

Glen Alpine Board of Alderman
Minutes: Meeting March 17, 2020

Present: Mayor Benfield, R. Cox, S. Perkins, T. Helms, T. Suttles, G. Meise, Clerk M. Lalonde, Attorney Denton

Call to Order- Mayor Benfield

Invocation- Tim Suttles

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Christy Ramsey: Hopes that the Board will listen to the community and will reinstate the 24/7 police protection. She said the Board needs to work together and get along for the sake of what is best for the Town.

Frank Robinson: Lives in River Glen, feels that we need more officers, as well as a police dog. He would like to see our officers get a raise, feels that they are very valuable to the Town. We need more patrols in the area and would like a full-time officer in The River Glen area.

Reid Scott: He is not against officers; he is against wasteful spending. He is tired of seeing GAPD in Morganton area. He feels that the police chief should not be an alderman. He is for 24/7 protection. We have 4 full time officers, and reserve officers. "Why can't we have 24/7 protection" The Fire Department has needs as well. We only have one man on the board that thinks about the whole town.

Treva Jordan: Questions about data (how many calls, tickets) She is not happy with her experience with the Police Department. She is for the 24/7, can we make it happen?

Travis Benfield: "What are yall doing with our tax dollars, 24/7 police was cut" States that the Board needs to come together and work for the better of the community.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Cox, Passed 4-0

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Perkins, Passed 4-0

Items for Decision:

- 1) Fire Department 2020/2021 Budget- **Motion made by Cox, Passed 4-0**
- 2) Reinstate 24/7 Police Protection- **Motion made by Perkins, Passed 4-0**
- 3) Unfreeze 5th Police Position Fund- **Motion made by Cox, Passed 4-0**
- 4) Fire Tax increase from .08 to .10 cent- **Motion made by Suttles, Passed 4-0**
- 5) Approve 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule- **Motion made by Helms, Passed 4-0**
- 6) Approve Town Administrator Job Description- **Motion made by Cox, Passed 4-0**
- 7) Public Trash Cans for Beautification- **Motion made by Meise, Passed 4-0**

Motion made by Meise to go into closed Session, Passed 4-0

Motion made by Cox to go into Open Session, Passed 4-0

Motion made by Perkins to adjourn, passed 4-0