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

December 14, 2023

**Presiding:** Donald Young – Council President

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

**Not Present:** Jeffrey Muschlitz – Councilperson  
Melody McAllister – Mayor  
James McAllister-Zoning Officer

**Visitors:** Richard Hall

23 The regular meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on December 14, 2023 at  
24 Glendon Borough Hall. President Donald Young called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.  
25 with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

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27 **Public Participation-**

28 Richard Hall asked about the camper parked at 299 Main St. being moved from the front  
29 lot into the woods. Solicitor Elliott stated that he has been out on medical leave and has  
30 not been able to follow up. He also stated that he visited the site and took pictures but did  
31 not see where the camper had been moved. Councilperson D. Breidinger explained that it  
32 is behind the building, near the creek. Solicitor Elliott stated that he will go to through the  
33 court of common pleas to get an injunction

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35 Councilperson D. Breidinger stated that she spoke to PennDOT regarding the damaged  
36 guide rail on Island Park Rd. They are aware of the damage and it is on their list to be  
37 repaired.

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40 **Minutes-**

41 President D. Young stated that he did not have time to review all three sets of minutes and  
42 asked that they be tabled as he has corrections to both November 9, 2023 and November  
43 30, 2023 minutes. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to approve the  
44 minutes for November 16, 2023, as presented and to table the minutes for November 9,  
45 2023 and November 30,2023. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded and the motion was  
46 unanimously approved.

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6 **Treasurer's Report-**

7 **Bills to be paid:**

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

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12 **Sewer Bills:**

13 President D. Young stated that no houses were posted for water shut-off but one residence  
14 is coming close to the threshold for receiving a notice.

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16 **Tax Collector's Report-**

17 Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's  
18 Report, subject to audit. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded and the motion was  
19 unanimously approved.

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21 **Overdue Garbage Bills:**

22 Council reviewed the garbage payment plan. One resident is on the plan and is paid up to  
23 date.

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25 **Mayor's Report-**

26 No report from Mayor M. McAllister.

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28 **Zoning-**

29 No report from Zoning Officer J. McAllister.

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31 **Engineer Report-**

32 Council reviewed invoices from T&M.

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34 **Committee Reports-**

35 **Signs-** President D. Young stated that there are still two signs that need to be put up.

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37 **Roads-** Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell stated that she has noticed some small  
38 potholes but nothing that needs to be filled yet. Councilperson D. Breidinger asked if the  
39 weeds on High St. have been cut yet. Secretary B. Young said that she would call Ward  
40 and Dhollandia again to ask them to cut their weeds. If they do not respond to phone calls,  
41 letters will then be sent out. President D. Young stated that he interviewed Robert Patrey  
42 to plow snow for the borough. He is confident in his ability but is concerned about a prior  
43 back injury he is still being treated for and the potential for a workers comp. claim if he  
44 gets injured. He is also concerned about retention as that has been a problem with previous  
45 employees. Councilperson D. Breidinger stated that she already spoke to Mr. Patrey  
46 regarding these concerns and he told her he is fully committed to the borough and this  
47 position.  
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5 **Committee Reports (con't)-**

6 **Roads (con't)-**

7 President D. Young told council that the backhoe is currently taken apart. The mechanic  
8 took the cylinders for repair and will be back within the week to put everything back  
9 together. President D. Young also asked him to do a hydraulic oil change because the  
10 pistons were full of water and not hydraulic fluid when they were taken off. He is also  
11 replacing the batteries. Councilperson D. Breidinger asked if that will all be done within  
12 the amount that council approved. President D. Young said he is not sure as a bill has not  
13 been submitted yet.  
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15 Council revisited the hiring of Mr. Patrey as snow plow driver. Councilperson A.  
16 Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to hire Robert Patrey for the position of snow plow  
17 driver. Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.  
18 Councilperson D. Breidinger said that she will let him know.  
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20 **Sewer-** President D. Young stated that the estimate to repair the generator came in higher  
21 than expected but the repairs need to be made for it to be operational. Councilperson D.  
22 Breidinger made a motion to accept the proposal from Curtis Power Solutions to repair the  
23 generator, in the amount of \$2,516.11. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell seconded  
24 and the motion was unanimously approved.  
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26 President D. Young stated that there was a problem with Pump Station 1 on Liberty St. He  
27 explained that, following the monthly inspection, the overloads were repeatedly tripping  
28 on one pump. He called RKR Hess and then reset everything, ran and tested the pump and  
29 it has since been running properly. The technician advised President D. Young that if the  
30 problem happens again, to call him and he would come back out to look at it.  
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32 President D. Young also stated that the pump stations need to be cleaned again.  
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34 **Old Business-**

