



TOWN OF GLEN RIDGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
3 February 2021 --7:00 P.M.

Council President Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. John Deal called the roll. A quorum was attained. Council Member Minars was absent

Town Officials:

Matt Hadden	Council Member
Gary Sullivan	Council Member
Jim Ussery	Council President
Gary Eckerson	Council Member
Alice McLane	Mayor

Also present: Town Attorney Doug MacGibbon, Town Manager John Deal,

PBSO/PBBCFR MONTHLY REPORT

- Deputy Schnell reported (up to 6 Jan) 24 logged patrol checks, multiple citation stops at Gem Lake and Southern, and 1 house call (false alarm).
- Chief Adams presented the FY 19-20 Annual Report of Fire Rescue for Glen Ridge; 26 total calls with an average response time of 7:43, both slightly higher than the previous year (20, 7:38); Manager asked Chief Adams for written copy of Engine 33's concern in re: property at 1288 Glen Rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approved minutes from 2 December 2020 (Hadden/Eckerson M/S/C unanimously)

FINANCE REPORT – November, December 2020 Reports Filed

MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

COUNCIL'S REPORT – Council Member Sullivan registered concern about trees overhanging roadway at 4015 Gem Lake; residents do not have the funds (est. \$50,000) to have them trimmed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No Report

CLERK'S REPORT - See attached printed report

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS

- Manager reported on parking project; construction slowed due to septic tank and drain field; engineer firm is modifying plans to avoid moving septic; construction should start soon.
- Manager reported that 1650 Southern had been cited with 5 violations, 3 for unpermitted building and 2 for non-permissible uses of commercial property (serving as residence and storing construction vehicles); owner claimed that Town Council had given permission for the property

to continue as a residence, and Manager found minutes from 12/7/05 confirming that claim; that violation will be removed from the citation but four remain; deadline for conforming to code is 3/13/21; Manager will inform both Code Enforcement and owner of this situation.

- Manager reminded Council to submit Form 1s ASAP; only three remain unsubmitted.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Council considered a request from Yanet Bello, 4035 Windham, to establish a home-based childcare business; motion to approve the request for a maximum of four children approved (Sullivan/Eckerson M/S/C 3-1); Manager will send letter to Ms. Bello to this effect and include a business tax request letter.
- Council considered a request from Justin Saunders, 1620 Southern, to establish a luxury car storage business in the front building of his complex; because this is not a permissible use of commercial property and because the original site plan did not include such activity, Council denied the request.
- Manager reported on SFWMD desire for municipalities to adopt ordinances paralleling their ordinance 40E-24 dealing with year-round landscape irrigation conservation measures; Council took no action, as the Town does not have the personnel or capacity to enforce such an ordinance; Manager will inform SFWMD of this decision.
- Richard Kontos spoke to Council and inquired as to the status of the report of abduction and rape of a young woman in December; Manager had contacted Deputy Schnell earlier, and she claimed inability to give out information on an active case; she did not mention in her report at this meeting; Manager will again follow up with her. Mr. Kontos expressed concern over the garage at 1625 Glen Rd. He has observed numerous individuals coming and going from that property; Council once again encouraged Mr. Kontos and all residents to call the PBSO non-emergency number if they see anything suspicious.
- Manager inquired as to future status of the election caucus; because it occurs following the qualifying period, it ends up being a meaningless exercise; Council agreed that it should be moved to November ahead of the qualifying period; next caucus will be November 3, 2021, at 6:50 PM ahead of the 7 PM meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM (Eckerson/Hadden, M/S/C)