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

January 11, 2024

Presiding: Donna Breidinger – Council President

Present: Thomas Elliott – Solicitor
Michael Veres - Council Vice-President
Amy Weisenberger-Caswell – Councilperson
Donald Young – Councilperson
Kathryn Harstine - Councilperson
Beth Young – Secretary/Treasurer/Tax Collector

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

Visitors: Richard Hall, Dale King, Amy Veres, Mollie Veres, Kurt Ostrander, William Skrobut, Natasha Grotenhuis

24 The regular meeting of the Glendon Borough Council was held on January 11, 2024 at
25 Glendon Borough Hall. President Donna Breidinger called the meeting to order at 7:00
26 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

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29 **Public Participation-**

30 Kurt Ostrander stated that he sees changes have been made to borough council. He
31 appreciated Donald Young’s efforts as President in saving the borough money and hopes
32 new council continues to do as well.

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34 Mollie Veres stated that she is confident and excited to see new faces on council.

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36 Natasha Grotenhuis asked for the room to be reorganized so council faces the public.
37 President D. Breidinger stated that it is up for discussion. Vice-president M. Veres stated
38 that he would also like to have the tables rearranged as he does not like having his back to
39 people.

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42 **Minutes-**

43 Councilperson D. Young made a motion to approve the minutes for November 9, 2023,
44 November 30, 2023, December 14, 2023 and December 29, 2023 as presented.
45 Councilperson K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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5 **Treasurer's Report-**

6 **Bills to be paid:**

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

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11 **Sewer Bills:**

12 Treasurer B. Young stated that two houses were posted for water shut-off.

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14 **Tax Collector's Report-**

15 Councilperson K. Harstine made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report, subject to
16 audit. Councilperson A Weisenberger-Caswell seconded and the motion was unanimously
17 approved.

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19 **Overdue Garbage Bills:**

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

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23 **Mayor's Report-**

24 No report from Mayor M. McAllister.

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26 **Zoning-**

27 Reporting on behalf of Zoning Officer J. McAllister, Councilperson A Weisenberger-
28 Caswell stated that he is working on a census report for zoning that is due within two
29 weeks.

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31 **Engineer Report-**

32 Council reviewed invoices from T&M.

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34 **Committee Reports-**

35 **Signs-** Nothing reported.

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37 **Roads-** Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell stated that Auto Zone is the only store
38 that has the battery charger for the backhoe in stock, but the borough has not been able to
39 obtain tax exemption from them. She asked council for approval to purchase the battery
40 charger and pay the tax on it. Councilperson D. Young made a motion to allow
41 Councilperson A Weisenberger-Caswell to purchase the battery charger at Auto Zone,
42 including state tax. Councilperson K. Harstine seconded and the motion was unanimously
43 approved.

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45 **Sewer-** Council was advised that the repairs to the pump station generator were done on
46 January 9, 2024.
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5 **Old Business-**

6 **Hilton St. West-** Solicitor Elliott stated that he sent an email to Jim Preston and Tom
7 McMonigle but neither has responded to him.
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9 **299 Main St.-** Solicitor Elliott stated that questions have arisen concerning the ownership
10 of 299 Main Street since the owners are deceased, and no estate has been raised in
11 Pennsylvania for either of them. Solicitor Elliott advised that a Pennsylvania statute
12 provides that, in the absence of a will upon the death of an owner, title to their real estate
13 passes to his or her statutory heirs whether or not an estate has been raised.
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15 **525 Berger Rd.-** Solicitor Elliott stated that Ms. Susan Borzak, inspector for Keycodes,
16 had informed him that a provision of the Property Maintenance Code authorizes the
17 Borough to charge a property owner for the cost of inspections and enforcement activities
18 incurred by the Borough. He reached out to Ms. Borzak asking for the citation to this
19 provision, but she has not responded.
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21 **Reimbursing Jeffrey Muschlitz for tire removal-** Solicitor Elliott stated that council
22 already discussed this. Council did not authorize Mr. Muschlitz to enter private property
23 to remove the tires alleged to violate the Property Maintenance Code. He stated the
24 Borough has no legal obligation to reimburse him. Solicitor Elliott suggested having the
25 property owner sign a notarized statement disclaiming any interest in the tires and that he
26 would help Mr. Muschlitz with the wording. Secretary B. Young stated that she would
27 email council's decision to Mr. Muschlitz and ask him to reach out to Solicitor Elliott
28 regarding the notarized statement.
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30 **New Business-**

31 **Estimate for truck repairs-** Councilperson D. Young explained the estimate from
32 Kichline's Garage to council. Councilperson K. Harstine made a motion to approve truck
33 repairs up to \$3,300.00, to be paid from the Liquid Fuels account. Councilperson A.
34 Weisenberger-Caswell seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
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36 Councilperson K. Harstine stated that it is too soon to move the tables for the meetings due
37 to Covid and the flu. She suggested revisiting the topic in the spring. It was agreed to
38 move the table by the front wall out so Vice-President M. Veres may sit between President
39 D. Breidinger and Councilperson K. Harstine to face the public.
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41 Vice-President M. Veres questioned the generator repair and whether or not council was
42 notified. Secretary B. Young stated that council was notified of the date that the repairs
43 were to be done.
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45 Vice-President M. Veres questioned why Main Street was blocked by Williams Township.
46 Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell stated that she noticed the street was blocked but
47 the borough was not advised as to why.

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New Business (con't)-

Vice-President M. Veres questioned if firearms were allowed to be openly carried in borough hall. He feels that concealed is fine, but not open carry as some of the public have said to him that they are troubled by it. Solicitor Elliott stated that a municipality may not regulate the possession of firearms and that people have the Second Amendment right to do so whether or not it makes others uncomfortable but he will look into it.

Announcements/Correspondence

Williams Township Fire Department covers Glendon Borough and if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Williams Township at 610-258-6788.

Councilperson K. Harstine made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson A. Weisenberger-Caswell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Young
Secretary

[NOTE: These minutes have been prepared by me solely from notes taken at the meeting. A recording was not available.]