

# Glenfield Borough Council Meeting

February 19, 2024

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

**Visitors:** Mark Weil, Toni Autry

**Minutes:** The January 2, 2024 Reorganization/Regular Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Greg Joyce to accept the minutes. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Klauck read aloud the January Treasurer's report to Council. A motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Travis Hartzog; to approve the reports. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Wage and Real Estate Tax:** For the month of January 2024 \$984.61 was collected for Wage Tax and \$928.66 for Real Estate and Per Capita.

**Reading and Approval of the Bills:** Connie Klauck read aloud the bills for January 2024 while the members of Council followed along. Curtis Reiner made a motion; seconded by Travis Hartzog; to pay the bills. Paul Carmody asked what the bill to Building Inspector Underwriters was for. Mrs. Klauck informed him it was for pictures for a property complaint. Sam McGee asked what Gatehouse Media was, Mrs. Klauck informed him it was for the 2024 Budget, meeting schedule and tax rate. All were in favor – motion passed.

**Police Report:** None.

**Fire Report:** None.

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Seymour reported to Council about the meeting, that he had on 1/29/2024 with a Senior manager from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, concerning the upcoming project and the right of way land currently owned by Allegheny County. He discussed the pros and cons of Glenfield Borough accepting the land from Allegheny County and thus having to handle the enforcement of the encroachment of the land owner. Council agreed that they would probably not want to accept ownership of the land due to lack of manpower/funds to maintain and enforce property maintenance codes.

A Motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Greg Joyce; to approve Mercadante & Associates as the temporary auditor for the 2023 Annual Financial Audit for the amount of \$2800.00. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed. Mr. Seymour noted that if Council plans to continue to use a hired auditor instead of elected ones they should look into abolishing the old ordinance and make a new one stating so. Greg Joyce stated that Mercadante may give better pricing if they are hired full time instead of being the temporary auditor.

**Correspondence:** A Motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Joel Kaminski; to accept Sandra Kuriger's letter of resignation as the Borough Auditor. No discussion held, all were in favor – motion passed.

An email was received from Matt Wilds, LAMAR, concerning 2 vehicles that are parked on the edge of Haysville and Glenfield and are blocking the access to their billboard signs. Council suggested that Mrs. Klauck contact Amy Paff, Haysville Council President, and ask her if she knows whose cars they are.

The 2023 Delinquent Real Estate tax report was included in meeting packets for Council to review.

**Budget and Finance Committee:** None.

**Grants Committee:** Sam McGee reported to Council that Joe Mascara spoke with Norfolk Southern and that they may be willing to get rid of some of their right of way property along the train tracks. Mr. McGee suggested that if so, the property may be able to complete the missing park property for the DCNR and enable the borough to be eligible for future grants.

**Public Safety:** President Carmody informed Council that the Interborough Railroad Safety project meetings have started up again. They have agreed to meet once per month and to address one topic per meeting. The first subject will be public access.

Curtis Reiner spoke with Justin Gilmore concerning Joe Kohler serving as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Glenfield. Mr. Gilmore has agreed to be a liaison for the Borough in the matter.

**COG:** None.

**Building and Ordinance:** None.

**Streets and Sewers:** Greg Joyce would like Council to consider some new signs throughout the Borough. He thinks speed limit, share the road and cleaning up after your dog ones would be best. He even suggested the possibility of installing speed bumps to help with the speeding issues.

Mr. Joyce would like to file an official complaint to the DEP concerning the black runoff that is destroying East Beaver and the catch basin. He will find out a contact person and give the information to Paul Carmody.

**Park and Recreation Committee:** The Hartzog's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30, 2024 from 10:30 – 12:00 pm in the Park.

Greg Joyce asked if someone dumped a new pile of debris at the edge of the Park. Mr. Carmody informed him that it was from when they cleaned the gutters along East Beaver Street and that they will spread it out in the spring.

**Old Business:** A Motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Greg Joyce to appoint Joe Mascara to a 3-year term on the Appeals Board. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

A Motion was made by Curtis Reiner; seconded by Joel Kaminski; to appoint Melissa Bolea to a 3-year term to serve as an alternate on the Appeals Board. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**New Business:** None.

**Council entered into Executive Session from 8:08 p.m. – 8:19 p.m. to discuss the IPMC litigation status.**

Greg Joyce made a Motion; Travis Hartzog seconded; 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. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed.

**Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Travis Hartzog; seconded by Curtis Reiner to adjourn the Council Meeting. No discussion held; all were in favor – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Klauck  
Secretary / Treasurer