

December 11, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

After a Special Town Council meeting, Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Denny were Jo Temple, Council Vice-President, David Miller, Council Member, Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer, Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator, and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the November 13, 2023 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers as revised. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$23,758.62	Water Meter Deposits	\$54.65
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$185.87	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$10,821.67
Park Fund	\$154.96	Sewage Utility Bond & Interest Fund	\$6,885.00
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$11,520.14	Payroll Fund	\$4,176.11
		Total	\$57,557.02

It was noted that there is a \$300 balance carried forward on the Big B Wastewater invoice. This was three roll off rent charges. Denny will follow up with the company.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to authorize Mary Richardson to pay the Keystone software maintenance invoices and town hall downspout repair before the next meeting. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Mille to commit to the 2024 insurance renewal with Wilson Lawson and Meyers with payment to be made at the January meeting. Approval was unanimous.

#### Unfinished Business

Mary Richardson discussed the December 1, 2023 online meeting with representatives from the Fayette County Commissioners and Council. Bill Harkins, director of underwriting at SRF, explained that borrowing money for the design before a project is funded by the State Revolving Loan Fund is a standard process. SRF will re-evaluate the project from the design and the funding will include the design cost to repay the temporary loan.

Denny discussed the December 5, 2023 meeting with the Fayette County Council. No commitment for a temporary loan to cover the design for bringing Connersville water to Glenwood was made by the Fayette County Council as they are waiting for other agencies to commit, The Fayette County Commissioners has scheduled a meeting in Glenwood on December 18, 2023 for all entities that may be affected by the proposed water project. This includes the Rush & Fayette County Commissioners, Councils, and Economic Development Groups along with Connersville and Rushville Mayors.

Geoffrey Wesling commented that he supports the water project but discussed the financial risk.

Mary noted that she was told that all the USDA state funding has been allocated and there are no additional funds at this time. There was discussion of contacting the USDA federal office to request funding for the water project.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the READI grant application submitted on November 17, 2023.

Denny discussed the final meeting with Strand & Associates Engineers and OLCO (contractor) and INDOT to discuss the completed sidewalk project. Denny stated that the contractor noted several sidewalks that are in danger of being destroyed because of vehicles routinely driving over them. The Council reviewed the list. Mary agreed to draft letters.

Mary said she contacted INDOT to find out the difference between the Community Crossing and type of grant Glenwood just obtained for the sidewalks. The current grant is a 20% match but are federal funds which makes them more expensive with several more steps. The Community Crossing grant is a 25% match but less restrictive so the cost can be lower. With Community Crossing, the town pays all the cost for the engineer.

The Glenwood police patrol situation is still pending a resolution.

It was noted that the culvert on the lagoon easement has been repaired.

Commonwealth is providing lead service line (LSL) inventory surveys. Mary said she will have these sent out about the same time as December or January bills are sent. She will also put the link to the surveys on the website.

Jo stated that IDEM has not responded to her questions regarding the sanitary survey conducted by the IDEM representative.

The annual well maintenance/flushing contract was tabled until after the water pilot testing is completed.

David reported that he has discussed the unauthorized parking on public property with Davis Towing and Recovery. They have ordered eight signs to post in designated areas.

Signs for bus stop locations have not yet been ordered.

### New Business

Jo stated she received a complaint regarding the excessive corn dust over the past month. A complaint was also received regarding the noise from the grain elevators. The Council discussed the situations and if ordinances are needed. The issue with the noise is how to monitor the situation. Damage from excessive corn dust might be resolved through civil lawsuits. No action was taken.

Jo reported that she has received a complaint about vehicles routinely speeding through the north/south alley on the north side of town. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to purchase speed bumps for this alley to slow down the traffic. Approval was unanimous.

Mary said she researched the meeting recording requirements. Since a Council Member is recording the minutes, those need to be saved on town equipment. Rather than have someone send her the recordings or save them to the town hall computer, Mary said she will start recording the meetings. Mary said she will save the recordings until after the transcribed minutes are approved unless another recording is saved longer. Jo confirmed that she only keeps the recordings until the next meeting. Denny confirmed that the town hall camera is only visual and does not record.

### Reports

Mary reported that she attended the Rush County Comprehensive Plan's steering committee meeting on November 20, 2023. There is a website being developed and Mary will post that on the website when it is completed. There will be a Glenwood Comprehensive Plan as part of the overall county plan. This will save the town the cost of updating the 2011 plan.

Besides surveys for all Rush County citizens to complete, there will be in-person workshops held. Glenwood's workshop will be on January 24

Mary reported she received \$2160 from the Indiana Arts Commission as the first installment for the mural grant.

Mary said she will put the OCRA internet survey link on the town's website. We want to encourage people in town completing the survey because it will help determine the Broadband need. She will also post the phone number provided at a recent meeting. However, she called the number and it is not the survey. Instead, it is the application for people to file to obtain funding for internet.

Mary recommended someone attend the IFA's Southeast Central Region's meeting that will be held sometime in January. Waiting for the Whitewater Region meeting may take us over a year from the last attendance.

The SBOA has changed the Clerk-Treasurer's training requirements. She plans to attend the January 16 Clerk-Treasurer's workshop in Indianapolis on January 16, 2024. Mary will need to stay over the night before. This training and the AIM conference should help on the 14 hours needed,

Mary stated she called the Rush County Clerk's office inquiring on the status of the election certifications. They will be completed next week.

Mary asked the Council how they want to be installed. Mary said they can have a special installation and invite a County or State officer to install. What has been done previously is that she has one of the County Clerk's install her. Then she will open the January town council meeting and install the council members. Then the Council will vote for their officers. The President will then continue on with the meeting. The Council selected to hold the election at the next meeting.

Paul stated he has parts to repair one fire hydrant but two need repairs. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Paul to have one hydrant repaired. Approval was unanimous.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. Paul mentioned a water complaint that he followed up with. Mary recommended that the complaint be listed on a complaint log. This will also help the Council in the future to recap potential issues. The Council agreed the complaint log should be maintained. Paul committed to recording all complaints on the log.

#### Other Business

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to adjourn the meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer