

May 12, 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 April 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	\$5,483.40	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$4,946.86
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$189.96	Payroll Fund	\$6,264.24
Park Fund	\$164.57		
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$7,334.66	Total	\$24,720.68

Mary requested the town approve transferring funds from the water depreciation account to the operating account and transfer appropriations. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to transfer \$10,000 from the water depreciation account to the water operating account effective today and to transfer necessary appropriations. Approval was unanimous.

Charles Smith, Rush County Council, explained an error that caused the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department's LIT tax to not be budgeted. He requested the Council approve an interlocal agreement to the Rush County Auditor to provide the \$1083.55 to the Fire Department. This will not reduce Glenwood's tax revenue. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the interlocal agreement allowing the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department to receive the LIT revenue. Approval was unanimous.

#### Unfinished Business

Mart reported that the Water Improvement Project support letters have been received from Senator Jean Leising, State Representative Lindsay Patterson, Clara Judd, Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC); Fayette County Commissioner Dale Strong, and Connersville Mayor Chad Frank. These letters were forwarded to Congressman Shreve who has applied for a water grant from Congress. This project is a priority for the Congressman but Congress needs to pass a budget first.

A stone quote was provided for the fire station parking lot. The estimated stone was 60-70 tons. The matter was tabled until June pending Denny obtaining another quote.

Mary explained that on April 25 she requested the noise ordinance public hearing notice be published by May 2nd. She received acknowledgement but on April 30 she discovered the publication would be on May 3rd which would be too late. She cancelled the publication. It worked out as the entire proposed ordinance being published would have been expensive. Since then, she found confirmation that other towns post a recap of the proposed ordinance listing how the full ordinance can be obtained. Mary will post the entire propose ordinance at the Post Office and on the town's website. The town hall phone number will be provided to request a copy. Geoff Wesling approved the notice. The Council agreed to hold the public hearing at the June 9 meeting and post the notice as mentioned.

Mary provided an animal ordinance revision draft. Mary had researched what other towns have implemented. Mary asked for any changes especially regarding the chickens and goats sections. The Council stated to publish the ordinance draft as written for the public hearing at the August meeting.

Mary commented that Brayton had scanned through the standard ordinance provided by American Legal Publishing and did not notice anything that conflicted with town ordinances. Mary has not yet sent town ordinances to the company.

The Council received a quote for police patches. After discussion, a motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to purchase two patches. Approval was unanimous.

Denny said that Paul and him will work on the key inventory and obtain needed keys.

Mary stated that she had provided the Council with different live stream options and Denny had also provided a quote. Mary recommended the Council consider the person that Carthage has contracted with. For \$2500 per year, he supplies the equipment and adds the video to YouTube. Mary expressed concern about being ready for the July meeting. She said the other towns have already been set up and the SBOA gave plenty of time to implement a process. No action was taken pending further research.

Paul reported that the Wellhead Protection revision is primarily completed and should be filed before the due date.

The Council discussed the April 15, 2025 passing of Senate Bill titled Local Government Finance. This bill provides property tax relief that will impact local governments. The new law provides a 10% property tax credit for homeowners, capped at \$300. This credit, which reduces the property tax bill by 10% with a maximum amount of \$300. Mary stated the property taxes are 63% of the general fund revenue. The 2025 projected property tax revenue is approximately \$90,000. A 10% cut would be a big impact to Glenwood.

Jo stated that three 39-yard dumpsters have been ordered from Bowles Construction for Saturday, June 7, 2025 at a cost of \$575 each.

### New Business

There was no discussion regarding bus stop signs.

Denny stated alley speed bumps will be contracted.

The Council discussed the ADA sign in front of the town hall. Paul will look for a sign that may be in the town garage.

Mary recommended the Council revise the current trash ordinance and include not burning trash. The current ordinance includes licenses for trash vendors which has never been implemented and she requested that section be removed. Mary also provided a copy of the trash section in the Rush County Zoning Ordinance and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) burning requirements which includes not burning trash. Mary recommends that those requirements be referenced in the revised ordinance. Mary volunteered to write a draft ordinance.

Paul provided the Council with a Bastin-Logan quote of \$1820 to chlorinate Well #2 as requested by IDEM. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Paul Sembach to contract with Bastin-Logan. Approval was unanimous.

D&S Water-Wastewater Service presented a quote to install a butterfly valve at Well #2. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the valve installation. Approval was unanimous.

Mary noted that she received information that the CenterPoint Energy Community Safety grant application is open until May 30. Mary said she is willing to complete the application. Chris Reynolds had stated it would be nice to have a defibrillator and one mobile and two portable 800 MHz radios as emergency communication. Mary stated the grant is for up to \$2500. She said the application does not

require a match but she suggests providing a 20 percent match. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Mary Richardson to file for the CenterPoint Energy Community Safety Grant with the Town providing a 20% match. Approval was unanimous. Mary stated she will need quotes for the application.

### Reports

Mary stated that on May 3rd, the revised solar section of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance was approved as a favorable recommendation to the Commissioner. Mary also noted that she had been asked to serve on the Steering Committee for updating the entire zoning ordinance and put it in a more efficient format.

Denny reported that the Rush County Solid Waste Management Board is improving the transfer station to allow for more trash.

Mary reported on the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC) meeting on April 24th. A presentation was provided regarding grants for brownfields. The Council did not want to pursue this grant at this time.

Mary noted that she posted the required Title VI notice. She also purchased two frames if the Council would like to place this notice and the video notice in them.

Les Day, D&S Water-Wastewater Service provide a recap of the weekly water tests. He said the results were good but the hydrants need flushed more often. The water tank can also be flushed. Paul stated he currently flushes in the spring and fall. Les suggested monthly. The Council agreed that there should be monthly flushing.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. Paul stated that there was a violation in the drinking water standard and letters need to be sent to water customers. Mary offered to print the letters and mailing labels and have them sent.

### Other Business

A citizen stated that there is loud music again on Durbon Street. The Council said the noise ordinance may help.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer