

August 11, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, Council President, opened the monthly Town Council meeting. Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was taken and present besides Denny were Jo Temple, Council Vice-President; David Miller, Council Member; Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer; Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator; Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer; and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney. Chris Reynolds, Marshal, was absent. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the July 14, 2025 council meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made 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.

General Fund	\$12,813.52	Water Utility Meter Deposit Fund	\$150.00
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$193.81	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$4,022.30
Park Fund	\$332.25	Payroll Fund	\$5,095.97
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$6,996.27	Total	\$29,604.12

Mary stated a cost exceeded the appropriation and requested appropriation funds be transferred. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the resolution to transfer appropriations. Approval was unanimous.

#### Unfinished Business

Denny reported that he received a phone call from Representative Jefferson Shreve confirming that Congress approved the \$2 million-dollar grant he submitted to pay for the water utility's improvement project to bring water from Connersville. The next step is for Congress to approve the funding. Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., discussed the \$400,000 match that will be required for this grant. More follow up will occur later pending Congress's approval of the funding.

Thomas stated that their office and Kleinpeter Financial Group LLC discussed the project with the Indiana Finance Authority. They agreed that the timing was not going to allow the State Revolving Loan for the project to close in SRF's fiscal year. This project request has been moved to their 2027 year which begins on July 1, 2026. Glenwood ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the SRF priority list. Thomas is also in contact with USDA.

It was stated that bids are still being requested for stone for the fire station and lagoon.

Mary provided the Council with the revised proposal for the ordinance to regulate the operation of golf carts and utility terrain vehicles. She added the wording that was present to the Council at the July meeting. The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and made a few changes. The Council agreed that Mary can post the ordinance for a September public hearing.

Mary stated she had drafted an ordinance regulating garbage, trash, and burning within the town. She researched other towns. Mary gave the draft to Brayton for review and to add his recommendations. They will present a proposed ordinance to the Council at the September meeting.

The police vehicle repairs discussion was tabled.

The key inventory project in progress.

The Council discussed the unplotted alley on State Street. They agreed to obtain a quote to cut down two dead trees in the alley. Brayton will follow up with an adjacent property owner regarding junk items close to the alley. Town employees will spread mulch in the alley.

Mary's concern that there is currently no zoning protection for the Fayette County side of town was discussed. Mary stated that the Fayette County Area Planning Commission's Director confirmed that their office will not address any zoning in Glenwood because the town is incorporated and has not filed with their office to be subject to Fayette County's zoning ordinance. Geoff said he will talk with the Fayette County Director.

The Council reviewed the 2026 budget proposal. Mary stated the 2026 budget for the town funds calculated better than expected but she has concerns regarding planned property tax reductions.

Mary commented on some of the budgeted items. Mary stated that she does not recommend reducing the 2025 general fund appropriations, but does recommend reductions for other funds to add those amounts to the 2026 budget. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to reduce 2025 appropriations as listed in 2025-6 Resolution to Reduce 2025 Appropriations and Transfer Funds. Approval was unanimous.

Mary discussed the water and sewer 2026 budgets for various funds. Mary mentioned that the water operating fund will be tight in 2026 even with estimating the water rate increase. The sewer operating budget reflects a little more expenses than income, but there is an ample sewer balance. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the water and sewer budgets for various funds. Approval was unanimous.

A second quote for the water tank inspection has not yet been obtained.

### New Business

Mary noted that when she provided the Rush County Solid Waste Management Director with the Council's appointment information, she was questioned about Eric Lower's position on the Rush County Emergency Management Agency Board. Mary thought the Fire Department made that appointment and asked Paul to check with Eric and let him know about the need to give appointments a term. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to reappoint Eric Lower to the Rush County Emergency Management Agency retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Approval was unanimous. Mary will notify the EMA Director and Paul will inform Eric.

Paul discussed the recent disinfection by-products violation.

Mary stated that the Park Board meeting on July 29, 2025 at the Community Center went very well. The Board decided to meeting at 6:30 PM on the last Tuesday of each quarter. Holidays may cause a change in the meeting date. The next meeting will be on September 30, 2025.

The park sign need changed and there was discussion if it applied to the entire park or just the playground. Also, a new parking in the rear sign is needed but the Council agreed that a new sign should be put on hold until the playground design is finished.

Mary said that the Foundation has requested families with children be included in the park design. The Park Board and Mary agreed to ask some local families. There are many out-of-town people that use the park. Mary will let Chris know of anyone that would like to be involved.

A request was received for permission to hunt geese at the lagoon. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the request to hunt geese at the lagoon beginning September 1, 2025 with the requirement that the legal affidavits are provided for each person at the hunt. Approval was unanimous. Mary will send notification.

## Reports

Denny stated that he is still waiting on a company to get back with him for blacktop repair quotes.

Mary reported she wrote procedures for the live streaming process and has everything on the website.

Denny and Mary attended the Lilly Grant Steering Committee on July 16. An update was provided.

Mary asked how the Council liked the Dropbox for the meeting packets. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to keep Dropbox account at a cost of \$15 monthly in annual payments. Approval was unanimous.

Mary noted that she was able to get the Adobe standard plan for less than expected.

Mary expressed her concern that the town dumpster charge has gone from about \$37 to \$76.

Mary reported that there have been issues with the town hall computer connecting with the Clerk-Treasurer's computer. Sometimes it is almost impossible to post. Mary had the town's IT person clean the computer, especially the "Potentially Unwanted Programs", reset Chrome and Edge and apply Windows updates. This is something that needs to be done annually anyway. The IT person said the issue is the internet. Mary personally had two boosters added at home and I had some improvement. I thought that might be good for the town hall. I was told it would not as it is an outside issue. Mary has put a new process in place for the times that the internet makes the process too slow to post.

Mary said the IT person said the Clerk-Treasurer's computer has a high memory usage. It is past time for the town hall computer to be replaced. It was determined that the best solution is to move the Clerk-Treasurer's computer to town hall and Mary will use the new one. The Council should have a quote at the September meeting.

Mary reported another water leak where the adjustment was made based on the policy. There have been two leaks this year and Mary does not feel that warrants the cost of offering a service.

Brayton provided an update on Glenwood's blighted property.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report.

The Council was appreciative of an offer to receive Glenwood memorabilia.

A town citizen expressed a desire to start up the Glenwood Old Fashion Days festival. He remembers this festival from years ago. A target is 2026 Labor Day. There was enthusiasm for holding this event again but details will need to be worked out.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer