

# Glenfield Borough Council Meeting

## November 13, 2023

The Council meeting was brought to order by Paul Carmody at 7:00 pm with the salute to the flag. Roll was called and present were Paul Carmody, Joel Kaminski, Sam McGee, Travis Hartzog, Curtis Reiner, David Orbison, Michael Seymour and Connie Klauck.

**Visitors:** Mark Weil, Justin Gilmore, Megan Larkin

Justin Gilmore asked Council if they would consider enacting Act 172, which provides a tax break for volunteer fire fighters. He said that Emsworth and Ben Avon already have it in place. The information has been given to Michael Seymour for review and Council will discuss further at another time.

Megan Larkin attended to get information on the recent election results. She was informed that the Borough does not have that information at the time.

**Approval of Minutes:** The September 11, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Curtis Reiner made a motion to accept the minutes and Travis Hartzog seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

The October minutes simply stating that the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum was noted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Klauck read aloud the September and October 2023 Treasurer's Report to Council. Curtis Reiner made a motion to approve the report and Sam McGee seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Wage and Real Estate Tax:** For the month of September 2023 \$3862.39 was collected for Wage Tax and \$2168.70 for Real Estate and Per Capita. For the month of October 2023 \$1062.91 was collected for Wage Tax and \$105.02 for Real Estate and Per Capita.

**Reading and Approval of Bills:** Connie Klauck read aloud the bills for September 2023. Travis Hartzog made a motion to pay the bills and Curtis Reiner seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

Connie Klauck read aloud the bills for October 2023 to Council. Sam McGee made a motion to pay the October bills and Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Police Report:** None.

**Fire Report:** None.

**Solicitor's Report:** As discussed with Justin Gilmore earlier in the meeting, Mr. Seymour will look into what the procedure is to adopting and enacting the ACT 172, which would offer an income tax break for fire volunteers, for 2024.

Mr. Seymour informed Council that a portion of Phillips Lane is owned by Allegheny County. In 1993 the procedure was started by Allegheny County to vacate that portion of Phillips Lane to Glenfield Borough. The Council at that time agreed to it but Allegheny County never got the Court to sign and complete the procedure. Mr. Seymour is currently speaking with Allegheny County because they are looking to complete the transaction. Once he gets the answers to a few questions he will inform Council.

**Correspondence:** Bids for the 2023 – 2024 snow removal have been received: Weil Winter Maintenance \$85.00/hour, Allegheny Services \$125.00/hour, Walt’s Landscaping \$125.00/hour. Curtis Reiner made a motion to continue with Weil Winter Maintenance for the upcoming season and Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

Mr. Reiner informed Council that he has contacted Kilbuck Township about renewing the salt contract for this winter. They have had some staff changes but was told it should be okay and that they will reach out to him shortly.

Travis Hartzog made a motion to advertise the 2024 Council Meeting dates and Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. After discussion Council decided to schedule the meetings for the third Monday of each month, with the exception of the Reorganization Meeting which will be held on Tuesday January 6, 2024. Paul Carmody, Joel Kaminski, Travis Hartzog and Curtis Reiner in favor, Sam McGee opposed. Motion passed.

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Mayor Orbison went over the Draft 2024 Budget with Council, highlighting some of the changes. Curtis Reiner made a motion to advertise the Proposed 2024 Budget and Travis Hartzog seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

Curtis Reiner made a motion to keep the millage at 4.15 and to advertise that it will remain the same rate. Joel Kaminski seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Grants Committee:** None.

**Public Safety:** None.

**COG:** None.

**Building and Ordinance:** None.

**Streets and Sewers:** None.

**Parks and Recreation:** None.

**Old Business:** Curtis Reiner asked Sam McGee for an update from the Valley Vets club concerning cost sharing for the repair of the Veteran’s monument. Sam McGee relayed that the club is not willing, nor able, to donate any funding toward the repairs. David Orbison expressed his gratitude for Veterans and offered to donate \$500.00 toward the repairs and Sam McGee offered to match his \$500.00 donation. Paul Carmody will get a revised quote and Council will readdress the issue at the December Council meeting.

**New Business:** Mr. Reiner is going to have the Holiday Decorating Contest again this season. Based on feedback from last year he would like to prolong the time allowed and award the winners in the beginning of January 2024. Council agreed and thanked him for arranging the contest.

**Council entered into an Executive Session from 8:10 p.m. to 8:32 p.m. to discuss the IPMC litigation status.**

Curtis Reiner made a motion to authorize Solicitor Seymour to take the necessary steps to continue to work with Paul Carmody and the other parties to take the necessary corrective actions to abate the code violations. Travis Hartzog seconded the motion, no discussion held. All were in favor – motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Curtis Reiner made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting and Travis Hartzog seconded the motion. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Klauck

Secretary/Treasurer