		5 Years	12/31/2028
Tina	Payne		5 Years	12/31/2027
Jeanna	Velechko		5 Years	12/31/2026

David	Lefkovits	Mayor's Designee	1 Year	12/31/2025
Damien	Phoenix	BOE Superintendent's Designee	5 Years	12/31/2025
The Borough Historian				
Authorization Ordinance 969 -				
Sally	Meyer		1 Year	12/31/2025
Historic Preservation Commission				
Authorization -N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 & Ordinance 1232				
Nicholas	Colello	Class A	4 Years	12/31/2028
Geoffrey	Darby	Class C	4 Years	12/21/2027
Robert	Deacon	Class A	4 Years	12/31/2026
Ginny	Moriarty	Class C	4 Years	12/31/2026
Joaquin	Stearns	Class A	4 Years	12/31/2025
Korian	Peter	Class A	4 Years	12/31/2027
Christine	Yewaisis	Class A	4 Years	12/31/2028
Greg	Lane	Class C Alternate 1	2 Years	12/31/2027
Jeffrey	Link	Alternate 2	2 Years	12/31/2026
Shade Tree Commission				
Authorization Ordinance 1543 established 2015 -				
Elizabeth	Baker		5 Years	12/31/2028
Robert	Baum		5 Years	12/31/2027
Joan	Lisovicz		5 Years	12/31/2026
Tina	Seaboch		5 Years	12/31/2029
Julie	Zichelli		5 Year	12/31/2025
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Staff Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2024
Environmental Advisory Committee				
Authorization Ordinance 1749 -				
Kevin	Sherry		3 years	12/31/2026
Polly	Murphy		3 years	12/31/2026
Aria	Davidson		3 Years	12/31/2025
Amanda	McCabe		3 Years	12/31/2026
Mark	Murphy		3 Years	12/31/2025
Alison	Grande		3 Years	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody	Council Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
Erik	DeLine	Borough Staff Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
Municipal Alliance Committee				
Authorization - N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-9 & Ordinance 1281				
Nancy	McMahon		1 Year	12/31/2025
Rollo	Michele		1 Year	12/31/2025
Deborah	Mans	Mayor	4 Years	12/31/2027
Lt. Dean	Gnardellis	Glen Ridge Police / LEAD Coordinator	1 Year	12/31/2025

DSgt. Daniel	Manley	Glen Ridge Police Juvenile Division	1 Year	12/31/2025
James	Cowan	Director of Parks & Recreation	1 Year	12/31/2025
Kyle	Arlington	Superintendent of Schools	1 Year	12/31/2025
Katie	Renoff	Glen Ridge Home & School President	1 Year	12/31/2025
John	Lawlor	Glen Ridge High School Principal	1 Year	12/31/2025
Damien	Phoenix	Glen Ridge High School Assistant Principal	1 Year	12/31/2025
Kim	O'Donnell- Pickert	Glen Ridge High School Assistant Principal	1 Year	12/31/2025
Heather	Kobylinski	Glen Ridge High School Anti-Bullying Specialist	1 Year	12/31/2025
Jack	Dewitt	District Anti-Bullying Coordinator	1 Year	12/31/2025
Elizabeth	Nuttycombe	Glen Ridge High School Home & School President	1 Year	12/31/2025
Michael	Donovan	Ridgewood Avenue School Principal	1 Year	12/31/2025
Stephanie	Haller	Ridgewood Avenue School Home & School President	1 Year	12/31/2025
Joseph	Caravela	Linden Avenue School Principle	1 Year	12/31/2025
Alicia	Dee	Linden Avenue School Home & School President	1 Year	12/31/2025
Mathew	Murphy	Forest Avenue School Principal	1 Year	12/31/2025
Leigh	Brodman	Forest Avenue School Home & School President	1 Year	12/31/2025
Jeff	Mansfield	Glen Ridge Congregation Church Pastor	1 Year	12/31/2025
Vi	Quach	Central School Home & School President		
Susan	Hughes	Community Member	1 Year	12/31/2025
		Community Member	1 Year	
Borough Representatives to Outside Committees				
Deborah	Mans	2nd River	1 Year	12/31/2025
Deborah	Mans	3rd River	1 Year	12/31/2025
William	Bartlett	Essex County SWAC	1 Year	12/31/2025
Erik	DeLine	Essex County SWAC	1 Year	12/31/2025
William	Bartlett	Recycling Coordinator	1 Year	12/31/2025
William	Bartlett	Clean Communities Coordinator	1 Year	12/31/2025
Erik	DeLine	Affordable Housing Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025

Erik	DeLine	Essex Community Development Block Grant Representative	1 Year	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody	Essex Community Development Block Grant Representative	1 Year	12/31/2025
Richard	Law	Passaic Valley Sewer Commission & NJ Water Supply Liasion	1	12/31/2025
Borough Officers				
Michael	Zichelli	Borough Administrator		
		Public Agency Compliance Officer	1 Year	12/31/2025
		Public Alliance Fund Commissioner	1 Year	12/31/2025
Tara	Ventola	Municipal Clerk	3 Year	6/30/2026
		Deputy Registrar	1 Year	12/31/2025
Erik	DeLine	Deputy Administrator	1 Year	12/31/2025
		Director of Planning & Development	1 Year	12/31/2025
		Municipal Housing Liaison	1 Year	12/31/2025
Katheen	Sweeney	Registrar	1 Year	12/31/2025
Matthew	Laracy	Qualified Purchasing Agent	1 Year	12/31/2025
Sean	Quinn	Chief of Police	1 Year	12/31/2025
AnnMarie	Morrow	Emergency Management Coordinator	3 Years	7/13/2026
Dean	Gnardellis	Safety Officer / Alternate Public Alliance Fund Commissioner	1 Year	12/31/2025
William	Bartlett	Director of Public Works	1 Year	12/31/2025
James	Cowan	Director of Parks & Recreation	1 Year	12/31/2025
James	Pries	Certified Tax Collector	4 Year	5/1/2028
George	Librizzi	Tax Assessor	1 Year	12/31/2025
Michael	Defrino	Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer	1 Year	12/31/2025
John	Malyska	Borough Attorney	1 Year	12/31/2025
Denise	Iandolo	Court Administrator	3 Year	12/31/2025
Mark	Clemente	Municipal Court Judge	3 Years	12/31/2026
Elizabeth	Brewster	Borough Prosecutor	1 Year	12/31/2025
Vincent	Failla	Assistant Borough Prosecutor	1 Year	12/31/2025
Brian	Mason	Alternate 1	1 Year	12/31/2025
Robert	Candido	Alternate 2	1 Year	12/31/2025
Delia	Murphy	Borough Public Defender	1 Year	12/31/2025
Borough Mayor & Council				
Deborah	Mans	Mayor	4 Year	12/31/2027

Peter	Hughes	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2025
Richard	Law	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2025
David	Lefkovits	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2026
Rebecca	Meyer	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2027
Steve	Zimit	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2027
LoriJean	Moody	Councilor	3 Year	12/31/2026
Borough Council 2024 Standing Committees				
Finance & Administration Committee				
David	Lefkovits	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
Peter	Hughes		1 Year	12/31/2025
Rebecca	Meyer		1 Year	12/31/2025
Public Safety Commission				
Peter	Hughes	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
Rebecca	Meyer		1 Year	12/31/2025
Richard	Law		1 Year	12/31/2025
Community Affairs & Public Relations Committee				
Steve	Zimit	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
David	Lefkovits		1 Year	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody		1 Year	12/31/2025
Public Works Committee				
Richard	Law	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
Steve	Zimet		1 Year	12/31/2025
David	Lefkovits		1 Year	12/31/2025
Parks & Recreation Committee				
Rebecca	Meyer	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
Richard	Law		1 Year	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody		1 Year	12/31/2025
Planning & Development Committee				
LoriJeane	Moody	Chair	1 Year	12/31/2025
Peter	Hughes		1 Year	12/31/2025
LoriJeane	Moody		1 Year	12/31/2025

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4- 25

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **REGULAR MEETINGS** of the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge during the year 2025 shall be held in The Council

Chamber in The Municipal Building, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, on the following dates, at which official action may be taken:

Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Special – Reorganization Meeting

Regular Meetings starting at 7:30 p.m.

January 21st (Tuesday)		
February 10th	and	February 24th
March 10th	and	March 24th
April 14th	and	April 28th
May 12th	and	May 27th (Tuesday)
June 9th	and	June 23rd
July 14th		
August 11th		
September 8th	and	September 23rd (Tuesday)
October 14th (Tuesday)	and	October 27th
November 10th	and	November 24th
December 8th	and	
December 22nd at 9:30 AM via conference call		

Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Special – Reorganization Meeting; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be a **WORKSHOP SESSION** at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor’s Office preceding every regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall be a meeting of the Public Safety Committee at 5:30 p.m. preceding the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council each month.

TAKE NOTICE, that due to the Public Health Crisis COVID-19 Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council shall be held via TEAMS, when **necessary**, in order to protect the health and welfare of our residents, volunteers and employees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25

Offered by Councilor **MOODY**
 Seconded by Councilor **MEYER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates are hereby designated as the official **HOLIDAYS** for the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the year 2025;

Monday, January 1,	New Year’s Day,
Monday, January 20,	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
Monday, February 17,	Presidents’ Day,
Friday, April 18,	Good Friday,
Monday, May 26,	Memorial Day,
Friday, July 4,	Independence Day
Monday, September 1,	Labor Day,
Monday, October 13,	Columbus Day,
Thursday, November 27,	Thanksgiving Day,
Friday, November 28,	Post Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day,
Friday, December 26,	Post Christmas Day, and
Thursday, January 1, 2026	New Year’s Day

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6-25

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

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that, where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2025 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and,

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and the capital improvement fund, is the sum of \$16,864,830 for the Current Fund, \$1,637,720 for the Water Utility Fund, and \$521,185 for the Pool Utility; and,

WHEREAS, the temporary budget shall not exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and the capital improvement fund, which is the sum of \$4,427,018 for the Current Fund, \$429,901 for the Water Utility Fund, and \$136,811 for the Pool Utility Fund, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for capital improvement and equipment. \$200,000.00 is appropriated to the Capital Improvements/Equipment account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, that the above temporary 2025 appropriations are approved.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 7-25

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**
 Seconded by Councilor **MOODY**

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

CURRENT FUND:
Petty Cash \$600.00
Police Dept. Petty Cash \$600.00

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer of the Borough of Glen Ridge is hereby authorized to issue the **PETTY CASH FUND**.

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

Mayor Mans read a prepared speech reviewing 2024 and setting up goals for 2025.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the Public.

No Public Comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Zimet, seconded by Councilor Law that this meeting be adjourned.

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

Mayor Mans declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned, and she invited the council and public to meet at Fitzgerald's.

The Council adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Tara Lyn Ventola

Tara Lyn Ventola

Municipal Clerk