

January 13, 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. 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; Chris Reynolds, Marshal; and Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer; and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the December 9, 2024 council meeting and December 26, 2024 special 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.

General Fund	\$12,353.27	Water Meter Deposit Fund	\$235.09
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$190.92	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$9,482.67
Park Fund	\$297.55	Payroll Fund	\$6,607.21
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$11,503.42		
Water Utility Bond & Interest Fund	\$16,730.00	Total	\$57,400.13

#### Unfinished Business

The Council discussed the water utility improvement project. Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers, is scheduling a meeting to discuss the project.

The homeowners requesting an exception to Glenwood's 2018-1 Animal Ordinance were present. They now have more animals than when the request was made. There are still ten chickens. They now have four horses/ponies from three and three goats from the one goat. They stated they want two more horses/ponies.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to allow the following animals at the requestor's property on 304 W State Street, Glenwood, Indiana: Three goats, up to six horses/ponies, and ten chickens with restrictions. Proof each animal being either an emotional support animal or enrolled with 4-H. The exemption will expire on January 13, 2026. This exemption may be revoked if the property is not maintained and kept clean with regular removal of excrement at least twice per week. The setback is ten feet from all property lines unless a waiver from the adjacent property owner is provided. Approval was unanimous.

Mary reported that the Rushville Animal Shelter will not address dog issues in Glenwood or Carthage. Mary has been in contact with officers in Carthage. For decades, dog complaints would be received by town representatives, especially the Town Marshal. That person would contact and work with the Fayette or Rush County animal shelter which was referred to as the dog pound. The town ordinance still has this contact information which might be why the shelter will not respond. Mary suggested someone visit the Rush County Animal Shelter and determine if we need to change our ordinance for a direct contact to them. Mary did contact Dave at the Fayette County Animal Shelter and they still will come out to take care of dog situations on the Fayette County side of town.

David will contact the Rushville Animal Shelter. Mary said she will draft an animal ordinance revision.

Denny asked if parts were ordered to repair Well #2 with no response from Paul.

Brayton stated he sent four certified letters covering violations. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Brayton Buckley to send violation letters without prior approval and to report the letters and status. Approval was unanimous.

The Council discussed completed projects: Community Center ceiling and LED lights project: Relocation of two radar speed signs installation, and installation of two new radar speed signs.

Denny reported the rubber mulch has been purchased and taken to the park. When the weather permits, Paul and Jack will distribute the mulch in the park.

Mary asked if anyone wanted to draft a noise ordinance. The Council agreed they would wait until Mary had time to draft one.

Mary provided the Council with the water bond arbitrage report. The results were that Town is not required to make arbitrage rebate or other related payments or file any reports with the Internal Revenue Service including IRS Form 8038-T. This review process will need to be completed every five years.

Mary followed up with the December meeting's discussion of the status of the water funds. She stated that the financial advisor reviewed the 2020 Glenwood is required to maintain a 1.25 Debt Service Coverage as outlined on the bottom of the AMP. Which is justification to stay legally compliant with the loan requirements. Mary said she will provide an ordinance draft and financial documentation at the February meeting.

### New Business

Nick Thomas, Falmouth Farm Supply, provided the Council with a map showing planned improvements at the Glenwood site. The improvements are projected to cost from \$1,300,000 not to exceed \$1,400,000. Mr. Thomas stated that would be a \$100,000 tax benefit. Mary stated the tax benefit would be much lower. The plan is for 90' silos to be adjacent to where the town's well is located. Mr. Thomas offered to pay the town \$100,000 for the well. Denny expressed long-term concern over releasing this well. Jo confirmed a Commonwealth Engineer stated this was the town's best well. Denny said he was willing to work with Falmouth Farm Supply if they place the silos further back from the well. Mr. Thomas will be at the March meeting to discuss the matter.

Mary provided a water leak adjustment request to the Council. Ordinance 2017-2 allows for a leak adjustment once per year. This leak is the second leak but not in the same location. Paul explained there was no way for the customer to know about the leak until after receiving the water bill. After reviewing all the mitigating factors, a motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to adjust the December billing for the November service to have the water/tax (\$470.36) and \$35.00 sewer for a total of \$505.36. Approval was unanimous. Mary agreed to allow a six-month payment plan that she will manually track.

The Council discussed the water ordinance and questioned allowing any water adjustment since the water went through the processing cost. Mary stated the leaks are not frequent but may cause a hardship on customers. They discussed providing the option of leak insurance. Mary had conducted research before the ordinance was established. She agreed to do some research again.

Mary reported that there is no Park Board member that needs a membership renewal. She noted that the Park Board requested the Community Center's south side soffit be replaced. It was agreed that Denny would contact a local company, St John's Exteriors, LLC, to replace the soffit.

### Reports

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to reappoint Mary Richardson as Glenwood's representative to the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) and the Rush County Area Plan Commission. Approval was unanimous.

Mary provided information from the American Legal Publishing regarding the ordinance codification service. The ordinances would be on their website with access from the Town's website. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the service with an initial cost of \$1495 and annual fees estimated at \$200. Approval was unanimous. Mary will contact the company and said she may need some help to gather the documents.

Mary reported there was a complaint regarding not clearing snow from a driveway. The SBOA directive is that sources and uses of funds must be limited to those authorized by the enabling law, ordinance/resolution, or grant agreement. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Towns, Chapter 1). Public funds may not be used to pay for personal items or for expenses which do not relate to the functions and purposes of the unit. Any personal expenses paid by the unit may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Towns, Chapter 1). Mary requested Paul to notify everyone that works on the street of this requirement that must be followed.

Mary notified everyone that the IRS mileage rate has increased to 70 cents per mile.

Mary shared correspondence that Big B Waste Services has been sold to Rumpke.

Mary encouraged the Council to attend the AIM Legislative Dinner at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis on February 5 at 6:30 P.M. The dinner is complementary with reservations due by January 23. Members will be seated with their legislators.

Chris discussed the need for law enforcement equipment, uniforms, vests, etc. He will provide quotes.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. The wellhead protection plan needs to be updated by May. Paul needs seven more hours for his license.

#### 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