35 **Hilton St. West-** Solicitor Elliott stated that there is nothing new regarding the final deed  
36 from Chrin.  
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38 **299 Main St.-** Discussed during public participation. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-  
39 Caswell made a motion to authorize Solicitor Elliott to file an action in the court of common  
40 pleas to compel compliance with the property maintenance code by the owners of 299 Main  
41 St. Councilperson D. Breidinger seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.  
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43 Solicitor Elliott stated that filing a district judge complaint would be easier and less costly  
44 to the borough. President D. Young talked about the borough acquiring 299 Main St.  
45 through either a sheriff's sale or eminent domain. Solicitor Elliott suggested first starting  
46 with a district judge complaint to see if it prompts a response. He said it would be sent by  
47 certified mail and also served by a constable to the Russo family in Bangor. Solicitor Elliott  
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5 **Old Business (con't)-**

6 **299 Main St. (con't)-**

7 said that filing an action in the court of common pleas could cost several thousand dollars  
8 and was now thinking that filing with a district judge first would be the best way to proceed.  
9 He also suggested having the property appraised to give the Russo family a realistic view  
10 of the property's worth. President D. Young again suggested having the borough acquire  
11 the property for a maintenance garage for borough equipment and vehicles. Vice-President  
12 K. Harstine questioned the security regarding having a borough garage there and President  
13 D. Young stated that security cameras would be necessary. Councilperson A.  
14 Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to authorize Solicitor Elliott to hire an appraiser.  
15 Vice-President K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.  
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17 **525 Berger Rd.-** President D. Young read a report provided by Keycodes inspector,  
18 Suzanne Borzak. The condemnation notice on the property was lifted with the following  
19 conditions: Ms. Silviotti may no longer collect "Cans for Diane". She must show the  
20 borough a contract with an exterminator and the name of the contractor who will continue  
21 to exterminate the vermin at the residence. Ms. Silviotti may only have three cats at her  
22 residence. Ms. Silviotti must work out a payment plan to repay Glendon Borough for  
23 money that was spent to cover the expense of Keycodes inspector, Suzanne Borzak  
24 inspecting her residence. Any violations of the conditions must be reported to Suzanne  
25 Borzak. President D. Young stated that he is concerned with who is going to oversee the  
26 conditions, especially the number of cats Ms. Silviotti has in her home. Councilperson D.  
27 Breidinger stated that unless there are periodic inspections, the residence will go back to  
28 the same state it was prior to condemnation. President D. Young said that it is to be  
29 expected that the property will go back to its original state. He also stated that, in light of  
30 the fact that Ms. Silviotti tends to not allow anyone inside her home, periodic inspections  
31 should be part of the conditions for lifting the condemnation. Solicitor Elliott stated that  
32 Keycodes needs to provide an order to Ms. Silviotti that will state all the conditions  
33 attached to having the condemnation lifted. Ms. Silviotti would then be able to appeal that  
34 order if she wants any relief from any of the conditions. He said that he will call Keycodes  
35 inspector Suzanne Borzak to follow up with her, advising that council wants to add periodic  
36 inspections and cleaning up the outside of the property to the conditions.  
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39 **New Business-**

