

November 13, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the 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 September 11, 2023 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

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

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve waiving the workman's comp insurance requirement for King's Asphalt. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$9,969.07	Water Meter Deposits	\$83.26
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$6,534.64	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$3,948.71
Park Fund	\$180.98	Payroll Fund	\$5,926.28
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$5,799.65	Total	\$32,442.59

Unfinished Business

Denny Richardson and Mary Richardson discussed the meeting with the Fayette County Commissioners. Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers along with Shawn Kleinpeter, Kleinpeter Financial Group gave a presentation to the Commissioners with a request for a 1.32-million-dollar temporary loan to cover the design costs for bringing Connersville water to Glenwood. This design is needed before the State Revolving Loan Fund can move forward with funding for the project. The design would be included in the funding from SRF. The Commissioners were supportive of the project which could ultimately help the west side of the County. They agreed to give a favorable recommendation to the County Council. The Council meeting is December 5, 2023. Denny plans to attend the County's meeting.

Mary stated that Thomas is arranging for a meeting with USDA to further discuss funding for the water project.

The Council discussed the current sidewalk project. The sidewalks have been installed on North and South East Main Streets and six properties on State Street. It was noted that Strand Associates confirmed all work is completed. The contract completion date is Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The contractor is requesting a pre-final walk through with INDOT on December 5, 2023.

Mary noted that during her quarterly meeting with INDOT, she received information that INDOT keeps records older than a century on right of ways they have obtained and some may be beyond the state highways. Mary submitted a request for these records.

Mary provided INDOT's map for Glenwood. She also discussed the right of ways with INDOT Title Researcher and Surveyor. The Surveyor looked at Beacon and said it is obvious that some property lines are not accurate. In a sample on Main Street, it appeared that the correct boundary would have sidewalks in the town's right of way. He suggested the Town work with the County Surveyor on some property samples to get the correct boundaries from the actual plat books. Although it may be a while before funding is available for repairing more sidewalks, she recommended that the Council pursue getting more information. Denny said he would follow up with the Rush County Surveyor.

The Council discussed police patrol. Denny said he plans to talk to the Fayette County Sheriff's office.

Paul reported that within the next week or two, Dustin Case will be repairing the culvert on the easement to the lagoon.

The Council tabled discussion of unsafe buildings until the March 2023 meeting.

Mary provided the Council and Paul Sembach with a draft of the lead service line (LSL) survey provided by Commonwealth Engineers. Mary added the Glenwood information. There were no changes and Mary agreed to have the surveys sent out to customers who have not already responded to the first postcard requests.

Jo stated she has not received a response from Carolyn, IDAEM, regarding her questions concerning the sanitary survey.

New Business

The Council discussed a complaint received about a truck parking on the fire station lot. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to place signs on all town properties stating parking only for the appropriate town, park, or fire department parking and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to contract with a company with liability and worker's compensation insurance to install and remove the holiday banners on poles on State and Main Streets. The workman's comp and liability certificates of insurance will be obtained. Approval was unanimous. Denny will make the arrangements.

Mary had provided the town's insurance renewal documentation to the Council and Paul Sembach. Changes have been made and she will be sending the documents to the insurance agent.

Mary provided mitigating circumstances of a water leak to the Council to consider for an exception. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the water and sewer adjustment based on the mitigating circumstances. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Jo reported that she was contacted by Joyce Geis, Rush County Hospital. The hospital would like to bring a mobile unit to Glenwood once per week beginning January 1, 2024.

Jo said she received complaints regarding corn dust blowing to homes and vehicles. One person plans to hire an environmental attorney and hold a meeting in town. Others agreed that the corn dust was excessive. Geoff Wesling said the Right to Farm Act needs to be considered but it does not allow for damage to property. He suggested contacting IDEM and Denny said he will contact IDEM.

Denny said would like to install bus stop signs. The matter was tabled and Denny will get more information.

Mary commented that she attended the legislation reception she attended at the recent Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission meeting. Senator Jean Leising spoke about the federal monies available but that smaller communities are having difficulty meeting all the requirements. Mary told her the Glenwood has a similar situation where a large amount must first be spent before we can get a commitment for the project. The Senator said to send her the information. Mary was waiting until the USDA meeting before following up.

Also, at the EIRPC meeting, there was discussion of BEAD Funding for broadband. The problem with the Broadband funding is that providers are not willing to invest their match in areas less populated. The Senator said it is important for people to submit information about their internet. There is a phone number to call if using a computer is not convenient or available. Website is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/indianabroadband> and phone number is 833-639-8522. This is an OCRA survey. Mary will post this information on the town's website.

Mary presented the Council with water and sewer delinquent balances for customers that have moved or property ownership transferred. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the write off of \$483.04 water charges and \$1709.68 sewer charges. Approval was unanimous. Mary also stated there are some accounts with zero balances but the system has charges that need cleared in order to delete the accounts. She will work with Keystone for that correction.

Mary said she received a statement from USDA that they were charging the Town's account for \$32,698.03 for principal and interest on the wastewater loan. She has contacted them with documentation to show the payment should just be interest in the amount of \$6,899.84.

Mary asked the Council for information that want listed in the AIM contact list. This information will not be published. Council members agreed to provide AIM with their emails and phone numbers to receive information.

Mary provided correspondence that the Rush County Stone Company is increasing prices beginning January 1, 2024.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. Paul stated there is an issue with raising the lift station pump. Someone needs to get into the lift station to repair the pump.

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