

March 14, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson, as Council President, declared a quorum and called the council meeting to order. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens present. Present besides Denny were Jo Temple, Vice President, David Miller, Council Member, and Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer. Others present were Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney, Paul Sembach, Utility Supervisor, and Jeffrey Sherwood, Marshal.

Denny led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Denny informed the audience that the water project public hearing has been postponed until March 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. He encouraged everyone to attend.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting. Approval was unanimous. There were no amendments.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to approve the claims as presented. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$5,935.63	Water Construction in Process	\$3,012.28
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$1,101.01	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$3,613.18
Park Fund	\$112.00	Sewage Utility Construction in Process	\$231,580.02
Economic Development Fund	\$1,829.04	Payroll Fund	\$4,247.49
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$5,859.79	Total	\$257,290.44

Ben Huston, Hill-Fi Internet in Connersville, presented the Council with information relating to his company's internet service. They currently provide service reaching speeds up to 40Mbps and will soon be offering speeds over 200Mbps. Ben made a request to the Council to contract with his company to place wi-fi equipment on top of the water tower. They have had several requests for service but trees have been an obstacle. Having the equipment on the water tower will make service easier. Ben is one of the owners and OSHA certified. The Council discussed the proposal. The company is willing to pay an annual fee. Paul was concerned about the equipment damaging the paint on the water tower. The Council expressed interest and will take the matter under advisement. Ben will send their standard contract to Geoffrey Wesling to review for the Council to consider at the April meeting.

Unfinished Business

The pipe locator was purchased to finish the water construction project. When the company's check is posted to the bank, Mary Richardson will file a final claim with the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF).

Paul reported that the wastewater project should be completed by March 29, 2022. Denny has signed the documents to close out the OCRA grant for the wastewater improvement project. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to transfer \$10,612.72 from the Sewer Construction in Process to the Sewer Operating Fund. Approval was unanimous. These funds were part of the transfer of local sewer operating funds for the project that have not been needed.

Mary provided an update regarding the sidewalk project. The appraisals should be completed in approximately a month. Then the Buyer contracted by Strand will contact property owners with the monetary offer for the property. These right of ways will need to be acquired timely to meet the July 7, 2022 deadline. Mary requested Paul determine if any meters need to be moved for the sidewalk project. Marc Rape, Strand, is working with other utilities. Marc said the railroad will not be affected but he will obtain the required documentation.

The Council discussed the public hearing for the water utility improvement project which has been postponed until Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

The Council discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting roles. Each person assigned a role will be required to register through Login.gov. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to designate Mary Richardson as the Account Administrator, Point of Contact, and Authorized Representative with Denny Richardson as the backup for each role.

Mary reported that over \$798,000 ARPA funds were not claimed by Indiana Cities and Towns. Glenwood is getting \$100.84 additional funds. That gives Glenwood \$26,742 with \$26,641.16 to be received in mid-summer.

The Council discussed using ARPA funds for security cameras. The ARPA ordinance will be revised to include security cameras. Denny will research costs.

The Council discussed the blighted property on Main Street. It was noted that the sign was removed. However, the awning is still an issue and needs to be repaired. Geoff recommended taking pictures of the property. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to send the owner another letter to complete the required repairs. Approval was unanimous.

Denny reported that Duke Energy will be installing the new LED street lights within four to six weeks. He will be signing the agreement for the new lights.

The Council discussed the Community Capability Worksheet requested by Chuck Kemper, Rush County EMA Director. The last time Glenwood provided multi hazard mitigation information was in 2016. Jo Temple said she was not sure how to answer many of the questions. Mary Richardson volunteered to complete the worksheet and provide it to the Council.

It was reported that Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineering, contacted Sherri Winters at Alliance for Rural Water and they will validate Glenwood's water loss audit free of charge. Paul will contact Sherri.

New Business

Jo Temple said she received a contract from Davey to perform a tree arborist review for Glenwood. The matter was tabled until the April meeting to allow for Geoff Wesling to review the contract. The contract will be added to the meeting packet for the Council to review prior to the April meeting.

Mary provided the Council with information regarding the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department's receipts from Townships for 2022 obtained from the Townships' 2021 annual reports. The total was \$42,220 plus Glenwood provided \$9,500. Glenwood also provides the building and related costs. The other revenue would include membership from property owners. The GVFD has not yet submitted their 2021 annual report. The fire departments are only required to submit the total disbursements and not a detailed report. In 2020, the GVFD disbursed \$102,019.16.

The Council reviewed other contracts between towns and volunteer fire departments and tabled any major changes. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to postpone the April GVFD's \$1 payment to August and pay the Town's payment of \$9,500 in August. The Town will request copies of the \$1 million dollar accident and liability coverage and worker's compensation and other required insurance coverage. This change will be permanent until the contract is cancelled or renewed. Approval was unanimous.

The Council discussed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield 100% Grant opportunity. The guidelines for the grant will be available in April/May 2022 with the application due in July 2022. The Council decided not to pursue the grant at this time.

Jack Rummel requested needed equipment and supplies for the water and wastewater operations. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Paul and Jack to purchase a shop vac and miscellaneous supplies for the water plant. Approval was unanimous. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Paul and Jack to purchase an electric wrench and a second catch basket for the wastewater operation. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Mary provided the dates of the in-person meetings for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy planning sessions. This is a project through the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (EIRPC). There is a meeting at the Ivy Tech Building in Connersville on Thursday, March 17 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and one at the City Council Chambers in Rushville on Thursday, March 24 from 10:00 to 12:00 AM. Mary suggested the Council consider information from this planning to review and update Glenwood's comprehensive plan.

Geoffrey and Mary updated the Council on the Rush County Area Plan Commission's search for a new Director.

Denny reported that he has not received any invites to attend the Rush County Broadband Connect Task Force meetings.

Denny stated that he will get the Rush County Bicentennial banners. Geoff Wesling offered to purchase a banner for the Town.

Denny said there are some pot holes that need repaired. He will obtain quotes for the April meeting.

Denny discussed a complaint received that a white quad has been driving in the Christian Church parking lot. Jeff Sherwood said he will talk with the family.

Jeff Sherwood said he received a complaint about an abandoned vehicle. There was no blockage issue and nothing to be tagged.

Jeff discussed the training session he attended on February 23 through 25, 2022. He received 20 of the 24 mandated training hours.

Paul Sembach commented on the written report provided to the Council. He also mentioned that the Community Center's window was left open but there was no damage.

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