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

June 8, 2023

Presiding: Donald Young – Council President

Present: Thomas Elliott – Solicitor
Kathryn Harstine - Council Vice-President
Amy Weisenberger-Caswell – Councilperson
Donna Breidinger – Councilperson
Jeffrey Muschlitz – Councilperson
Beth Young – Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Not Present: Melody McAllister – Mayor
James McAllister-Zoning Officer

Visitors: Richard Hall, Mike Veres

21 The regular meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on June 8, 2023 at
22 Glendon Borough Hall. President Donald Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
23 with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.
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27 **Public Participation-**

28 None
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30 **Minutes-**

31 Vice-President K. Harstine made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11, 2023, as
32 presented. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded and the motion was unanimously
33 approved.
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36 **Treasurer's Report-**

37 **Bills to be paid:**

38 Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to pay all bills from the General Fund, Sewer
39 Fund and Liquid Fuels. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the motion was approved.
40 President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell abstained.
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42 **Sewer Bills:**

43 No houses were posted for water shut-off.
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6 **Tax Collector's Report-**

7 Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report, subject
8 to audit. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
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10 **Overdue Garbage Bills:**

11 Tax Collector B. Young stated that two residents on the payment plan have paid in full.
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13 **Mayor's Report-**

14 No report
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16 **Zoning-**

17 President D. Young stated that he and Solicitor Elliott met with PennStro on site at 215
18 Hilton St. regarding the change in stone they are requesting. PennStro is going back to
19 LVPC for their approval with the potential of a Zoning Hearing Board meeting for a
20 variance.
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22 **Engineer Report-**

23 No report
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26 **Committee Reports-**

27 **Signs-** The wrong-way sign at High and Crescent St. is very faded and still needs to be
28 replaced.
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30 **Roads-** President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell drove around
31 the borough to look at the roads and take measurements where improvements are needed.
32 President D. Young stated that they found Franklin, Pine (paved section only), Holly, Main
33 and Front all need to have work done. He said that he hopes to have quotes by the next
34 meeting to prioritize what should be done first.
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36 **Sewer-** Nothing new to report
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39 **Old Business-**

40 **Hilton St. West-** Solicitor Elliott said that he is waiting for the deed. He did verify that the
41 description does not include the stormwater basin.
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43 **Property Maintenance Code** – Solicitor Elliott stated that the PMC will be advertised
44 prior to the July meeting.
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46 **Grants for coming year**– President D. Young said that he has not heard anything from
47 Keystone regarding grants for the year.
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5 **Old Business (con't)-**