40 **Old Glendon Bridge-** President D. Young stated that Northampton County has secured a  
41 federal grant to take down the old Glendon bridge. The Borough's water, gas, television  
42 and cable lines are attached to that bridge. He had a meeting with a PennDOT engineer and  
43 the borough engineer to discuss their options in removing the bridge. Regarding the lines  
44 attached to the bridge, they can tunnel under the canal and railroad tracks or they can build  
45 a trellis structure to support the water and gas lines. President D. Young stated that Norfolk  
46 Southern has to approve any structure that goes over their railroad tracks. He also stated  
47 that the bridge was abandoned in the 1950s so, according to Norfolk Southern, it does not  
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5 **New Business (con't)-**

6 **Old Glendon Bridge (con't)-**

7 exist, legally. The county wants to put a crane on Main St. at the bridge, which would  
8 block off access to Man St. entirely, for four months. President D. Young told the county  
9 representative that is not a viable option due to having to detour not just local traffic but  
10 EMS, fire, police and all school buses. He said they wanted to use military lift helicopters  
11 to move the bridge but it is too heavy. The crane is able to lift the bridge but they then  
12 want to put the bridge on Main St. to disassemble it which is what would block the road  
13 for four months. President D. Young stated that because this is being done using a federal  
14 grant, PennDOT is also involved as well as the county. Both the PennDOT engineer and  
15 the borough engineer suggested that Glendon should start by sending letters to the county,  
16 state and federal entities that are involved with this project, voicing concerns and  
17 displeasure with their plans. President D. Young said that disassembly of the bridge is to  
18 take place within the next three years. He stated that he and Mayor M. McAllister  
19 previously spoke with County Executive Lamont McClure regarding opening the bridge,  
20 even as a foot bridge, for access to Hugh Moore Park. They were told that the county does  
21 not want to pay for repairs or replacement of the bridge. President D. Young said that he  
22 also spoke with Keystone Engineering regarding potential grants that would be available  
23 to do a joint venture with the county and the City of Easton to repair the bridge. He said  
24 that he would like to have a meeting with Easton mayor, Sal Panto and Lamont McClure  
25 to discuss the necessity of having the bridge available as a detour if the new Glendon Bridge  
26 needs to be closed as that is the only access, short of driving into downtown Easton, to get  
27 to Wilson. President D. Young ascertained, after talking to the engineers that the arch of  
28 the bridge is intact but the decking needs a great deal of repair. Councilperson A.  
29 Weisenberger-Caswell made a motion to authorize sending letters to the county, state and  
30 federal entities that are involved with this project, voicing concerns and displeasure with  
31 their plans. President D. Young said that he will contact Easton mayor, Sal Panto, to set  
32 up a meeting with him.

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34 Solicitor Elliott discussed the question raised by Councilperson D. Breidinger at a previous  
35 meeting regarding whether residents who are not and can not be connected to the sewer  
36 system may be billed the \$50.00 administration fee to support the sewer fund. Solicitor  
37 Elliott referred to Ordinance 2016-3, Section II which states that no sewer rental is imposed  
38 on the owners of properties within the Borough which are not required to be connected to  
39 the sewer system. Councilperson D. Breidinger asked if the maintenance fee for  
40 commercial properties may be raised without raising fees for residential. After some  
41 discussion, Treasurer B. Young advised that raising the commercial fees would not raise a  
42 lot of extra funds as there are only four commercial properties being billed and, of them,  
43 the greatest bill is for Ward and is typically only around \$400.00 per quarter.

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45 Solicitor Elliott stated that having the ordinances codified again would be helpful for  
46 researching them. Secretary B. Young asked when the last codification was done and  
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5 **New Business (con't)-**

6 Solicitor Elliott advised it was in 2006. Solicitor Elliott said that he will work on getting a  
7 price to have the ordinances codified.  
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9 President D. Young stated that he looked into getting a grant for necessary repairs to  
10 Borough Hall as well as Local Share Account (LSA) grants for repairs to Main St. He is  
11 waiting to hear from Keystone Engineering.  
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17 **Announcements/Correspondence**

18 Williams Township Fire Department covers Glendon Borough and if anyone is interested  
19 in volunteering, please contact Williams Township at 610-258-6788.  
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27 Councilperson D. Breidinger made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-  
28 Caswell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.  
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31 The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.  
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41 Beth Young  
42 Secretary  
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