

VILLAGE OF GLENDALE
80 E. Sharon Road
Glendale, OH 45246

Minutes – Special Council Meeting February 15, 2022

Attendees:

Don Lofty	Mayor	Present
Mike Besl	Council	Present
Marilyn Duke	Council	Present
Nancy Macenko	Council	Present
Geoff Base-Smith	Council	Present
Will Kreidler	Council	Present
Amy Baldrige	Council	Present
Mike Beaugrand	Treasurer	Absent
Becky Terrell	Clerk	Present
David Lumsden	Village Administrator	Present
Craig Walsh	Police Chief	Present

I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Approval of Agenda

Call to Order: Mayor Lofty called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Mayor Lofty stated that a quorum of Council was present.

Mayor Lofty introduced the meeting stating that the only agenda item is to gather feedback regarding improving communications between Council, the Village Office and Glendale residents. He introduced the moderator, Ms. Katie Garry, a resident of the Village who has experience moderating meetings.

Ms. Garry introduced herself and the role of moderator. Including making sure anyone can speak and to ensure conversation remains on topic. The topic is about how the Village Office and Elected Officials can better communication including what is working, what can be improved and what is lacking. Council member's role is to listen but are also constituents and can provide feedback if they chose. The goal is not to leave the

meeting with answers but to provide feedback regarding our wows, worries and wish fors.

III. Public Comments and Ideas regarding Village Communication

A number of residents participated and expressed various ideas and views regarding communication improvements and ideas as listed.

1. **Time of meetings.** Evening 5:30 meetings make it difficult for working residents and residents with young families to participate.
2. **Facebook Communications.** Identify ways to make Facebook/Social Media a place for proactive communications vs. grievance pages.
3. **Council Meetings.** Consider ways to better engage residents in the monthly Council meetings via more time or pre-submitted questions.
4. **Newsletter/Bulletin Boards.** Possible utilization of physical copy communications via hard copy newsletter or posting the newsletters on the community bulletin boards.
5. **Digital/Social Media Usage.** Review options including text messages, phone notices, Facebook communications, email and other possible outlets to engage younger and/or connected residents.
6. **Disconnected Options.** Need to have means to provide information to people with no technology/internet connection or a way to provide internet access to residents. One suggestion was messages with water bills. Another suggestion was expanded use of “robo calls.”
7. **Community Ambassadors.** Create and utilize a council of residents that can help disperse information to their neighborhoods and to Council to improve 2-way communication.

Mayor Lofty thanked everyone who attended and Ms. Garry thanked the audience and Council for participating.

Mayor Lofty asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Macenko motioned to adjourn. Ms. Duke seconded the motion and the motion passed via unanimous Council voice-vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.