6 **Road Striping-** Striping is pending having road work done first. Councilperson D.
7 Breidinger stated that she called the striping contractor and verified that the end of their
8 season is generally until August or September but may still stripe in October if the weather
9 is good. They also need a three-day notice for work to be done.
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11 **Street Sweeping-** Councilperson J. Muschlitz stated that he called Martin Street Sweeping
12 and they were not interested in sweeping streets for the borough.
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14 **Clean storm waterways on Berger Rd.-** Councilperson J. Muschlitz stated that the culvert
15 is overgrown and needs to be cleaned out with heavy equipment. President D. Young
16 stated that leaves and debris need to be cleaned up on Main Street and if a work crew can
17 be put together, both jobs can be done on the same day. President D. Young stated that
18 there is a storm drain on Front St. that is almost completely blocked. The storm drain
19 belongs to PennDOT but when the resident who lives where the drain is located called
20 them, they stated that the storm drain belongs to Glendon. President D. Young asked
21 Solicitor Elliott if the drain could be cleaned out using the excavator and shovels without
22 liability if any damage occurs. Solicitor Elliott stated that a request, in writing, should be
23 sent to PennDOT stating they have "x" number of days to clean out the storm drain or
24 communicate an alternative schedule, or the borough will clean it out and send them a bill.
25 Secretary B. Young was instructed to draft a letter to PennDOT citing specific location,
26 diameter of pipe and any other relevant information for documentation.
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28 **299 Main St.-** Solicitor Elliott stated that Russell Russo is the sole heir to Mario Russo so
29 he has a half-interest in the property. He states that he is informed that Russell is in his
30 eighties, has medical issues affecting his comprehension and is currently residing in
31 Florida. Solicitor Elliott has been in contact with Russell's son Steven who stated he would
32 tow the trailers off site but has not done so. Steven Russo claims that Mario's other brother
33 Frank Russo, who is also deceased, sold his half-interest in the property to Russell prior to
34 his death but the remaining family does not acknowledge the sale. Steven Russo states he
35 is unwilling to expend funds to resolve the issues with the Borough until the ownership
36 claims of Frank Russo's estate are resolved. President D. Young asked Solicitor Elliott if
37 Margaret Russo, Frank's daughter, went to the Pennsylvania State Police to file a report of
38 defiant trespass to have the people living there removed. Solicitor Elliott stated that the
39 PSP are very familiar with the situation but will not get involved, citing this as a civil
40 matter. He also said that Mario's estate needs to be opened in Pennsylvania and Frank's
41 estate needs to have an ancillary estate opened in Pennsylvania with Margaret appointed
42 administrator here. Without those two things being done, there is nobody who is legally in
43 a position to act on the property. A deed needs to be signed after both estates are opened
44 for someone in the family to take responsibility. Solicitor Elliott advised both sides of the
45 family to open the estates, have a real estate appraiser assess the value and then put it up
46 for sale. He is planning to send letters to all Russo family members to retain Pennsylvania
47 counsel to consider bringing a landlord tenant action against the occupants to have them
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6 **Old Business (con't)-**
7 **299 Main St. (con't):**

8 physically removed from the property by a sheriff or constable. He also suggested going
9 before Judge Corpora to assess fines on the family to try to trigger some action on their
10 part. Solicitor Elliott stated that it would cost the borough between \$5,000.00-\$8,000.00 to
11 prepare a complaint, have it served and schedule a hearing in court during a non-jury trial
12 week. Council discussed the suspected drug use at the property and Solicitor Elliott stated
13 that he spoke with a Corporal with PSP and was told that unless there is proof, not mere
14 suspicion, they will not pursue this, as it would involve using the Northampton County
15 Drug Task Force to set up an investigation. President D. Young asked about getting Sgt.
16 Jordon involved due to the pit bulls that are there. Solicitor Elliott stated that Sgt. Jordon
17 isn't concerned about dogs being there, he is concerned about their treatment and whether
18 the dogs are being abused. He said that his next step will be to reach out to the family again
19 and try to get them to file a complaint, try to communicate with them their need to open an
20 estate and file a notice of violations to get proceedings in front of a district judge.
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23 **New Business-**

24 **Need to hire someone to cut grass and weeds-** President D. Young called references and
25 conducted a phone interview with applicant, Stephen Greenleaf. He stated that Mr.
26 Greenleaf also has snow plowing experience and recommended hiring him. Councilperson
27 D. Breidinger made a motion to hire Stephen Greenleaf. Councilperson J. Muschlitz
28 seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
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31 **Announcements/Correspondence**

32 **Pavilion is rented on June 25, 2023 12:00-6:00 p.m.-** Vice-President K. Harstine will
33 open and close Borough Hall.
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35 President D. Young stated that he trimmed the tree near the pavilion that was hanging over
36 the road. In trimming it, he found that it was full of carpenter ants and suggested having it
37 cut down entirely. He will price renting a tow-behind lift from Home Depot to cut the tree
38 himself.
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40 Vice-President K. Harstine asked about doing away with the mask mandate.
41 Councilperson J. Muschlitz made a motion to add voting on the mask mandate to the
42 agenda for the July meeting. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded. The motion passed
43 with Vice-President K. Harstine and Councilpersons D. Breidinger and J. Muschlitz in
44 favor, President D. Young and Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell opposed.
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47 Williams Township Fire Department covers Glendon Borough and if anyone is interested
48 in volunteering, please contact Williams Township at 610-258-6788.

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Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to adjourn. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

10 The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Beth Young
Secretary