

A Regular Meeting of The Mayor and The Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, February 24, 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, Hughes, Zimet, Moody and Meyer

Absent: Law

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

Mayor Mans called for written communications.

There were no written communications.

Mayor Mans called for comments of the public.

No public comment was made.

Councilor Zimet, Chair of the Community Affairs and Public Relations Committee shared the sudden passing of longtime resident and volunteer, Robert Baum, extending condolences to his family and friends.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-25

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	\$5,361,311.49
FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$116.50
WATER OPERATING FUND	\$38,628.42
WATER CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
POOL OPERATING FUND	\$12,705.31
POOL CAPITAL FUND	\$0.00
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$47,436.44
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 March 1, 2025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 59-25

Offered by Councilor **LEFKOVITS**

Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

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>		
Engineering – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000	
Shade Tree – Other Expenses	\$ 8,000	
Utilities – Electric	\$ 10,000	
Municipal Court – Other Expenses	\$ 500	
Engineering – Salary and Wage		\$ 5,000
Storms – Salary and Wage		\$ 8,000
Utilities – Natural Gas		\$10,000
Municipal Court – Salary and Wage		\$ 500
Total	<u>\$ 23,500</u>	<u>\$ 23,500</u>

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

RESOLUTION NO. 60-25

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

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

Summer Day Camp		
Online Registration	\$50.00	per day
Online Pre-Registration Full Package Discount		\$1,350 (a 10% discount)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-25

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 a **MERCHANDISE DRAW** submitted by the **Glen Ridge High School HSA** to be held on May 17, 2025 at 200 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028. (Raffle #25-8)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-24

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

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge seeks aerification services for the Borough athletic fields; 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 services; and,

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2025, **Double D Turf, LLC** of 385 Morrison Avenue, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of **\$15,535.75**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **Double D Turf, LLC** be awarded the contract for the **2025 Aerification Program for Athletic Fields** for the Borough in the amount of **\$15,535.75**; 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.

	Step One	Step Two	Step Three	Total
Double D Turf LLC	\$4,479.68	\$6,576.39	\$4,479.68	\$15,535.75
Downes Tree Service	\$5,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$19,500.00
Down to Earth Landscaping Inc	\$11,056.00	\$8,583.00	\$11,056.00	\$30,695.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-25

Offered by Councilor **MEYER**
 Seconded by Councilor **HUGHES**

WHEREAS, The Borough of Glen Ridge seeks field maintenance services for the Borough athletic fields; 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 services on February 20, 2024 and no proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks & Recreation then sought proposals directly from vendors and **TruGreen, LP** of 9 Middlebury Boulevard, Randolph, New Jersey 07869 submitted the lowest responsible proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that **TruGreen, LP** be awarded the base contract and all alternative bids for the **2025 Field Maintenance Service** for the Borough in the amount of **\$38,192.00**; 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.

	TruGreen	Down To Earth	Downes
Group A Fields Base	\$20,969.00	\$32,102.00	\$35,000.00
Group A Alt One	\$1,034.00	\$450.00	\$2,000.00
Group A Alt Two	\$1,433.00	\$450.00	\$3,500.00
Group B Fields Base	\$2,194.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,500.00
Group C Fields Base	\$11,582.00	\$13,280.00	\$14,300.00
Group C Alt One	\$490.00	\$450.00	\$950.00
Group C Alt Two	\$490.00	\$450.00	\$1,400.00
	\$38,192.00	\$50,282.00	\$59,650.00

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-25

Offered by Councilor **MOODY**
 Seconded by Councilor **ZIMET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that The Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an easement agreement for the benefit of Michael J. Cohen and Leah A. Cohen, Husband And Wife, who reside at 2 Mitchell Place (Glen Ridge Tax Block 128, Lot 3), Glen Ridge, Essex County, New Jersey 07028 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, et. seq., such easement to be granted, without limitation on the right of the Borough of Glen Ridge to set additional terms and conditions, on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The easement herein granted shall be used for only the purposes of maintaining a portion of an existing driveway on the easement.
- (b) The easement herein granted shall be for the benefit of the Grantees named herein and their heirs and successors and assigns.
- (c) The rights and entitlements held by Grantees under the easement herein granted are non-exclusive and without diminishment of the rights of the Borough of Glen Ridge in the property subject to the easement.
- (d) The Grantees shall be responsible for the repair and upkeep of the property subject to the easement.
- (e) Public liability insurance for injuries arising in the area of the easement herein granted or related thereto shall be maintained by Grantees with the Borough of Glen Ridge named as an additional insured.
- (f) The Grantees indemnify the Borough of Glen Ridge from and against any and all losses, damages, expenses or liabilities of any kind or nature and from any suits, claims or demands, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as a result of injuries arising in the area of the easement herein granted or related thereto.

The legal metes and bounds description of the easement are as follows:

Beginning being the intersection of the common lot line between Lot 7 and Lot 8 in Block 123 with said northerly sideline of Mitchell Place and running; thence

1. Along said northerly sideline of Mitchell Place, South 15° -36'-00" West 2.33 feet to a point on or approximately on the southerly face of a block curb; thence
2. Running along the southerly face of a block curb, North 76° -22'-35" West 23.47 feet to a point of curvature; thence
3. Still along the same, along a curve to the right having a radius of 283.60 feet and an arc length of 28.15 feet (chord North 73° -32'-00" West 28.134 feet) to a point of tangency; thence
4. Still along the same, North 70 °-41'-25" West 41.95 feet to a point on the aforesaid common lot line between Lot 7 and Lot 8 Block 123; thence
5. Along said lot line, South 74 °-24'-00" East 93.46 feet to the point of Beginning.

The foregoing easement containing an area of 210 square feet more or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Borough Attorney shall review and approve the agreement prior to execution of the easement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-25

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

The governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$ 35,000 to fund the following project:

An architectural survey historic resources report of a portion of the entire locally designated historic district to document roofing materials and primary facades update earlier historic resources surveys and nomination reports. This comprehensive data will assist the HPC, Planning Board, and other local bodies in making informed decisions aligned with preservation and land use policies, ultimately aiding in future restoration and adaptation projects.

Therefore, the governing body resolves that the Deputy Administrator, Erik DeLine or the successor to the title of Deputy Administrator is authorized

- (a) to make application for such a grant;
- (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$ 15,000 and not more than \$ 50,000; and
- (c) to execute any amendments thereto any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

