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

October 19, 2023

Presiding: Donald Young – Council President

Present: Amy Weisenberger-Caswell – Councilperson
Donna Breidinger – Councilperson (by phone)
Jeffrey Muschlitz – Councilperson
Beth Young – Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector

Not Present: Thomas Elliott – Solicitor
Kathryn Harstine - Council Vice-President
Melody McAllister – Mayor
James McAllister-Zoning Officer

Visitors: None

The regular meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on October 19, 2023 at Glendon Borough Hall. President Donald Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Public Participation-

None

Treasurer's Report-

Bills to be paid:

Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to pay two bills from the General Fund and Sewer Fund. Councilperson J. Muschlitz seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business-

Opening Snow Plowing Bids- No bid packets were submitted to be opened.

Councilperson J. Muschlitz stated that to hire a borough employee to plow snow with borough equipment, the pay rate should be raised to \$35.00-\$45.00 per hour. President D. Young stated that he was told by a borough official that the Borough of Freemansburg pays their snow plow drivers \$15.00 per hour and they have managed to maintain an appropriate number of drivers. He further stated that, at \$27.18 per hour, Glendon is on par with what PennDOT is paying their drivers and they require a CDL. President D. Young also said that after the 3% cost of living raise for 2024, snow plow driver wages will be raised to \$28.19.

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

6 **Opening Snow Plowing Bids (con't)-**

7 Councilperson J. Muschlitz made a motion to readvertise and rebid the contract.
8 Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded. Councilpersons D. Breidinger, J. Muschlitz and
9 A. Weisenberger-Caswell voted in favor. President D. Young voted against. The motion
10 passed. President D. Young said that he will advise Solicitor Elliot to run the advertisement
11 again.
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13 **2024 Budget-** President D. Young stated that in going through the budget, he found that
14 the backup generator for the pump stations has not been serviced since 2019. The previous
15 company had been bought out and the contract was not renewed. Council reviewed the
16 new service agreement from Curtis Power Solutions in the amount of \$1,081.56.
17 Councilperson J. Muschlitz made a motion to accept the new contract and have the
18 generator serviced. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell seconded and the motion was
19 unanimously approved.
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21 *Councilperson D. Breidinger left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*
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23 Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to table the budget until the
24 November meeting since there are two council members missing and they should also have
25 input regarding budgetary decisions.
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27 Before leaving the topic of the budget, President D. Young said that a vote needed to be
28 taken to reallocate money to cover the cost of having the generator serviced since the work
29 was approved. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to reallocate
30 \$381.56 from the Sewer Emergency Fund to budget line item 8429.45 in the Sewer Fund.
31 Councilperson J. Muschlitz seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
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33 President D. Young suggested briefly looking at the bottom lines of the budget. He stated
34 that in looking at the net income for the year, the borough is only up \$12,860.00. The
35 estimated value of real estate for the borough is \$10,114,200.00 total. Tax Collector B.
36 Young was directed to call the County tax office to see if both Chrin and PennStro's new
37 buildings are on the tax records yet. President D. Young also mentioned that there is
38 \$35,873.47 in unpaid real estate taxes and \$16,127.67 in unpaid garbage bills, totaling
39 \$52,001.14 in uncollected revenue for the borough. President D. Young stated that either
40 \$20,956.00 needs to be cut from the budget or taxes would need to be raised. Councilperson
41 J. Muschlitz stated he did not want to raise taxes. President D. Young stated he was not in
42 favor of raising taxes either but he was just pointing out that those are the only 2 options
43 available. He again stated that is why he prefers keeping snow plowing in-house because
44 that saves a tremendous amount of money in the budget and the only reason the borough
45 has so much money in the bank right now is because of the equipment that was purchased
46 to plow snow in-house for the previous eight years. He stated that prior to that, the borough
47 had, on average, about \$30,000.00 in the bank as opposed to the over \$500,000.00 that is
48 in the borough's bank account, currently.

6 **Announcements/Correspondence**

7 Councilperson J. Muschlitz stated that two residents on Helen Ct. and Rose Ct. would like
8 to see Berger Rd. striped due to it being so dark in that area in the absence of street lights.
9 President D. Young explained that Williams Township owns half of Berger Rd. so a joint
10 venture would need to be taken with the township and they have been reluctant to cooperate
11 on joint projects in the past.

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13 Council discussed also discussed crack sealing on Main St. Councilperson J. Muschlitz
14 asked where the specific line items are for specific road projects. President D. Young
15 explained that there is one line item for road repairs. That money can be used for paving,
16 striping, chipping and tarring but the total amount is for any road repair projects.
17 Councilperson J. Muschlitz asked how much money has been budgeted for roads. President
18 D. Young said that \$25,000.00 has been budgeted and if more is needed, grants would need
19 to be used, if available. President D. Young said that he added \$15,000.00 to the General
20 Fund road reserves, totaling \$43,221.00 for money to be used as matching funds for grants.

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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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25 President D. Young revisited Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell's motion to table
26 the budget until the November meeting. Councilperson J. Muschlitz seconded and the
27 motion was unanimously approved.
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30 Councilperson J. Muschlitz 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 7:44 p.m.
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43 Beth Young
44 Secretary
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