

Glenwood Special Meeting – October 18, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Present were Jon Lykins, Council President, Dennis Richardson, Council Vice President, and Jo Temple, Council Member, and Mary Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer.

This was a meeting requested by Greg Beumer, Kleinpeter Consulting group to discuss the best uses of the estimated \$53,000 in ARPA funds the town is receiving. No decisions were made.

The meeting began with Mr. Beumer sharing with the committee members the results of a Lost Public Sector Revenue study conducted by Steve Brock, Municipal Financial Advisor, Therber Brock & Associates. Mr. Brock's stated that in the final analysis, the Town of Glenwood did not have lost revenue, as caused by the COVID pandemic, using the formula and percentage factor provided by the US Treasury Department in their Interim Final Rule. The committee members were disappointed in this finding but not surprised. Mr. Beumer shared with the committee members that the cost of this study would be approximately \$1,500.

The following items were discussed:

1. Funds for contingencies or unexpected change orders for the town's wastewater utility construction project.
2. Premium pay for the town's essential workers
3. A broadband study on how best to improve internet connectivity in the town
4. Replacing all the town's street light bulbs to LED bulbs for better visibility and lower costs
5. Purchase of a "speed monitoring" sign to be placed on SR 44 to slow down thru traffic

The committee members asked Mr. Beumer to investigate each of these uses of ARPA funds to determine their eligibility. The Council also thought it would be appropriate to do a survey of the approximately 125 households in Glenwood to see what the public thinks are the best uses of these funds and to gather alternative ideas for uses. Mr. Beumer said that his company could put together a survey that would be both online and in paper form. The next town council meeting will be on November 8th and Mr. Beumer said he would provide the committee members with a draft of the survey for them to approve at their next council meeting. If the survey allows for a one-month reply deadline, the council will have results prior to their December 13th council meeting and should be able to determine their best uses of ARPA funds at this meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary M. Richardson, Clerk-Treasurer