

March 9, 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; Chris Reynolds, Marshal; Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer; and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens.

Denny opened the public hearing for the proposed Ordinance 2026-3 regulating open burning within the Town of Glenwood. Each person wishing to speak went to the podium and signed the attendance sheet. Speakers were given three minutes to speak. There were no comments.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to close the public hearing. Approval was unanimous. Denny reopened the council meeting.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the February 9, 2026 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 Vouchers and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers. Approval was unanimous

General Fund	\$4,431.18	Water Utility Operating Fund	\$8,092.58
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$196.08	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$3984.12
Park Fund	\$601.26	Payroll Fund	\$4,543.03
Public Safety	\$139.95	Total	\$21,988.20

Unfinished Business

Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineering, discussed the 1.25-million-dollar grant from Congress. This will primarily cover the design for the proposed water improvement project to pipe water from Connersville to Glenwood. Glenwood will receive \$1,000,000 and \$250,00 will be required for the match. Thomas reminded the Fayette County Commission and Fayette County Economic Development Director that they had previously committed to some financial aid. There is a meeting on March 10 with Commonwealth, Glenwood's financial advisor, State Revolving Loan, and United States Department of Agriculture regarding their involvement with this project. Thomas will file the appropriate reports with these agencies that are due by March 31. Thomas also stated he discussed the project with the Rushville Mayor suggesting their investment in the design to obtain a ten-inch pipe versus the six-inch pipe needed for just Glenwood. A larger pipe would be needed for any future Rush County need for more water. Glenwood will need to apply for the \$1,000,000 but that will not be needed for several months.

Paul asked about construction permit information. Thomas said he will follow up with their engineer.

Denny stated he is working with a vendor for a quote for the fire station driveway stone.

Denny is still working on the key's replacements and inventory.

The town hall shingle will be replaced when the weather is better.

Mary reported that Hall Signs cannot find the town's previous street signs order. Therefore, a setup sheet needs to be completed. When she receives that, she will finish the order for a Kendall St sign and another park information sign. Denny and Paul will provide the setup sheet for Mary.

Paul said that the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water does not yet have the report template for the IURC Asset Management Plan.

Mary reported receiving reimbursement for the damage caused by a recent accident on SR 44. A check in the amount of \$9,339.44 covered the hydrant replacement. A check in the amount of \$4,850.00 covered the radar speed sign replacement quoted cost.

The replacement of the radar traffic sign was tabled until a new pole can be found. The sign on Main Street might be relocated to SR 44. Denny will check on getting a pole. Mary will get a quote from Hall Signs for their minimum shipment of 25 poles. Paul said other signs in town need new poles.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to approve Ordinance 2026-3 Regulating Open Burning. Approval was unanimous.

Mary expressed concerns about having a complaint drop box outside the town hall. David stated that it would be opened by Brayton Buckley at least twice per week and the box will have a sign stating it is only for complaints. People should not put payments in the box. Mary had provided a complaint form draft. David will provide box information to consider at the April meeting.

Mary explained what is available on the website for complaints and suggested the Council consider this option along with the paper submission. She can tweak the current "contact us" and "report a problem" online submission forms with drop box topic selections. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Mary to enhance the contact process on the website. Approval was unanimous. Mary will pass along complaints to appropriate people and add them to the council meeting packet.

New Business

Denny provided an update to his meeting with BSM Groups LLC. The company is installing internet in Glenwood on behalf of Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC. They are requesting a permit to install the equipment. Denny stated that they are willing to change the equipment location from in front of residential property to the town park. Mary stated that Carthage receives a franchise fee from Comcast and that years ago Glenwood had an agreement with a cable company for an annual fee.

After advice from Geoff, a motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to approve the BSM Groups LLC permit application adding a notation that the application is subject to obtaining a franchise agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC and moving the equipment location to the town park. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Mary noted that the proposed Rush County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is now available on the Rush County's website. The entire town of Glenwood is included in this UDO. Chapter Six specifically covers rural centers which include both incorporated and unincorporated towns.

The UDO includes outdoor storage, junk and motor vehicles, parking, property maintenance, unsafe and abandoned Buildings, and animal standards. There is much more covered. Later, Mary will provide a list of current town ordinances that can be reviewed to revoke or revise. Mary cautioned that duplicate ordinances may be confusing, plus it will cost more to add to the codification project.

Brayton expressed concern about the UDO being too restrictive for unincorporated areas with the example of livestock. He also discussed chapter 6.14. Mary noted that there will be a Rush County public hearing where he can express concerns. Brayton also stated he does not feel the UDO covers enough for Glenwood.

Denny discussed a proposed donation from the Lamb family that grew up in Glenwood. They are interested in placing a bench in the park and maybe planting a tree in Don Lamb's name. Mary provided information from the new Rush County UDO regarding tree requirements.

The Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department's recent breakfast was discussed as being a success.

All three council members confirmed reviewing the 2025 Annual Report that was provided by Mary. There were no questions.

Mary also reported filing the USDA annual report.

Mary reported that it is time to plan the fire department contract. There were clerk-treasurers on the cities and towns listserv that are comparing what they are providing to their volunteer fire departments. There are some towns furnishing and paying less than Glenwood.

Mary noted that the town's insurance agent is changing the town's workman comp insurance from Travelers to another company. More information will be provided later.

Mary stated she had filed a sales tax refund request for \$8.64 with the Indiana Department of Revenue on January 11, 2026 and has not received any funds or notification.

Mary said it was time for the annual air conditioner maintenance at the Community Center. David said he will provide the maintenance when it is needed.

Mary reported that there is an issue with the meeting videos. They keep dropping on the website and the system takes people to the Verkada sign on page. She has a case opened with Verkada. They stated it was an unexplained error, and engineers are working on it. If someone requests the video, she will fix it. Mary is not going to monitor the videos and continuously fix them. She asked if anyone wanted to monitor the videos until the problem is resolved.

Mary said she has received a questionnaire from American Legal and should have that completed this week. She has been talking with the representative regarding the process. There is concern that the town will have much more than the 30 pages which will cost more for maintenance. She is hoping that links to the county UDO will help reduce the cost. She found out there is a lot of work that American Legal does with the ordinances. They do not need the signed versions so sending the word documents should help speed up the process.

Mary noted that she said next to Duke Energy executives at the recent legislative dinner. During the conversation they discussed that the new pole was placed directly in front of the town's radar speed sign. One of the executives visited the town and has turned in the situation with a request to move the sign.

Chris requested the purchase of ammunition. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Chris to purchase the needed ammunition. Approval was unanimous.

Paul provided his written and oral report. Paul discussed the recent rain issues. Paul suggested an outdoor light be installed on SR 44 near the fire station. Denny will contact the Duke representative and inquire about adding this light.

Public Comments

A citizen complained about dogs running loose on the west side of town. He stated he called the Rushville Animal Shelter, and they would not come out. It was noted that the Rushville Animal Shelter and the Fayette County Animal shelter have confirmed that they will pick up dogs but will not chase them. The dogs need to be cornered. Mary said she will follow up with the Rushville Animal Shelter. Geoff did not support the town not being responsible for picking up dogs and delivering them to shelters.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer