TOWN OF GLEN RIDGE

 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

6 December 2023 --7:00P.M.

Mayor McLane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. John Deal called the roll. A quorum was attained.

Town Officials: Matt Hadden Council Member

Allen Minars Council Member

Gary Sullivan Council Member

Taylor Jantz Council Member

Gary Eckerson Council Member

Alice McLane Mayor

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

PBSO/PBCFR MONTHLY REPORT

PBSO: Deputy Williams was introduced as the new liaison officer in Deputy Schnell’s maternity absence. He reported 16 calls during the previous month, mostly to Charter School. He recommended that residents equip their homes with Ring cameras and keep their doors locked and garage doors closed.

PBC F/R: Chief Spiegelhalter reported 5 incidents in past month, 2 medical and 3 alarms; average time from call to arrival was 7:20. Reported on new recruit classes to F/R.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None that wasn’t already covered on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

* 1 November 2023 – Local Planning Agency (Hadden/Sullivan, M/S/C unanimously)
* 1 November 2023 - Town Council (Hadden/Sullivan, M/S/C unanimously)

FINANCE REPORT – Filed report for 31 October 2023; Manager reported that he closed 2nd Truist account and transferred those funds to primary checking transferred $120,000 from primary checking to Synovus in order to capitalize on interest income.

MAYOR’S REPORT

* Mayor McLane reported on her first PBIA CCAN committee representing County Commission District 3.

COUNCIL’S REPORT – Sullivan reported that he would provide lighting for the new town sign.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLERK’S REPORT – See attached printed report. Manager thanked Sullivan and MInars for their assistance on fountain and town sign, respectively. Manager announced that he would be in Ohio Dec. 8-12 on family concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

* Manager reported qualifying deadline on 12 December. He will be out of town on 11 and 12 so candidates can put dox in white mailbox; only two candidates have filed thus far.
* Manager reported on Magistrate hearing on 15 October—1255 Taylor (grass/weeds); resident did not appear, nor did the Magistrate due to personal health issue; rescheduled to 13 December; 4030 Gem Lake cited for 2nd violation of prohibited vehicle ordinance for presence of pickup and car hauling trailer on multiple occasions the end of November. Notice of Hearing sent to owner for the 13 December Magistrate hearing.
* Manager reported that there are still 3 street lights out in town; he withheld payment of the November bill until the lights are back in operation.
* Jantz reported spray paint on railing at the end of Taylor; Manager will inquire if this is under the jurisdiction of the County or Glen Ridge and seek repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

* Considerable discussion ensued re: Form 6 and the future of Town Council; Council Member Hadden submitted his resignation at 7:37 pm and Thomas Lisi was appointed by the Council to finish out his term (Sullivan/Jantz, M/S/C unanimously). Letter of resignation also received from Council Member Eckerson; position remains vacant.
* Manager reported that FPL offered to replace street lights with LEDs; Mayor signed paperwork and Manager will submit to FPL; there is no cost to the Town and the upgrade will cut ca. $40 from the monthly bill for street lighting. Manager will check to see if the light on Island Rd. is ours or Cloud Lake’s and will inquire if possible to make it a 3000K light rather than 4000K that will be requested for the remainder of the Town.
* Motion to award Manager a $5000 end-of-year bonus (Sullivan/Jantz, M/S/C unanimously).
* All present thanked Council Member Hadden for his dedication and many years of service to the Town.
* Clara McCutcheon will coordinate options for Eagle Scout projects/service projects after the first of the year.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 PM (Sullivan/Minars, M/S/C unanimously).