

May 13, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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; and Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator. Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney, was absent.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the April 9, 2024 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. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to waive the workers compensation insurance requirement for D&S Water-Wastewater Service for services performed. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$2,739.19	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$3,741.58
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$184.21	Payroll Fund	\$4,886.70
Park Fund	\$181.12		
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$6,542.54	Total	\$20,475.34

Unfinished Business

An update from the Rushville City Council meeting was received from Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., Denny Richardson and Thomas attended the meeting. Mayor Pavey plans to reach out to Mayor Frank and Brad Colter to schedule a time to discuss water capacity/availability at their current WTP and future needs to accommodate a large regional project. Mayor Pavey was also going to reach out to Rush County to have further discussions and to schedule a meeting with all parties.

Thomas stated that he reached out to Congressman Pence's office for assistance with obtaining USDA funds from the federal level for the water project. The Congressman declined to assist. Thomas also reached out to Jefferson Shreve regarding the water project with a positive response.

Thomas also said that Shawn Kleinpeter has been in contact with Bill Hawkins at the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) regarding the status of the project. Bill Hawkins is aware that Glenwood will have difficulty moving forward with the project without additional financial assistance.

The Council discussed that at this time only having the State Revolving Fund Grant/Loan money may not be sufficient to complete Glenwood's portion of the project. Thomas said the Council can wait until the June meeting for a decision. The Council tabled the discussion.

Paul Sembach provided the Council with an update regarding the status of the Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory. assistance has been received from the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water (AIRW) through the services of US Hydrovac. This was done by potholing various water services, both on the Utility side & the customer side at sites randomly picked by AIRW. One service line triggered a yearly letter to the owner of that property advising that they have a galvanized line in need of replacement due to it may have had a lead service line on the utility side previously. Paul said the annual letter can be eliminated if someone digs down and finds the original service line to determine its material. The Council agreed to sending annual letters. Paul will add this process to the list of tasks on the monthly report.

Paul stated the Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory can now be submitted to IDEM and meet the October deadline. No lead lines were found. Denny stated he will review the inventory before it is submitted.

David asked when the no parking signs would be installed. Paul said he was unsure when he would get this done. There will be two signs at the parking lot across from the Community Center, one sign at Town Hall, and one sign at the Fire Station.

Denny is working on quotes for bus stop signs.

Denny has been in contact with someone to put speed bumps in the north/south alley and fill some pot holes.

Mary reported that she talked to a Carthage Council Member and was told they also do not have a Marshal. Denny plans to talk to a Fayette County Deputy.

Jo reported that the Rushville Fire Department does not provide unsafe property reviews outside Rushville. Jo will research further to find a certified inspector.

The Council agreed to hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. This person will not be certified but can perform the monitoring of ordinance violations and send appropriate letters. Mary said she could help with letters if someone is found to help with work in her office.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve Ordinance 2024-1 American Rescue Plan Act. This revision includes adding the recent water project. Approval was unanimous.

Other uses from ARPA funds were discussed. David will obtain quotes for new LED lights for the Community Center. Denny is working on getting a quote for a counter shutter at the Community Center. Quotes were received for repairing the Community Center ceiling but the matter was tabled until the June meeting.

Denny confirmed two dumpsters will be delivered on June 20 for the June 22 clean-up day. The cost was confirmed at \$500 each with no additional charges.

The Council discussed getting business cards ordered using the town mural as the background.

Denny stated that he is working with Lexi Keen (who painted the mural) to paint the two town signs on the highway entrances. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to authorize Denny Richardson to contract for the sign painting in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to include labor, paint, and supplies. Approval was unanimous.

The Council discussed selling two town former police vehicles with Geoff Wesling. It was agreed to post for sealed bids to be opened at the June meeting. Denny will get the decals off the police vehicle. Mary said she would prepare a notice for Geoff's approval.

Mary presented the Council with an affidavit form a property owner requesting the Town waive the sewer charges on a vacant house that will be demolished. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the request to waive sewer charges retroactive to April 1, 2024. Approval was unanimous.

New Business

Paul provided the status of the Water Self-Audit that is due by August 1, 2024, He has received documentation from the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mary reported that Glenwood is on Duke Energy's list for the Rider 42 Program. This grant will convert the one remaining street light to LED. Mary passed along the budget for the savings. It was noted that there are three lights that need converted. One street light is at 208 N Main and the other two are behind the Community Center. Mary agreed to follow up with Duke Energy to add the additional two lights.

Reports

Mary stated she attended the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) meeting in Connersville on April 25, 2025. A representative from CHA Solutions provided information regarding Brownfields grants. They have 100% grants for property assessments. The property does not need to be owned by the town for an assessment, but the property owner needs to approve it. If issues are found, remediation grants can only be provided if the town purchases the property. There have been situations where an agreement allows for the town to purchase the property and sell it back to the property owner. Mary said if anyone was interested, she can provide the contact information.

Mary said at the EIRPCA meeting, it was mentioned that Rushville has received a SS4A (Safe Streets for All) Grant for SR 3 through INDOT. This grant will provide a transportation study for SR 3 between I-70 and I-74. IU wrote their grant application. Mary was told the SS4A could address sidewalks. There is a 20% match. Mary said it looks like this grant would cover radar speed signs but maybe only the planning stage. She asked if anyone wanted to contact IU about their help.

It was noted that the Rush County Area Plan Commission (APC) will be working on more than revising the solar section of the zoning ordinance. Based on the proposed Comprehensive Plan, other sections will need updated to align with goals within the plan.

Mary reminded the Council that the public presentation of the county's comprehensive plan's draft is June 10, 2024, 7:00 pm at the Rush County Courthouse. The presentation of Glenwood's portion of the plan is June 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Glenwood Town Hall.

Jo reported that the two basketball nets at the park need replaced. Jo agreed to purchase the nets.

Jo discussed the April water tests reports. Jeff Fish, Commonwealth Engineers, found issues with the test results. Paul stated there were chlorine issue in April that may have caused the issue. Jo will follow up with Jeff.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to accept the proposal from D&S Water-Wastewater Service in the amount of \$100.00 per week for testing of chlorine, iron, manganese, and ammonia. Approval was unanimous. The testing will begin this week.

Mary provided some miscellaneous updates. One is that she has been required to file a quarterly INDOT report even though the sidewalk project was completed in December 2023.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. Repairing Well #2 was discussed. Repairing the riser on the drain on North Main Street was discussed.

Other Business

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer