

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 10, 2025 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, Zimet, Law, Moody and Meyer

Absent: Hughes

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator Michael Zichelli, and Chief Sean Quinn.

A motion to approve the December 9, 2024, January 6, 2025 adjourned meeting, January 6, 2025 annual meeting and January 21, 2025 minutes was moved by Councilor Meyer, seconded by Councilor Lefkovits.

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

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

There were no written communications.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-25

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

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

CURRENT FUND	\$877,251.27
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$18,740.48
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$206,966.42
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$8,147.08
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$578.00
PAYROLL AGENCY	\$46,910.18
STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$0.00
DOG LICENSE / ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND	\$1,838.85

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 February 15, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 51-25

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by The Mayor and The Borough Council that the following fees shall take effect immediately in accordance with Ordinance No. 1417:

Rate for Consumption of Water		
For Meter Sizes: 5/8", 3/4"	\$30.00	minimum flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$46.03	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$49.57	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 1"	\$35.00	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$46.03	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$49.57	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 1 1/2"	\$116.60	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$47.20	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$51.04	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 2"	\$164.30	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$47.20	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$51.04	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 3"	\$397.50	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$50.72	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$52.51	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 3 1/2"	\$508.80	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$50.72	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$52.51	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 4"	\$651.90	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$50.72	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$52.51	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 5"	\$689.00	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet
	\$50.72	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$52.51	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
For Meter Sizes: 6"	\$795.00	flat fee for 0 cubic feet up to 600 cubic feet

	\$50.72	per 1,000 cubic feet starting at 600 cubic feet up to 3,300 cubic feet plus minimum fee
	\$52.51	per 1,000 cubic feet in excess of 3,300 cubic feet
Monthly Fire Protection Services		
3"	\$72.57	monthly
4"	\$115.05	monthly
5"	\$135.71	monthly
6"	\$768.19	monthly
Water Distribution System Improvements Fee		
Based on water meter size as follows:		
Meter Size (inches)		
5/8"	\$30.00	per three months
3/4"	\$30.00	per three months
1"	\$30.00	per three months
1 1/2"	\$35.00	per three months
2"	\$50.00	per three months
3"	\$70.00	per three months
3 1/2"	\$75.00	per month
4"	\$80.00	per month
5"	\$90.00	per month
6"	\$115.00	per month
8"	\$200.00	per month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 52-25

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge and the Township of Bloomfield wish to enter into an agreement for the Township of Bloomfield to provide human and social services to the Borough of Glen Ridge; and,

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. (the "Act"), encourages municipalities and other local contracting units to enter into Interlocal and other agreements for shared services to reduce property taxes through the reduction of local expenses; and,

WHEREAS, the Act provides that municipalities may enter into agreements to provide or receive any service that each municipality is empowered to receive or provide within its own jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough of Glen Ridge for the Township of Bloomfield to provide human and social services to the Borough residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Township of Bloomfield to provide aforesaid services to the Borough of Glen Ridge.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 53-25

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

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Glen Ridge has determined that the following equipment is no longer needed for public use

- 2006 Ford F250 Utility Body
- 2012 Ford Escape
- Various pieces of small equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge intends to utilize the online auction services of GovDeals.com; and

WHEREAS, GovDeals.com has been awarded the cooperative purchasing agreement through Sourcewell # 012821-GDI for Online Surplus Auctions & Payment Processing

WHEREAS, the sales are being conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 and the guidance set forth in the Division of Local Government Services' Local Finance Notice 2019-15,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorized the sale the surplus vehicle on the online auction website known as GovDeals.com.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54-25

Offered by Councilor **ZIMET**
 Seconded by Councilor **LAW**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 21:3-3

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 and Borough Ordinance 1662 requires the Governing Body to authorize the display of fireworks on private property subject to the review and approval of the Municipal Fire and Police Officials;

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted by the **GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB** located at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey to host a Fireworks Display on private property between the hours of 8:45 p.m. and approximately 10:00 p.m. on **July 4, 2025** and said application has been deemed to be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 21:3-3 and Borough Ordinance 1662;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that that approval is hereby given for the Fireworks Display on private property of the Glen Ridge Country Club located at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey between the hours of 8:45 p.m. and approximately 10:00 p.m. on July 4, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 55-25

Offered By Councilor **ZIMET**
 Seconded By Councilor **MOODY**

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 50/50** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on March 1, 2025 at 224 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-4)

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 50/50** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on April 23, 2025 at 219 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-5)

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 a **Casino Night** submitted by the **Ridgewood Avenue School HSA** to be held on March 21, 2025 at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-6)

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 a **Merchandise Raffle** submitted by the **Ridgewood Avenue School HSA** to be held on March 21, 2025 at 555 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-7)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 56-25

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

RESOLVED, that the Police Department Rules and Regulations dated February 10, 2025 as presented by the Public Safety Committee are hereby adopted and that all rules and policies inconsistent with the aforesaid Rules and Regulations are hereby rescinded, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event any policy, part of a policy or section of the Rules and Regulations is judged to be inconsistent with law or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by the Borough Council, the remaining Rules and Regulations policies shall remain in full effect.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 57- 25

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

WHEREAS, The Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge seek to prune the Borough street trees; 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 bids for the aforesated service; and,

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2025, **Beucler Tree Experts LLC**, of 48 Harold Street Tenafly, New Jersey 07670 submitted the lowest responsible base bid of **\$28,130.62** and alternate one bid for **\$200 per hour**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that Beucler Tree Experts LLC be awarded the base project for the 2025 Tree Pruning Contract for \$28,130.62 and the additional hourly work not to exceed forty hours and as approved by the Forester for a total contract not to exceed **\$36,130.62**; and,

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

	Base Bid	Hourly
Beucler	\$28,130.62	\$200.00
Downes	\$66,450.00	\$225.00
Dujets	\$81,600.00	\$395.00

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

Councilor Law, Chair of the Public Works Committee reported that residents should be receiving letter from National Water Service to schedule the replacement f their water meters. He also thanked Public Works Department for their quick clean up from the last two snow storms.

Borough Administrator Zichelli also thanked the Public Works Department for thei quick cleanup for the last two snow storms. He also advised residents to remove basketball hoops in the right of way and to refrain from dumping their snow removal into the street.

Chief Quin reminded residents to be sure to remove all snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snow event to prevent receiving a fine.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No Public Comment was made.

It was moved by Councilor Moody, seconded by Councilor Law that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote.

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

Mayor Mans thanked everyone for attending the meeting and she declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned.

Tara Ventola

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Municipal Clerk