TOWN OF GLEN RIDGE

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 March 2023 --7:00 P.M.

President Ussery 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

Gary Sullivan Council Member

Allen Minars Council Member

Gary Eckerson Council Member

Jim Ussery Council President

Alice McLane Mayor

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

PBSO/PBCFR MONTHLY REPORT

PBSO; Deputy Schnell sent in the following report: Crime stats for the past 30 days: no property crimes were reported. The only case numbers generated in my search came from Renaissance Charter School. There was only one false alarm call from Churchill Rd.

PBC F/R – Chief Tracey Adams brought copy of annual report; more copies to follow once mass printing is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* Residents of Windham Rd. thanked Council for the new hedgerow at the end of the street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1 February 2023 (Hadden /Sullivan, M/S/C unanimously).

FINANCE REPORT – Filed report for January 2023

MAYOR’S REPORT- Thanks to Gary Sullivan for repairing pond fountain and installing light in new parking lot,

COUNCIL’S REPORT - None

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLERK’S REPORT – See attached printed report

OLD BUSINESS

* Manager reported on meeting of CCAN that he and the Mayor attended; efforts to be made to inform us when main runway is closed; crosswind runway to close for one year beginning July; Mayor McLane seeking to fill empty seat on CCAN from Dist. 3.
* Manager reported that the hedgerow was installed at the end of Windham Rd. on 2/24/23 at a cost of $2200.
* Manager reported that FPL had cleaned up debris around the pole at 1330 Glen Rd.
* Manager reported that request for off-duty deputy patrol on 10 nights during March (11 pm – 3 am) was approved at an approximate cost of $2200. Council members received a list of the dates, but these were not distributed to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

* Council approved a variance request for business sign at 1660 Southern (to exceed current limit of 10 square feet) by DuBoy Insurance. (Hadden/Sullivan, M/S/C unanimously)
* Jared McClure, representing Jayye Capital, LLC (Justin McClure) petitioned the Council for a reduction in the $31,000 fine imposed by the Special Magistrate on 15 February for Case 2022-07 (Permitted Use) due to excessive time between the beginning of fine and notification of violation/hearing. Council voted to recommend to the Special Magistrate that the fine by levied for 18 days (Feb.3-date of receipt of notification to Feb. 20 – date of compliance) resulting in a reduction of fine from $31,000 to $9,000. (Hadden/Eckerson, M/S/C unanimously). Manager will send such request to the Special Magistrate, Max Lohman.
* Council gave first reading and approval to Ordinance 2023-1 pertaining to auxiliary dwelling units, buildings, and sheds. (Minars/Hadden, M/S/C 5-1 vote).
* Manager discussed two zoning issues with Council pertaining to trash cans and request for mobile clothing store. No action was taken. Mobile clothing store not permissible within current zoning regulations.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 PM (Sullivan/Hadden, M/S/C unanimously).