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4		April 13, 2023
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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
12		Beth Young – Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector
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14	Not Present:	Melody McAllister – Mayor
15		James McAllister-Zoning Officer
16		Jeffrey Muschlitz – Councilperson
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18	Visitors:	Amy Veres, Mike Veres, Shana Restucci, Sean O'Dowd,
19		Charles Crivellaro, Zach Takach
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21	The regular meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on April 13, 2023 at	
22	Glendon Borough Hall. President Donald Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.	
23	with the Pledge of Allegiand	te and roll call.
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26	Public Participation-	
27	Mike Veres said that Council should have taken out a loan last year to pay for striping Main	
28	St. and High St. because the updated estimate is almost \$1,000.00 higher and he doesn't	
29		buld have been that much. President D. Young stated that the
30	cost of striping or interest on a loan are not the only considerations as there are other road	
31	projects in the borough that	need to be addressed.
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33	Shana Restucci lives across from 299 Main St. She stated that Pennsylvania State Police	
34 35	have been on site to remove multiple cats and a dog. She had pictures of the campers in the side lot that people are living in and stated that they are running conceptors for	
35 36	the side lot that people are living in and stated that they are running generators for electricity to the campers. She also stated that there are pit bulls running loose on the	
30 37	property, multiple motorcyc	1 0
38	property, multiple motorcyc	ies and bonnies.
39	Zach Takach a neighbor or	Island Park Rd., stated that he is frustrated with the known
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40 41	drug use on the property and questioned why the police can't do anything to stop drug addicts from moving in. Solicitor Elliott explained that, in light of Mario Russo's death,	
42	he has been trying to establish who owns the property to send them proper notice and that	
43	due process needs to be followed. He further explained that the Pennsylvania State Police	
44	will not enforce borough ordinances but if they receive a request from the property owner	
45	asking to have the people living at 299 Main St. removed as defiant trespassers, they will	
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6 **<u>Public Participation (con't)-</u>**

7 Charles Crivellaro asked about getting the board of health involved due to the fact that 8 there is no running water and questioned where the residents may be dumping their waste.

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10 Solicitor Elliott talked about having the property condemned but stated when it was 11 originally condemned after the fire in 2008, Mario Russo sued the borough. He stated that 12 when the property is condemned this time, a contractor will be hired to board up all the 13 windows and doors.

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President D. Young advised the neighbors to call Borough Hall with any general complaints regarding 299 Main St. but to call the State Police if there is activity going on during the night or something that needs immediate attention.

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19 Discussion was had regarding Russell Russo paying the back taxes on the property to keep 20 it from being sold at sheriff's sale but that it does not appear that he has record legal 21 ownership of the property.

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24 Minutes-

Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9, 2023, as
 presented. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell seconded and the motion was
 unanimously approved.

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30 Treasurer's Report-

31 Bills to be paid:

Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to pay all bills from the General
 Fund, Sewer Fund and Liquid Fuels. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded and the motion
 was approved. President D. Young abstained.

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\$32.00 needed to be reallocated in the Liquid Fuels account to cover Chrin's bill for salting
the borough. Treasurer B. Young suggested reallocating from budget line 406.216, Admin
Checks, as there are more than enough checks for the year and will not need to be ordered.
Councilperson A Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to reallocate \$32.00 from budget

40 line 406.216 to budget line 432.49, Snow Removal Vendor. Councilperson D. Breidinger

- 41 seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
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43 Sewer Bills:

44 Two households were posted for water shut-off. Both paid their balances in full to avoid45 water termination.

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5 Tax Collector's Report-

6 Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report, subject 7 to audit. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

8 9 **Overdue Garbage Bills:**

10 Tax Collector B. Young stated that not everyone on the monthly payment plan is up to date. She received a call from the owner of 111 Main St. to advise that she had recently 11 12 lost her job and can not make full monthly payments but will send what she can. Council 13 discussed whether to have a lien placed on the property or to allow for some leniency. 14 There is \$440.00 still due on the starting amount of \$840.00 and the original 12-month 15 payment plan was set to expire in July 2023. Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion 16 to allow the property owner to continue to make lower monthly payments but that at some 17 point, additional payments will need to be made for the balance to be paid off by July 2023. 18 Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell seconded and the motion was unanimously 19 approved. Tax Collector B. Young will call the property owner to advise.

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21 Mayor's Report-

22 Reporting on behalf of Mayor M. McAllister, Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell 23 said that there was nothing new to report regarding the site of the former Glendon Hotel.

