TOWN OF GLEN RIDGE

 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2 August 2023 --7:00 P.M.

Jim Ussery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. John Deal called the roll. Council Member Eckerson was excused. A quorum was attained.

Town Officials: Matt Hadden Council Member

Allen Minars Council Member

Gary Sullivan Council Member

Jim Ussery Council President

Alice McLane Mayor

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

PBSO/PBCFR MONTHLY REPORT

PBSO – No Report; PBC F/R - No report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several residents of Taylor Rd expressed concerns about security and traffic speed; item was added to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 7 June 2023 (Hadden /Minars, M/S/C unanimously).

FINANCE REPORT – Filed report for May/June 2023

MAYOR’S REPORT- None

COUNCIL’S REPORT – Council Member Sullivan reported on boat parked at 4030 Gem Lake; it had already been reported to Code Enforcement. Also an illegal wrecker in back yard. Code Enforcement will be alerted.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

CLERK’S REPORT – See attached printed report

OLD BUSINES

* Council heard revised storage unit proposal for Southern Blvd from Sam Bonamo and his associate; Council took no formal action, but encouraged the presenters to begin the formal plan approval process.
* Manager reported that resident at 4050 Windham has met the demand of Council that the new construction be painted, yard be leveled off, and grass planted prior to 31 July.
* Manager reported that the new speed hump on Churchill was installed on 24 July in the location specified by Stormwater J engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

* Council held a budget workshop at 6:30 prior to the Council meeting. At the meeting the FY 2023-24 budget was formally adopted (Hadden/Sullivan, M/S/C unanimously).
* Manager discussed changes in election policies requiring elected officials to file Form 6 instead of Form 1. Anyone in office on 1 January 2024 is required to do this by 1 July 2024.
* Manager reported on the necessity of conducting a Vulnerability Assessment for Flooding; Several small municipalities will likely work together to submit a single grant to fund the assessment. Further details forthcoming.
* Considerable discussion ensued on the issues of security and speed on Taylor Rd. Council instructed Manager to order and install a speed hump on Taylor Rd. Residents expressed concern about the activity at 1255 Taylor, including possible drug activity. Residents were told once again by Council to call PBSO anytime they saw something out of the ordinary. Council Member Sullivan is serving on a PBSO advisory board and will contact the local Captain in regard to this situation. Manager will contact D/S Schnell, our liaison to PBSO, to seek her advice on how to handle this issue.
* Council President Ussery ended the meeting by announcing his resignation from the Council effective 8/2/23 largely due to the onerous requirements of training required by the Commission on Ethics.

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