

June 12, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Denny Richardson opened the Glenwood Town Council meeting and 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 David Miller, Council Member, Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer, Paul Sembach, Utilities Supervisor-Operator, and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney. Jo Temple, Council Vice President, and Marvin Hedrick, Code Enforcement Officer, were absent.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the May 8, 2023 council meeting and May 17, 2023 special meeting minutes. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers as revised. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the Allowance of Payroll Accounts Payable Voucher and the Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers as revised. Approval was unanimous. Mary noted that only one dumpster was on the invoice. The other two will probably be on the next statement.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Mary Richardson to pay David Lay's Wiring the \$7,909.32 after the work is completed and before the next council meeting. Approval was unanimous.

General Fund	\$4,031.76	Water Utility Operating Fund	\$8,818.34
Motor Vehicle Highway	\$287.68	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$6,659.63
Park Fund	\$232.94	Payroll Fund	\$5,150.43
		Total	\$25,180.78

Unfinished Business

Curtis Naylor gave a presentation to the Council regarding the solar farm being planned near the east and south of Glenwood. The application has been filed with Rush County which has a setback of 30'. The application has not yet been filed with Fayette County and their setback is 250'. The company has filed for a Rush County zoning exception which will be heard by the Rush County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Board on July 5, 2023. Mr. Naylor provided information that he determined would be a negative effect for Glenwood property owners.

Geoff Wesling confirmed that Mary Richardson is Glenwood's representative on the Rush County Area Plan Commission Board. APC is reviewing the solar section of the county ordinance for potential changes. Any future changes will not affect the current application. Geoff noted that the current ordinance was written during a time that people in Rush County wanted solar farms. Mr. Naylor encouraged citizens to attend APC and BZA meetings in both Rush and Fayette Counties.

Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., provided an update regarding the Glenwood water improvement project. This project will bring Connersville water to Glenwood. The Council discussed the recent activity regarding the water utility improvement project. After Commonwealth Engineers confirmed with the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archeology the presence of known utilities along SR 44 between the Town of Glenwood and the City of Connersville, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") have stated that they will not require an archeological survey as long as work remains in Utility right-of-way as intended. This will be an approximate \$40,000 savings for Glenwood. After several conversations between Commonwealth and SHPO, it was agreed that since no archaeological resources have been recorded within the proposed project area and other utilities are currently installed along the proposed route, no archaeological investigations appear necessary at this time.

The water project has been reviewed by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and scored the second highest on the State's "2024" Fiscal Year Project Priority List. This list should be published in July after which the Town's financial advisor will work with the SRF to determine possible grant amounts available. Due to the status of the project, the SRF may defer the grant award to the next Fiscal Year. Glenwood's application for funding from the USDA Rural Development is in process. Glenwood is seeking financial assistance from both agencies as they will work together.

Thomas also provided an update on the lead service line (LSL) inventory required by IDEM. Thomas stated that the State is now requiring water companies to be responsible for lines from the house to the meter to ensure they are not lead. If we can get the inventory completed, the changing of the pipes can be incorporated into the planned water project. Thomas suggested that Paul contact Rachel Runge, PE | Partner, Project Manager at Commonwealth. Houses built in 1986 and prior probably have lead in the pipes.

Mary reported that the Eastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Director stated Dr. Terry Goodin, (USDA) Rural Development Indiana State Director, is making regional visits. Mary contacted him and scheduled a meeting for 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2023. Thomas Barclay said he will attend this meeting. Mary will post the notice for this special meeting.

Mary reported that Kleinpeter Consulting has sent a third income survey mailing. Town envelopes were used which may help get the 35 more responses needed. The company will do a door to door visit this month if needed.

Denny and Mary discussed the sidewalk project pre-construction meeting with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), OLCO, Inc (contractor), and Strand Engineers. Steven Robertson, Strand, will be the inspector on this project. Marc Rape will only be contacted for design questions.

The sidewalk project will begin on August 24, 2023 and be completed by October 31, 2023. Denny will make arrangements for the contractor's equipment storage. We also will need to find out the school bus stops so that arrangements can be made to work around the sidewalk construction.

Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) has awarded Glenwood with a \$3600 grant to have a mural placed on the south side of the town hall. Mary provided the Council with several steps needed before July 20, 2023 before the award can be accepted. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Mary Richardson to send the required letters to Senator Jean Leising and Representative Greg Pence. Approval was unanimous. Mary noted the first letter will be hand written. The letters will include all the required structure. Follow up letters will be sent before the final report. The Council agreed that a community supper will be scheduled to showcase the mural. Since that date is unknown, the letter will mention the event with a TBD date.

Mary agreed to post the IAC grant information on the website and provide information to Jo for the facebook. A notice will be posted at town hall and the post office. Mary will contact the News Examiner with the information.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Mary Richardson to sign the electronic grant agreement and provide all other the required documents including reports. Approval was unanimous. Mary stated she has the required Unique Entity ID from SAM and the Dun & Bradstreet number.

Mary does not believe any mural work can be completed prior to getting ICA approval after the July 20 date. She has submitted some questions to ICA.

The Council decided to table the purchase of business cards and will use a picture of town hall with the completed mural for the cards.

Mary confirmed that she sent the arborist tree findings to all the property owners. Mary also contacted the Indiana Department of Transportation regarding the trees on SR 44. A ticket was opened with the Greenfield District and confirmation was received that the trees will be investigated and necessary work performed. Mary sent a postcard to the property owners on SR 44 to explain that the State is handling the trees.

Denny reported that the security camera has been installed at the Lagoon.

Denny stated that he has contacted Marvin Rees, Rush County Surveyor. When there is a good rain, Marvin will inspect the drain at the cemetery culvert.

Paul provided three quotes for the annual stream gage recalibration. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the quote provided by B.L. Anderson at a cost of \$1600 to \$2000. Approval was unanimous. Paul will obtain all the required documents.

Denny stated that Marvin has provided the police patrol contract draft to the Rush Co Sheriff along with the town's equipment list. Marvin is waiting for the Sheriff's review and comments. The Council explained the reason that towns are having difficulty obtaining part-time police officers.

New Business

Mary noted that the unsafe building ordinance states that the Town Marshal or Council President will enforce the ordinance. The Council did not take any action to change the ordinance. Also, Mary had prepared a draft letter for a potential unsafe property. She had provided the draft letter to Geoff Wesling. Geoff confirmed the letter matched the requirements in the ordinance and can be the letter template. The ordinance requires a certified review of the property before action can be taken.

Jack Rummel stated he was now on the American Legion Board. He has noticed an old desk is being stored by the town that could be used by the American Legion. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson that the desk has no value and is considered junk. Therefore, the desk can be donated to the American Legion. Approval was unanimous.

Reports

Denny brought water from his pool to show how much corn dust is causing issues on his property. Other property owners were present and expressed their concern that the company is not doing enough to control the situation. After discussion, Geoff Wesling commented that the State Board of Accounts may take issue with town funds being used for legal fees for property the concerns of property owners. Geoff suggested the property owners collectively hire an environmental attorney which may take the case for a percentage of any court award. Geoff also suggested that any property owner with damage can file a claim with the Small Claim Court at very little cost.

At the INDOT meeting Chuck Kemper was present online and asked that Denny and Mary stop by his office. During the visit, Chuck gave Mary a flash drive of the Rush County plans. Mary provided the table of contents to the Council and because of the size of file even zipped, Mary put the plans on the town's two computers.

Denny and Mary stated the Chuck requested that a town representative attend the emergency management meetings. Chuck also wants Glenwood to be involved in the eclipse planning. The Council discussed that they have always relied on the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department to be in charge in any town emergency. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson for the only representative on the Rush County Emergency Management Board be from the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department. Any information provided to the town should be provided to the Clerk-Treasurer. Approval was unanimous.

Mary stated that she received information from Shelby County Co-Op for a summer fill for \$1.59 per gallon. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to authorize Mary Richardson to purchase the summer fill. Approval was unanimous. Another motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to approve the filling of the new 100 gas tank be made by Shelby County Co-Op and they be requested to fill the tank at the same time any other town tank is filled. Approval was unanimous.

Mary said she was looking at the trash ordinance and suggests it be reviewed for updates. It is not clear about actual trash violations. The ordinance also states that trash companies obtain a license from the Clerk-Treasurer. Mary has never worked with a company for a license and does not feel this is feasible.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report.

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