

GLENBURN TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING #17
February 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
At the Glenburn Municipal Building 144 Lakeview Road

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

a. ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Chris Grotton, John Caruso, Chris Cookson, Frank Roma, and Maurice Day.

b. CITIZEN INPUT - OPPORTUNITY FOR

No one in the audience chose to address the Council.

c. [2-24-01] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding an application for a new Recreation Board Member.

Rec Director Carey Besse introduced resident Adam Jefferson as an applicant for the Recreation Board. Mr. Jefferson stated that he has lived in Glenburn for eight or nine years. He is a substitute teacher and a mortgage broker. John Caruso motioned to accept Adam Jefferson as a member of the Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

d. [2-24-02] Glenburn First Responder receives EMS award.

Glenburn Fire Chief Chris Lavoie read a letter from the State EMS Office recognizing the high quality of patient care and service during a recent EMS response on December 5, 2023. The crew successfully delivered a newborn baby boy and provided continued EMS care and transported the baby and mother to Eastern Maine Medical Center. In recognition of this service, EMS awarded a Stork Pin to Lieutenant Caleb Bean of the Glenburn Fire Department.

e. [2-24-03] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding request for funding in the EMS program.

Glenburn Fire Chief Chris Lavoie thanked the committee that put their time into this document. He reviewed the plan which includes what it takes to become an EMS professional, the required training hours, and some statistical data. He talked about goals and actions for this part of the plan. Town Manager Dan McClung and all the councilors spoke highly of the EMS program and want to move forward in a positive direction with more trained personnel to respond and with some new, much needed equipment. Chief Lavoie stated that with the town's service license at the basic level, they can only provide basic level services even if a licensed paramedic is providing the services. The town has four licensed paramedics that can treat patients only at basic level due to the town's servicing license being at that level. With Gold Pre upgrading the license to paramedic level, our licensed paramedics will be able to provide paramedic skills in that capacity.

Chief Lavoie stated that they are looking to purchase a cardiac monitor. With the EMS crisis in the State of Maine, the Maine Legislature and Maine EMS formed a committee called the Blue Ribbon Committee. That committee was awarded several million dollars. With some of that money, the Maine EMS is running a grant program, and the Glenburn deputy fire chief applied for a grant to purchase a cardiac monitor. The maximum award is \$50,000.00.

After some further discussion regarding some long term plans for the EMS program, Mr. Caruso asked where the extra money needed for the first part of the plan was coming from. Mr. McClung stated that they could take it out of the ARPA fund. If the Council would approve up to \$120,000.00 from the ARPA fund for the purchase of a new first responder vehicle (a Chevy Tahoe to replace the Ford Explorer), the outfitting of the Tahoe, and to cover any budget payroll shortages for the remainder of this year, that would cover the assumption of the analysis of how this plan will work. With no further discussion, Frank Roma motioned to authorize the expenditure of up to \$120,000.00 in ARPA funds to replace the current EMS response vehicle with the purchase of a new Tahoe and associated equipment and to supplement the payroll shortage for the remainder of this fiscal year. The motion was seconded by John Caruso. Frank Roma requested feedback a few weeks down the road, and Chief Lavoie agreed to provide a update in approximately 90 days. With no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- f. [2-24-04] Council discussion, to see what action the Town Council will take regarding entering executive session to discuss an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2).

Mr. McClung requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. John Caruso motioned to table Item f. and Item g. until the March 1, 2024 Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- g. [2-24-05] To see what action the Town Council will take regarding an abatement request pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841(2).

Mr. McClung requested that Agenda Item g. be tabled with Agenda Item f. until the next meeting. John Caruso motioned to table Agenda Item g. until the March 1, 2024 Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

- h. [2-24-06] Update of tax acquired properties.

Tax Collector April Braley stated that she has spoken to all three delinquent taxpayers. They all want to stay in their homes, and arrangements are being made so that they may do so. One will be cleared up within 30 days. Payment arrangements are still being worked on for the other two.

- i. [2-24-07] Treasurer's Warrant #15 – APPROVAL OF, Treasurer's Warrant #16 – APPROVAL OF, Treasurer's Warrant #17 – APPROVAL OF

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #15. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #16. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

John Caruso motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant #17. The motion was seconded by Chris Cookson and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

j. [2-24-08] Minutes of January 4, 2024, Regular Council Meeting APPROVAL OF,

Chris Cookson motioned to accept the January 4, 2024 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Caruso and approved with a 4-0 vote. Maurice Day abstained.

Manager/Council Items/Other Business

Mr. McClung stated that the town has applied for FEMA funds. Fire Chief Lavoie clarified that they have applied for assistance from FEMA for the December 18, 2023 windstorm.

Jordan McLaughlin has been instrumental in the success of the ice rink. It has been a trying winter to maintain the ice, but there have been kids out there skating every day.

CEO Mike Falvey is planning to retire on May 3rd of this year.

Jordan McLaughlin has offered a three-month commitment assisting the Town of Carmel with code enforcement due to the tragic death of their town manager, code enforcement officer.

Mr. Grotton commented on the new ice skating rink stating that it is a nice addition to the town.

Mr. Roma stated that he is proud of the town for offering to assist Carmel during this tragic time for them.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cookson motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Maurice Day and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote, and the February 15, 2024 Town Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

A true record, as approved by the Town Council: March 14, 2024

Daniel McClung, Secretary to the Council



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