

July 14, 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; and Geoffrey Wesling, Town Attorney. Chris Reynolds, Marshal, and Brayton Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer were absent. An attendance sheet was made available for non-officers and citizens.

Denny announced that they were unable to get the link to the camera working. They will try to get the link posted in the archives on the website.

Denny opened the public hearing for the proposed Ordinance 2025-6 Regulating Animals in Glenwood, Indiana. Denny stated anyone wanting to comment should go to the podium and state their name and if they are commenting in favor or against the proposed ordinance. Each person was allowed three minutes and must sign the meeting attendance sheet.

There was a question regarding the difference between an emotional support animal section and the support animal section relating to one requiring a letter from a professional and the other one may require a letter. Geoff explained the difference.

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 June 9, 2025 public hearing and 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	\$8,629.56	Water Utility Bond & Interest Fund	\$1,580.00
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	\$189.96	Sewage Utility Operating Fund	\$5,045.44
Park Fund	\$275.43	Payroll Fund	\$7,767.23
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$9,937.39	Total	\$35,493.64

#### Unfinished Business

Based on the fact that the entire proposed Ordinance was made available prior to the Town Council meeting, a motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to suspend the rules to read the proposed Ordinance out loud, waive the first reading, and act upon 2025-5 Regulating Animals in Glenwood, Indiana. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by David Miller to approve Ordinance 2025-5 Regulating Animals in Glenwood, Indiana. Approval was unanimous.

Mary discussed information from Kleinpeter Financial regarding a 7.5 million-dollar commitment from SRF for the water project. The project is in the working fundable range for the July 2025-July 2026 period. Glenwood needs to respond by August 1 with a commitment to close the loan in a specific quarter or not in the SRF 2026 year.

Mary also provided an update that Thomas Barclay, Commonwealth Engineering, has contacted Representative Jefferson Shreve's office with an update on the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) commitment and requested the timing for the Congress grant for the project design. Thomas has also reached out to USDA to obtain a commitment.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to authorize Denny Richardson and Mary Richardson to determine the best response to the when Glenwood can close on a loan and submit a response to SRF by August 1, 2025. Approval was unanimous.

Denny reported that a contractor has not responded with a quote to provide stone for the Fire Department's parking lot and the Town's lagoon.

Mary said she has talked with the representative from American Legal Publishing and hopes to get ordinances sent to them after the budget process is completed.

Mary presented a revised Golf Cart/Utility Terrain Vehicles ordinance draft researched and prepared by Brayton Buckley with input from Chris Reynolds and herself. The Council was concerned about blocking those on West State Street from usage and would like a provision to use the sidewalk as a solution. Geoff expressed his concerns and recommended car seats and seat belts for anyone under 18 be added.

Mary stated that she did a rough draft of a trash, junk, and burning ordinance. She researched information for IDEM and also other towns. The weed/grass ordinance could be incorporated into this new ordinance but there is enough difference in the enforcement process that it might be better to keep it as a separate ordinance. Mary has given the draft to Brayton to add his thoughts. There might be a better draft to present in August.

Denny reported that the police vehicle has started and it is possible the radio is causing the problems.

Denny, Paul, and Mary will work on the storage project for backup keys.

It was confirmed that the ADA sign has been installed in front of the Town Hall.

Paul provided an update of projects he has completed at the water plant as required in a recent IDEM inspection.

The Council discussed the unplotted alley on State Street. Jo will contact the property owner and work out a plan for clearing the alley. The Town will then mow and determine if trees need to be removed.

Geoff reported that the Rush County APC Director will not handle zoning for the Fayette County side of Glenwood. A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to establish an ordinance to join the Fayette County Area Plan Commission for appropriate zoning coverage. Approval was unanimous. Geoff and Mary will prepare the ordinance.

### New Business

Paul presented the Council with Glenwood's Water Works Emergency Response Plan. The Council discussed the plan. A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to approve the Water Works Emergency Response Plan with changing the Statement of Available Funds section's wording to: The Town Council can hold an emergency meeting to authorize expenditure of emergency funds.

Mary said she has been working on the 2026 budget but does not yet have enough information. She has a budget meeting with the Indiana Department of Local Finance on Wednesday and should be able to provide information to the Council to review at the August meeting. Although the property tax changes will affect 2026, Mary feels the budget impact will be more affected in future years. The county income tax structure will change beginning in 2028 and the town's revenue will be at the discretion of the Counties.

The plan was to hold the public hearing in August and approve the budget in September. Mary said she will have the budget totals at the August meeting and would like to Council to determine the budget breakdown before having a public hearing.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Jo Temple to hold the public hearing at the September 8 council meeting and the approval at the October 14 (Tuesday) meeting. Approval was unanimous.

Mary explained that HB 1509 requires all Boards to document the board members on their website and agenda listing who appointed them and their term beginning and ending dates. This does not include elected officers. However, many towns are listing them anyway. Mary said she did put the information on the website but not the agenda. Mary also said she has added the Park Board members information to the website and will start preparing agendas with this required information. The Park Board members have expiration dates based on the ordinance. However, the Glenwood appointees to other Boards do not have expiration dates. After discussing this with Geoff, it is recommended to re-appoint these board members with retroactive dates to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. This date will correspond with the elected officers' dates and be easier to update when needed.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to reappoint Denny Richardson to the Rush County Solid Waste District Board and the Fayette County (Connersville) Solid Waste District Board, Dohn Green to the Rush County Board of Zoning Appeals, and Mary Richardson to the Rush County Area Plan Commission Board and Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board. All appointments are retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Approval was unanimous.

Mary suggested the Park Board meeting location be changed to the Community Center. It would be easier for the Board to assess anything that needs attention in the park or Community Center. The meeting would be better during the last week of the quarter. This will allow ample time to prepare information that needs to be communicated at the Council meeting.

A motion was made by David Miller and seconded by Denny Richardson to relocate the Park Board meetings to the Community Center to be held at the convenience of the Park Board during the last week of each quarter. Approval unanimous.

### Reports

Mary reported that the Rush County Area Plan Commission did not meet in June. The Steering Committee for the county zoning ordinance revision meeting was held on June 18. HWC Engineering's expertise is helping to fine-tune the existing ordinance.

Jo Temple stated a citizen on Durbon Street complained that Town was supposed to install draining pipes at the Town's parking lot. The Council agreed that this was never approved.

Mary stated she had planned to attend the SBOA school in August. However, the registration is \$500 which is more than the AIM conference. Plus, it overlaps with Glenwood's meeting. She would miss 1 ½ days. She will try to attend this training next year.

Mary said the community supper was nice.

Mary said she is having issues with only having the free Adobe. Old files are unable to be opened with a message to purchase an Arobat version. The free program also does not allow editing which is a much-needed tool. Mary talked to Glenwood's IT person and was advised to purchase the Arobat Pro which is \$25.99 per month. Mary thinks the standard version would be enough at \$16.99 per month.

A motion was made by Jo Temple and seconded by Denny Richardson to purchase the standard Arobat version at a cost of \$16.99 per month. Approval unanimous.

Mary said she plans to sort through the files and document what can be shredded. Each type of document has a special code. When she gets the files sorted, she will get a shred container from Shares,

Inc. Rush County uses them and the County Clerk said they are not expensive. It is going to take a long time to go through all the files and she will need help.

Paul Sembach provided his written and oral report. He has one quote for the water tank inspection and will have another one for the August meeting.

The Council was appreciative of an offer to receive Glenwood memorabilia.

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

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer