



TOWN OF GLEN RIDGE  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
4 August 2021 --7:00 P.M.

Mayor McLane called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. John Deal called the roll. A quorum was attained. Council Members Sullivan and Ussery were excused.

Town Officials:	Matt Hadden	Council Member
	Allen Minars	Council Member
	Gary Eckerson	Council Member
	Alice McLane	Mayor

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

PBSO/PBCFR MONTHLY REPORT

Deputy Kayla Schnell

- 3 property crimes, 2 were auto thefts from unlocked cars; Deputy Schnell reminded those present to keep car doors locked.
- 4 false 911 calls from the Town Hall phone number; no explanation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

- Will Knieper introduced himself as a new resident residing at 1505 Glen Rd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2 June 2021 (Hadden/Eckerson, M/S/C unanimously)

FINANCE REPORT – May, June 2021 Report Filed

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Hadden/Eckerson moved to suspend agenda, M/S/C unanimously

A. Proposal for commercial business:

- Dr. Brett Osborn, Neurosurgeon, 1620 Southern Blvd.; Chief of Neurosurgery St. Mary's Hospital.
- Letter of intent in progress;
- Patient care and physical therapy to be provided at location; also health/wellness/anti-aging consultation/planning
- Target opening in Feb/March 2022
- No vote necessary by Council as this business is within the scope of the Town's zoning code for commercial properties.

B. Proposal for home-based business:

- Leo Armbrust, 1360 Churchill Rd.
- Council approved home based business (Hadden/Minars, M/S/C unanimously) for a weekly group counseling session to include no more than 5 persons for no longer than two hours.

Regular Agenda Resumed

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MAYOR'S REPORT – No Report

COUNCIL'S REPORT – No Report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Attorney MacGibbon gave preliminary notice that the Town would be required to update its comprehensive plan as per state statute. More information to come.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CLERK'S REPORT - See attached printed report

OLD BUSINESS

- Council approved the expenditure of up to \$4000 (Hadden/Eckerson, M/S/C unanimously) to Adam Dionna for engineering drawings and estimates for town infrastructure engineering projects.
- Manager reported on completion of audit by Grau and Associates; major change will be in financial reporting in order to separate out revenue/expenditures for Infrastructure Surtax funds and Building funds. This has been set up via QuickBooks by manager.
- Manager reported that no money has yet been received from the American Rescue Plan Act; possible projects might include website development, street resurfacing, or septic/sewer conversion (if money can be gotten from the County). Manager proposed that a town meeting be held for the Council to receive public input on projects.
- Mayor and manager reported on code violation at 1275 Taylor: operating a business out of a home in R-1 zoning. Town received a letter from the owner's attorney indicating no business was being conducted there. (Deadline for compliance is 7 August 2021). Attorney MacGibbon questioned the address given for the business in Royal Palm Beach, as it is a residential zoned area. Manager will pursue veracity of that claim through Code Enforcement. Once that is established a decision will be made on how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Manager summarized 2021 state legislation that might affect Glen Ridge, dealing with building permits, home-based businesses, home improvements to prevent flooding, and anonymous report of code violations.
- Council authorized manager to pursue online payments for building permits through electronic means, e.g., Zelle and Venmo. (Hadden/Minars, M/S/C unanimously. Manager will research and establish that procedure.
- Council passed Resolution 2021-1 approving the budget for FY 21-22 (Minars/Hadden, M/S/C unanimously). (Budget was reviewed by Council at a workshop at 6:30 prior to 7:00 meeting.)

- Council approved establishing street number for 1620 Southern Blvd. (Eckerson/Minars, M/S/C unanimously).
- Manager reported an increase in iguanas on the property surrounding Town Hall. Council took no action.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 PM (Eckerson/Hadden, M/S/C unanimously)