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25 Zoning-

26 Reporting on behalf of Zoning Officer, J. McAllister, Councilperson A. Weisenberger-27 Caswell said that there have been two zoning permits, one for a fence and one for a shed.

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29 **Engineer Report-**

30 Invoices were given to Council for review. Council discussed the fact that the budgeted 31 amount for engineering for 2023 has been far exceeded due to the ongoing development 32 projects for both Chrin and PennStro. Treasurer B. Young will generate invoices to both 33 Chrin and PennStro for the engineering costs that the borough has already paid out for each 34 of their projects. Solicitor Elliott stated that he will forward his relevant charges to 35 Treasurer B. Young to be added to the invoices.

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37 **Committee Reports-**

38 **Signs-** The wrong-way sign at High and Crescent St. is very faded and needs to be replaced.

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40 **Roads-** President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell will meet to 41 check the roads for potholes and generate a plan for all roadwork that needs to be done in 42 43 the borough, specifically looking at Holly St.

- 44 **Sewer-** President D. Young stated that Pump Station 3 is currently running on one pump.
- 45 He needs to sign and return the contract to Hydra Numatic for repairs to be made.
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- 12345 6 **Old Business-**

7 Hilton St. West- Solicitor Elliott said that he received an email from Attorney Preston who 8 stated that he will prepare the deed and get Chrin to sign it.

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10 Property Maintenance Code – A workshop was held at 6:00 p.m., prior to the meeting. 11 President D. Young made a motion to do away with the Property Maintenance Code. 12 The motion was not seconded and no action was taken. Councilperson D. Breidinger 13 made a motion to adopt the PMC with Solicitor Elliott's suggested revisions regarding allowing one unregistered vehicle per property. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded. 14 15 The vote on the motion was split with Councilperson D. Breidinger and Vice-President 16 K. Harstine in favor, President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell 17 opposed. Mayor M. McAllister was called by phone to render the tie-breaking vote. 18 After some discussion, including Mayor M. McAllister, Councilperson D. Breidinger 19 amended her original motion to allow for two unregistered vehicles per property. Vice-20 President K. Harstine seconded. The motion was approved with Councilpersons D. 21 Breidinger, A. Weisenberger-Caswell and Vice-President K. Harstine in favor, President 22 23 D. Young opposed. 24 Grants for coming year- President D. Young called Keystone, the borough's CDBG 25 Engineering firm, to inquire about available grants. He is waiting for a call back from their 26 engineer with more information. 27 28 **Road Striping-** President D. Young suggested waiting to stripe Main and High St. until 29 later in the season due to Main St. needing pothole repair or repaving. After some

30 discussion, Council decided to table until the next meeting. Councilperson D. Breidinger 31 will call the contractor to confirm their end of season date.

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33 Street Sweeping- Tabled 34

- 35 Clean storm waterways on Berger Rd.- Tabled
- 36 37 **299 Main St.-** Discussed during public participation
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39 Mask requirement- Councilperson D. Breidinger questioned the end date for the mask 40 mandate at Borough Hall because masks are not mandated in many other places including 41 doctor's offices. After lengthy discussion, Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to 42 make mask wearing optional at Borough Hall. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded. The 43 vote on the motion was split with Councilperson D. Breidinger and Vice-President K. 44 Harstine in favor, President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell 45 opposed. Mayor M. McAllister was called by phone to render the tie-breaking vote. She 46 rendered an opposing vote and the motion failed.

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6	<u>New Business</u> . No new business		
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9	Announcements/Correspondence		
10	President D. Young said that he received a letter from West Easton regarding the police		
11	expansion plans stating they have no intention of assisting Glendon at this time. He spoke		
12	with both Mayor Dan DePaul and Councilperson Matt Dees from West Easton who both		
13	stated that it is not that they are unwilling to help, they are just having staffing issues and		
14	it may be a few years until they have enough coverage to share services. President D.		
15	Young discussed the possibility of reaching out to other neighboring municipalities to see		
16	if they would be willing to have officers available, as needed, for enforcing ordinances,		
17	not necessarily patrolling, at an hourly rate as opposed to a yearly contract. President D.		
18	Young asked Secretary B. Young to call the borough's insurance company to ask how an		
19	intermunicipal agreement of that nature could affect insurance premiums.		
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22	Williams Township Fire Department covers Glendon Borough and if anyone is interested		
23	in volunteering, please contact Williams Township at 610-258-6788.		
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27	Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to adjourn. Vice-President K.		
28	Harstine seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.		
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31	The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.		
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40	Beth Young		
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