

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2009

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Wicks, Frank Berardelli and Mike Savitsky

Board Guests in Attendance: Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Sewer Enforcement Officer Walter Redel, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks and Secretary Treasurer Joanne Benson.

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Bill Wicks motioned to waive the reading aloud of the minutes and to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

-Joanne reviewed the financial reports and account balances and presented the bills for payment.

Mo. by Bill Wicks, 2nd by Frank Berardelli to pay the bills as presented. All in Favor. Mo. by Bill Wicks 2nd by Mike Savitsky to accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.

Committee Reports

Police: Activity report attached to the clipboard.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. Leaf cleanups are just about finished. New rear brake pads were put on the F-550. The C-6500 was serviced with an oil change and grease job. One day was spent pothole patching. Crack sealing was done on Windemere Circle. Tree removal was started on the Lower Waterford Road hill.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel reported he met with BIU Inspector Scott Knauer who inspected the Pritchky property on Fords Pond Road. The electric was disconnected at the front house on March 18, 2009. That gives the Township a time frame for when the property was vacated. According to DE P, Mr. Pritchky is entitled to replace the tank on the front home as long as the property is rebuilt and occupied within one year of being vacated. Walter has sent correspondence to this effect to Mr. Pritchky.

A magisterial hearing has been set with Judge Gibbons for November 19th but that will be stayed because Judge Minor has prior jurisdiction on the case. Walter said that Mr. Krieger has spoken with several contractors. One contractor was talking to him about a drip irrigation system. Walter said that is a very expensive proposition. Malcolm, complemented Walter on his exemplary handling of the situation.

Code Enforcement: No report

Planning: No report

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there will be a meeting of the Rec Board this Thursday at 7pm at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. Bill reported that Ashley Goff would be stepping down as a Glenburn representative and asked if anyone would be interested in replacing her. Bill acknowledged her service on the board although she wasn't present at the meeting.

Old Business

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm received an email update from EPA Precision representative Raj Sharma. The next stake holder's meeting is scheduled for Friday Dec. 11th at 10:30am. Ann Breslin will be replacing Raj as the Precision representative. Malcolm also tried to contact EPA's Counsel, Robin Eiseman and is waiting for a return phone call.

Glenburn Pond: Not on agenda this month

Fords Pond Road Issues: Bill stated that the Dangerous Structures Inspection was completed at the site and that the Township was working with the property owner and his

counsel to move things along. Tom Wicks has also spoken with Mr. Pritchyk about his options and time frame. There was some discussion about razing the front home and replacing it with a modular home. The disposition of the rear home was uncertain as well. Code Enforcement Officer Wicks who told him he had 2 options if he wanted to maintain two homes on the property. He could either subdivide the lot and make a flag lot to access the 2nd home or he could do a Land Development Plan for the single lot. Leaving the property as it is currently is not an option. Walter Redel stated that if the owner replaced the existing tank within the one year time requirement and it did not work properly, he would have to make it compliant.

Liana Smith expressed concern about the large pile of trees cleared from the lot which will probably be burned. They are around 50 feet from the house. The Township does not have a burning ordinance. Bill Wicks said that if anything but brush is being burned, there is a number she can call for DEP to investigate.

911 Addressing: Bill stated that the Township is prepared to move forward on the addressing. We need to send a copy of the 911 Ordinance to PoconoGIS and then next steps can be taken.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: The first meeting of the Tax Collection Committee was held on October 29th at the Scranton Cultural Center. Mike Savitsky and Randy Campbell attended as the Glenburn representative and alternate. Although 39 of the Municipalities had a pre meeting and stuck together in proposing the predetermined slate of officers, they were not selected. The majority of the school districts, including Abington Heights voted with Scranton and the board was chosen based on that alliance. January 28th is the next scheduled meeting. The newly appointed board proposed obtaining \$25,000 in funding to work with and they wanted each municipality to contribute based on their weighted vote. Glenburn's portion would be .0037% which works out to \$92.50. The money is supposed to be paid back. Tom Wicks asked how the money would be paid back since it would be coming out of Township taxes. The funds would be used for advertising. There was no information on where to send the money, etc. Frank Berardelli commented that he thought the Township should not pay the \$92.50 due to the debauchery they are making out of the whole process. The supervisors agreed not to pay the \$92.50. **Bill Wicks motioned to send a letter to the Abington Heights School District expressing the Township's displeasure that they voted against every municipality in the school district. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in favor.**

New Business:

Preliminary Budget for 2010: Bill Wicks told residents that the tax for Glenburn would be increasing by 1 mil this year due to the increased cost of fire coverage and the downturn in the economy. The cost of fire coverage will increase by .5 mils. Joanne and Bill covered some highlights in this year's budget. Fifty thousand dollars has been earmarked from the General Fund for major exterior repairs to the Township Building and the Garage. Both buildings are in need of new roofing. Also work needs to be done to the handicap ramp, the fence and the peeling paint on the building. Liquid fuels money of 20K was allocated for equipment purchases and 60K for roadwork. **Bill Wicks motioned to advertise the preliminary 2010 budget for adoption at the December 2010 meeting. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in favor.**

Announcements: None

Public Input:

Border Realty Subdivision: Mark Young and project engineer Dave Yeosock discussed sewer issues with the Board. Malcolm had spoken with DEP's attorney who told him that there was no legal requirement for the ownership of the sewer plant to be in the hands of the Township. Malcolm suggested that Mark have his attorney speak with DEP's attorney prior to the submission of their sketch plan to DEP. Dave also said that DEP would require municipal

agreements to route sewage through Glenburn. Malcolm will check to see if there is an agreement currently in place for the sewer line running along the undeveloped part of Ruth Avenue. Both Malcolm and Tom doubted that such an agreement exists as it would have dated back to the 70's. The subdivision will not be allowed to hook up to the existing line and a parallel system must be developed. Bill Wicks stated that there are currently 2 privately run sewage companies in Glenburn which are Glenburn Services and the trailer park. Malcolm will draft a letter to DEP stating that it is not the intention of the Township to become involved in ownership a sewer plant.

Dave Jennings asked about the status of the Precision issues he has been following up on (see Precision section of minutes) Dave also wanted to know how the Township could hold Precision and DEP and EPA accountable to a timeline. Malcolm explained that persistent follow up was really the only option. The Township needs to present major areas of concern to the new regime taking over at EPA. The safety of Township residents and a fair investigation of the site are the Township's top priorities. Discussion ensued and Malcolm suggested that they could try to set a regular schedule for Stake Holder's meetings, clarify the monitoring well names, and update the website. Malcolm suspects that EPA and DEP are understaffed and under funded like many government agencies. Dave will put an email together for Malcolm to review and message to be sent to EPA prior to the December meeting. Malcolm will attend the Dec 11th Stake Holder's meeting. There was discussion about requesting a public meeting on the evening of the 10th prior to the Stake Holder's meeting. Bill Wicks commented that the DEP's budget has been cut by 40%.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. Executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss the Dequeiroz complaint. Joanne discussed investment options with the supervisors for a 100K CD that came due. They opted to put it into a Money Market account at Community Bank and Trust Co. paying 2%. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm and Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer