

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

EXECUTIVE MEETING GLEN ROCK MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building

Agenda (may be subject to change)

- 1. Mayor**
 - Receive Girl Scout Troop – Hamilton – Poster on Water
 - Film Ready Feedback
 - Siren Update
- 2. Council Committee and Liaison Report**
- 3. Council Information**
- 4. Correspondence**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. Public Comment Portion**
- 7. Resolution for Closed Session**
(Immediately Following the Conclusion of the Work Session Meeting)

PUBLIC MEETING – Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 8:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 8:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building:

Agenda: (May be subject to change)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL**
- 2. FLAG SALUTE/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month**
 - Proclamation – Girl Scout Gold Award Norah Findley**
- 3. Ord. #1923 – Second Reading - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**
- 4. Public Hearing – Open Space Application**

5. Public Hearing – 2024 Budget

6. RESOLUTIONS NON-ROUTINE

2024 Budget Adoption

Bergen County Open Space Application

Jewish American Heritage Month

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Borough Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member(s) so requests it, in which case the item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. The one motion signifies the adoption of all resolutions, received, and filed letters, correspondence, reports, and approval of applications and minutes.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution for Payment of Bills

2. Resolution for PFAS Funding

3. Resolution for Bergen County Utilities Authority Shared Services Agreement

4. Res. Community Energy Plan Grant

Motion to accept consent agenda by Council Member

Seconded by Council Member

Roll Call: Martin, Barchetto, Gilbreath, Orlich, Gilligan, Viadro

8. ORDINANCES

9. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Before speaking at the meeting, each person must state their name and address. 3-minute limit.)

10. ADJOURNMENT

11. CLOSED SESSION

Guidelines for Public Comments at Glen Rock Council Meetings:

All interested parties are invited to speak about anything they wish to during the public discussion portion of a Borough Council Meeting. When the Mayor announces that the public discussion of the meeting has been opened, raise your hand and wait to be recognized. Once recognized, speakers are reminded of the following rules:

1. Approach the podium at the front of the room and clearly state your name and address.
2. All public comments should be addressed to the Mayor.
3. Public comments can be of any matter of concern that relates to the Borough.
4. There is a 3-minute time limit per speaker.
5. Speakers may speak only once during public comment, unused time may not be yielded.
6. *This is a time for public comments and not necessarily questions to the Mayor and Council. Questions can certainly be asked but are more likely to be addressed via email, in person, or at a council work session.*
7. Interested parties have one other opportunity for comment at Borough Council meetings, during the public hearing on a given ordinance.

Rules for ordinance hearings are as follows:

(allow 15 minutes for public comment)

- During a public hearing of an ordinance, only the subject matter of the ordinance can be discussed, questioned, or commented on.
- There is a 3-minute time limit per speaker.
- All comments should be addressed to the Mayor.

PROCLAMATION

In Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month 2024

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to overall health and well-being, and all people experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives and should feel comfortable in seeking help and support to manage these times; and

WHEREAS, like physical illness, mental illness is a medical condition that can be treated effectively through self-care, early identification, and early intervention, and with effective treatment, all individuals with mental illness can make progress toward recovery and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects one in five people in the United States, and the experience can be devastating for individuals and families with little knowledge of or access to mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 pandemic has created a multitude of mental health challenges, and connecting people to care is more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, May is annually recognized throughout the nation as Mental Health Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock has declared itself a Stigma-Free Zone and continues to support the Stigma-Free initiative; and

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Zones aim to inspire public interest and open dialogue about stigma, raise awareness of the diseases of mental illness and create a culture in which residents who have the disease of mental illness feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness, so no one needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Glen Rock remains a Stigma-Free Zone and recognizes the month of May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY 2024**

Hon. Kristine Morieko, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jackie Scalia, Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. #1923

BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Rock in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$173287.89 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Rock, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Glen Rock shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$606,507.62 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Glen Rock be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk

Approved:

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No.

Offered by Council Member:

Seconded by Council Member:

BE IT RESOLVED, by Council Members of the Borough of Glen Rock, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the 2024 municipal budget is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations and authorization of the amount of

(A) \$17,539,787.39 (Item 2 Below) for municipal purposes, and

(D) \$ 122,964.00 (Open Space Trust Fund Levy)

(E) \$ 1,051,884.65 (Item 5 Below) for Minimum Library Levy

1. General Revenues

Surplus Anticipated **\$ 2,200,000.00**

Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated **3,724,843.96**

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes **384,000.00**

2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purpose **17,539,787.39**

3. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for School in Type I District **0.00**

4. To be Added to the Certificate for the Amount to Be Raised for Type II **0.00**

5. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Minimum Library Levy **1,051,884.65**

TOTAL REVENUES **\$ 24,900,516.00**

6. General Appropriations

Within "CAPS"

(a&b) Operations Including Contingent **\$ 16,076,728.00**

(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures- Municipal **2,295,538.00**

Excluded from "CAPS"

(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded from "Caps" **\$ 2,543,082.00**

c) Capital Improvements **100,000.00**

d) Municipal Debt Services **2,663,985.00**

e) Deferred Charges-Municipal **21,000.00**

m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes **1,200,183.00**

TOTAL Appropriations **\$ 24,900,516.00**

ROLL CALL:

Council Member Martin -

Council Member Barchetto -

Council Member Gilbreath -

Council Member Orlich -

Council Member Gilligan -

Council Member Viadro –

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 8th of May 2024. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2024 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

Certified by me this 8th day of May 2024

Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No.
Offered by Council Member
Seconded by Council Member

**RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION FOR
BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“County Trust Fund”), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$75,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Court Lighting at Wilde Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the governing body/board has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions, and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body/board held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application at the beginning of this meeting on May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above-named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock:

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of May 3, 2024, as established by the County; and,

2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Glen Rock has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
3. That the Borough of Glen Rock is committed to providing a dollar-for-dollar cash match for the project; and,
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
5. That the Borough of Glen Rock agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:

**Council Member Martin –
Council Member Gilbreath -
Council Member Gilligan -**

**Council Member Barchetto -
Council Member Orlich -
Council Member Viadro -**

I, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Glen Rock, hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Borough of Glen Rock at a meeting held this 8th day of May 2024.

Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No.
Offered by Council Member
Seconded by Council Member

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LANDFILL
DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE**

WHEREAS the citizens, residents, and commercial property owners (collectively “ratepayers”) of the municipalities of Ridgewood, Glen Rock, Midland Park and Wyckoff are ratepayers in the Ridgewood Water System; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers are keenly aware of the cost of treating and distributing drinking water throughout the Ridgewood Water system; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers recognize the prevalence and potential health risks of certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) detected in the Ridgewood Water system that affect the quality and health of the primary source of the drinking water for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Water nor the ratepayers polluted the raw water and should not bear the costs to treat the PFAS contamination that they did not cause; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has enacted a maximum contaminant limit for PFOA of 14 parts per trillion (ppt) and PFOS of 13 ppt; and

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Water exceeds the PFOA and PFOS limits and has been providing test results to the NJDEP since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers are now at the high-cost nexus of construction costs and debt service in year three of a five-year plan that the DEP approved to remove PFAS from the drinking water of 62,000 customers to non-detect and where the ratepayers are bearing a disproportionate share of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Water is investing in capital improvements to treat the drinking water to non-detect levels of PFAS chemicals which will require upgrades to multiple treatment facilities and the re-routing of distribution lines throughout the Ridgewood Water system; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers will continue to be subjected to the significant PFAS capital improvement costs, through rate increases, to fund specific system wide PFAS treatment projects, operations, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Ridgewood Water is actively seeking recourse from the polluters through litigation, where recovery would offset PFAS treatment costs; and

WHEREAS, based on engineering projections and current market procurement assessments, Ridgewood Water will need to raise the current ratepayer PFAS surcharge to complete the PFAS mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$12,000,000 can be utilized by Ridgewood Water to fund construction of the last three PFAS treatment facilities, thereby reducing the annual PFAS surcharge requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock, joins with the three other municipalities within the Ridgewood Water system to request of our bipartisan legislative members immediate relief in the form of a Twelve Million dollar (\$12,000,000) appropriation for capital improvements to achieve Ridgewood Water's PFAS mitigation, in the first financial hurdle for ratepayers, which would then bring immediate relief to ratepayers for the scheduled rate increases.

ROLL CALL:

**Council Member Martin -
Council Member Gilbreath -
Council Member Gilligan -**

**Council Member Barchetto -
Council Member Orlich -
Council Member Viadro -**

I, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Glen Rock, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the Borough of Glen Rock at the meeting held on the 8th day of May 2024.

Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No.
Offered by Council Member
Seconded by Council Member

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LANDFILL
DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock participate in a solid waste cooperative marketing program with Bergen County Utilities Authority for May 31, 2023, through May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Cooperative Program awarded a contract on March 28, 2024, to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., for solid waste processing and disposal service, for a term of two years beginning on June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the per ton cost for BCUA Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing Program is \$92.24 per ton, inclusive of the \$3.00 per ton recycling tax. This cost per ton will be amended on January 1 of each year during the term of the Solid Waste Shared Services Agreement to reflect the increase or decrease in the Solid Waste Services Fee as required pursuant to the August 4, 2023 New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection certification of the March 1, 2023 Bergen County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock the Bergen County Utilities Authority Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing Program for solid waste processing and disposal for the two-year term beginning June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026 is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute a two year contract with Bergen County Utilities Authority.

ROLL CALL:

Council Member Martin -
Council Member Gilbreath -
Council Member Gilligan -

Council Member Barchetto -
Council Member Orlich -
Council Member Viadro -

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Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk

**BOROUGH OF GLEN ROCK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No.
Offered by Council Member
Seconded by Council Member

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY
PROGRAM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to ensure that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Borough of Glen Rock strives to assure clean land, air, and water for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's Energy Master Plan: Pathway to 2050 ("EMP") established that community-level action is necessary to achieve the state's goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has created a Community Energy Plan Grant program for municipalities to develop a community energy plan to meet the goals of the state's Energy Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Rock is invested in developing a community energy plan to help the state achieve the goal of 100% clean energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Community Energy Plan Grant program will help Glen Rock to plan for and invest in renewable energy and to work towards a better environment for all residents by using the state's Energy Master Plan (EMP) as a guide to develop sustainable strategies that increase clean energy production, reduce energy use, and cut emissions.

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock has determined that the Borough should apply for the aforementioned Community Energy Planning Grant program; and

THEREFORE, the Borough of Glen Rock will commit to providing staff support for the duration of the Community Energy Planning process, including for gathering of relevant data and for convening at least one public meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Rock, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned application to the NJBPU Community Energy Planning Grant program.

ROLL CALL:

**Council Member Martin -
Council Member Gilbreath -
Council Member Gilligan -**

**Council Member Barchetto -
Council Member Orlich -
Council Member Viadro -**

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Jacqueline Scalia, Borough Clerk