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**MINUTES OF THE
GLENDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
GLENDON BOROUGH HALL**

December 5, 2022

6 **Presiding:** Donald Young – Council President

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8 **Present:** Thomas Elliott – Solicitor
9 Kathryn Harstine - Council Vice-President
10 Amy Weisenberger-Caswell – Councilperson
11 Donna Breidinger – Councilperson

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14 **Not Present:** Melody McAllister – Mayor
15 James McAllister-Zoning Officer
16 Jeffrey Muschlitz – Councilperson
17 Beth Young – Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector

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19 **Visitors:** William Skrobut, Natasha Grotenhuis, Mike Veres

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22 The special meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on December 5, 2022 at
23 Glendon Borough Hall. President Donald Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
24 with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

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26 **Public Participation-** None

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29 **Old Business-**

30 **Snow Plow Contract-** Council reviewed the price sheet for snow plowing from Chrin.
31 President D. Young stated that the special meeting needed to be held because Chrin must
32 know by Wednesday, December 7, 2022 if the Brough will be using their services so they
33 can order more salt. President D. Young stated that their price for a one-ton dump with
34 snow plow is \$156.00 an hour but their biggest charge is for salt. Typically, the Borough
35 uses 100% salt as opposed to a salt/cinder mix and Chrin is charging \$420.00 per ton. The
36 Borough's cost for salt from Horwith is \$98.50 per ton making Chrin's markup a little more
37 than 4 times our cost. President D. Young provided Council with a spreadsheet he created
38 showing the amount of salt used in prior years for a cost comparison, including an
39 adjustment factor due to the fact that, in the years when Chrin was plowing for the Borough,
40 their drivers took longer and dropped more salt than Borough employees did when
41 plowing.

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43 Councilperson D. Breidinger asked if Chrin was charging a flat amount for the season
44 regardless of the amount of snowfall. President D. Young stated that Chrin bills the
45 Borough hourly for the truck and per ton for the salt for each storm.

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5 **Old Business (con't)-**

6 **Snow Plow Contract (con't)-**

7 Solicitor Elliott asked if there were fixed prices for the contract. President D. Young stated
8 that the only item that is fixed is the one-year term of the contact.
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10 President D. Young stated that, per the terms of Chrin's contract, they only dispatch a
11 driver when there is a minimum of three inches of snow on the ground. If it snows less
12 than three inches, or during icy conditions, Chrin will only dispatch a truck if they receive
13 a phone call from either Mayor M. McAllister or President D. Young.
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15 President D. Young stated that he has been speaking with Mayor Dan DePaul from West
16 Easton. Their Borough is no longer able to get single loads of salt from the City of Easton
17 during a storm and does not have a salt shed for deliveries. Mayor DePaul asked if Glendon
18 could order salt for them and rent our salt shed. President D. Young stated there is a
19 possibility that, by allowing them to use Glendon's salt shed, West Easton may be able to
20 make their drivers available to plow for both Boroughs. He further stated that the details
21 have not been worked out but he is continuing to discuss the matter with Mayor DePaul.
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23 President D. Young asked what happened to the plow company that Councilperson J.
24 Muschlitz had reached out to during the previous round of bidding. Councilperson D.
25 Breidinger stated that she had spoken with Councilperson J. Muschlitz and asked him to
26 reach out to the company but has not heard anything from him since. It is her assumption
27 that because their bid was disqualified for not being properly submitted that they may have
28 become disinterested. President D. Young asked Solicitor Elliott if he remembered the
29 details of their bid. He stated that he looked at whether the bid was truly balanced because
30 they were charging a lot more for bigger equipment that could have been potentially used
31 in a large snowstorm. Solicitor Elliott stated that he reached out to the company and
32 Councilperson J. Muschlitz as well with no response from either.
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34 Vice-President K. Harstine and Councilperson D. Breidinger both stated that Chrin always
35 did a good job plowing the Borough. Councilperson D. Breidinger said that her road was
36 a skating rink the last few winters and she had to call to have it salted again because she
37 could not get to her car and she doesn't remember ever having to do that when Chrin was
38 plowing.
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40 President D. Young stated that there is an adequate amount of money in the budget for
41 2023 to cover snow plowing without raising taxes, but Council needs to think ahead
42 regarding costs for upcoming years. Councilperson D. Breidinger stated that taxes may
43 need to be raised to get adequate snow plow coverage. President D. Young reiterated that
44 when he said an adequate amount of money, he meant only if there isn't a "worst case
45 scenario" regarding the weather, in which case there would not be enough money in the
46 2023 budget to cover snow plowing for the year. Councilperson D. Breidinger suggested
47 taking out a bank loan, if needed, to cover any overages.

6 **Old Business (con't)-**

7 **Snow Plow Contract (con't)-**

8 Solicitor Elliott stated that, in any community, residents expect to have their roads plowed
9 and the sewer system taken care of. President D. Young stated he is not debating the need
10 for the service; he is just questioning where the money to pay for it is coming from.
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12 Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to accept the proposed contract for snow
13 removal services for the 2022-2023 winter season with Chrin of Delaware, Inc. to include
14 the terms and conditions of their contract. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the
15 motion was unanimously approved.
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17 President D. Young asked if Council would be open to the idea of letting West Easton use
18 Glendon's salt shed for salt storage and loading their trucks, before pursuing any further
19 discussion with Mayor DePaul. Discussion was had regarding liability in letting West
20 Easton use the Borough's property. President D. Young stated and Solicitor Elliott agreed
21 that liability concerns could be dealt with in an intermunicipal agreement. Council
22 unanimously agreed to allow West Easton use Glendon's salt shed if an agreement between
23 the two Boroughs goes through.
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26 **Announcements/Correspondence**

27 Williams Township Fire Department covers Glendon Borough and if anyone is interested
28 in volunteering, please contact Williams Township at 610-258-6788.
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30 Vice-President K. Harstine made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-
31 Caswell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
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34 The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.
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43 Beth Young
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47 a tape recording and the notes of persons in attendance.]