

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

## MEETING MINUTES APRIL 20, 2009

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

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel, Police Sergeant Eric Judge and Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson

**Public in Attendance:** Attachment

-Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm 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 March 16, 2009 meeting. Mike Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.**

### **Financial Report/Presentation of Bills**

-Joanne Benson reviewed the financial reports and account balances and presented the bills for payment. **Mo. by Wicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Berardelli to pay the bills as presented. All in Favor. Mo. by Wicks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Berardelli to accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

**Road Bids Opened for the Fords Pond Road Paving Project:** Joanne opened the sealed bids for the Fords Pond Road paving project. Bid results are attached to the minutes. Bill Wicks motioned to award the project to Hansen Aggregates for the sum of \$57,025.00 contingent on a satisfactory review of the bid documents by the Township Engineer and Solicitor. Frank Berardelli 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

**Police:** Officer Judge reported that a resident approached him and asked why Restore Auto wasn't used for towing when there was an accident. Eric stated that the Abington Township Police have used Abington Body for 50 years and would use another towing service if requested by accident victims. Solicitor MacGregor stated that it was good to see the police out along Ackerly Road.

**Roads:** Joanne read David's report. The road crew has been crack sealing as needed, cleaning out catch basins and pothole patching on dirt and hard roads. They also installed a new seal on the steering box of the C-6500 5 ton truck. The spreaders have been removed from both trucks and stored and several dead trees along Kittle Lane have been cut down.

**Sewage Enforcement:** Walter Redel reported that the state has run out of money to pay sewage reimbursements and may not find more money to use for payment until the new budget cycle.

**Code Enforcement:** Tom Wicks had nothing new to report.

**Planning:** Tom Wicks had nothing new to report.

**Recreation:** Bill Wicks reported that there would be an AAJRB meeting the third Thursday in May at 7pm at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the last meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** Bill Wicks reported that there was nothing new since the last Township Meeting. He said that there should be a meeting with EPA in May or June. They should have the results of the March sampling. Dave Jennings reported that there was a green fluid at the lagoon area about a week ago about 400 feet in from Ackerly Road. He was cautioned by Solicitor MacGregor to report any such findings to DEP as soon as possible. Dave wants to put together a website to host information about the Precision clean up and post test results. David will also email results to the Township to review. He is interested in the results of testing on the basement well and the lagoon wells for the last year and a half. Raj Sharma had previously reported that there was no difference in the stream sampling results from

Sept. to Dec. 2008. The March tests will hopefully show a decline in toxins. David would like the Township to ask Chris Colombo to allow his 360 foot well to be unblocked and have the 3<sup>rd</sup> water table tested. Frank suggested that David might have better luck as a private citizen. After some discussion, Bill agreed to have the Township follow up. David would also like to put a well on his newly acquired property. He asked if he could get DEP to give him guidelines on how to case the well. Malcolm said that he wasn't sure what DEP might be willing to do for a private citizen. Malcolm suggested that David ask DEP at the May/June meeting and said that it may be a question of who is benefiting from the well. Tom Wicks stated that DEP would prefer that no home was built on that property. David stated that he did not intend to drink the water but would use it for outside purposes. Tom Wicks stated that even watering a garden might not be advisable due to the hexavalent chromium. Bill stated that DEP wants the Township to restrict building in that area but they have not given the Township any scientific reports backing up that request. Malcolm will mail the questions to DEP and copy David and the Township on the request.

**Glenburn Pond:** Bill Wicks said that there was nothing new to report since the last meeting.

**Fords Pond Road Issues:** Malcolm reported that the properties are still mired in title issues. He has spoken with Attorney Penetar about the situation. A number of other properties have been cleaning up. The 3 trailers on Ruth Avenue have been dismantled. Another long term problem property on Old State Road is in the process of cleaning up. Scrap metal and piping has been removed and the site is being restored. Mrs. Carroll asked if there was any construction planned for the site with the trailers. Bill said not immediately. Randy asked about the excavating going on along the creek at an Old State Road property. Bill has been down there and DEP has been there. A restoration plan is in place.

**911 Addressing:** An information session with PoconoGIS was conducted immediately prior to the last Township Meeting. The Township will continue to disseminate information and answer questions as they arise. RR addresses will change and a few addresses with street names as well.

#### **New Business:**

**Resolution Petitioning the Amendment of Act 32 of 2008:** Bill Wicks discussed Act 32 with residents and stated that the act called for the collection of earned income tax at the county level but that the way the power of decision making would be split was unfair to smaller municipalities. More weight is given to larger municipalities because they are given 50% based on population and 50% based on amount of tax collected. Currently each municipality collects its own taxes. There is fear that the timeliness of the disbursement of tax monies would be negatively impacted and that small townships would not get a say in how things were done. The resolution is petitioning for an Opt-in or Opt-out choice for municipalities. Bill stated that this Act is the start of the erosion of power at the local level of government. Bill read the resolution to residents. **Bill Wicks motioned to pass resolution 2009 – 01 petitioning the amendment of Act 32 of 2008. Mike Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.**

**MUA Municipal Electricity Purchase Agreement:** Due to the deregulation of the electric utilities, large rate increases are expected in the future. There is an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement being developed to purchase electricity as a large block of government entities in order to obtain a cheaper rate. In order to have the option to participate in this pool the Township must pass a resolution and a joinder to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. Malcolm stated that the MUA will have no authority to execute the contract agreement for any municipality and that this is just a first step in the process. **Bill Wicks motioned to pass Resolution 2009 – 02 stating Glenburn Township's interest in participating in the MUA Municipal Electricity Purchase Agreement. Mike Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**All in Favor. Bill Wicks motioned that the supervisors authorize execution of the Joinder Agreement for the MUA Purchase Agreement. Mike Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

**Announcements:**

**Tire Drop Off at the Township:** Lackawanna County is offering an opportunity to residents to recycle old tires. They may be dropped off at the Township on April 21 and 22 between 7am and 3pm. There is a \$2 fee per tire for tires under 16” and a \$5 fee for SUV and small truck tires. No commercial tires will be accepted. Glenburn is participating as a service to residents. After the tires are dropped off at selected locations the County will take them to a facility that recycles tires into materials used for playgrounds, construction projects, etc.

**Spring Cleanup:** Waste Management will do the cleanup on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Residents were cautioned to have their stuff out by the evening of Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> to insure pick up.

**PA En Plein Air Society Spring Art Show:** Joanne announced that the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society hosted its Spring Art Show and Sale opening reception on April 5<sup>th</sup> and that there was a nice turnout and a few sales. The show will be up through June 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be available for viewing during regular office hours or by appointment.

**Public Input:**

Eugene and Mary Ann Carroll presented the Supervisors with a letter requesting that the Township consider implementing a burning ordinance. (Attached)

Randy Campbell asked about the Water Company putting in water lines on Waterford Road. Bill stated that PA American Water has agreed to top pave the entire road after the pipes have been replaced. They will also put in some binder material where the road has totally eroded away. This is not an ideal circumstance but the Township does not have the funds to put in new basecoat for the entire length of the road being worked on. There was discussion about the need for a plan to refurbish many Township roads. Liquid Fuels money is not sufficient for the amount of work needed. Discussion ensued on the need to do the roads right and the possible need for taking out another loan to accomplish some of the maintenance.

Randy gave the Supervisors the Audit Report for the 2008 Fiscal Year. He stated that all went smoothly with the audit.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm and Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer