

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2009

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Wicks 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 7:40 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 April 20, 2009 meeting. Mike Savitsky 2nd. 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, 2nd by Savitsky to pay the bills as presented. All in Favor. Mo. by Wicks, 2nd by Savitsky to accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: Officer Judge was available for questions. Mary Ann Savitsky asked about the possibility of getting a flashing red warning light at the Pond intersection. Eric said that PennDOT would have to do engineering studies and approve such a light. Bill Wicks stated that the Township has asked for this in the past and PennDOT stated that it wasn't necessary. Eric said that all accidents are entered directly into a PennDOT website so that they have statistics on accidents and can address any problems they see. Marilyn Costa said there were a lot of near accidents at that intersection. Joanne will check to see when the last letter was sent to PennDOT about the traffic signal. There was some additional discussion about the light sensors and the fact that motorcycles sometimes don't trigger them. Gretchen Ludders asked for additional patrols by the S-curve on Gravel Pond Road. Eric will alert the other officers about issues at that curve.

Roads: Joanne read David's report. The road crew has been pothole patching as needed and roadside trim will begin this week. They worked 3 days on the tire recycling project initiated by the county. The air conditioning on the F-550 was repaired. A pulley cut the refrigerant line. There was no charge for the repair because it is still under warranty. Winter rust spots were fixed on both trucks.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel reported that he is working on a complaint from a Park Blvd. resident. He took some samples but suspects that it is nothing.

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 this Thursday at the Clarks Summit Municipal Building at 7pm.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Bill Wicks reported that there was nothing new since the last Township Meeting. He spoke with Raj and there will probably be some results to share in late May or June. Malcolm told David Jennings that he should raise the issues about the repository not being updated and the test results not being easily forthcoming at the next stakeholders meeting. David complained about the lack of accountability. He had written to Arlen Specter in 2002 and it is now 2009. There was some discussion on accountability. David said he will have his website up in a few weeks and people will then see the frustration with DEP and EPA. Malcolm recommended that he address these agencies face to face at a meeting. Bernadette Menendez asked about having DEP and EPA at a Township Meeting.

Malcolm stated that the Township has done that in the past. Bill Wicks said that he felt these agencies had a tendency to be a little more candid at the closed stakeholders meetings. David Jennings felt that all the meetings should be open to the public. A number of residents raised their hands in support of David's position. Bill Wicks stated that the EPA set the stakeholders meetings up, not the Township. David Jennings is the resident liaison at these meetings. Marilyn Costa stated that the residents would like to attend. There was some discussion on the date of the last stakeholders meeting. Malcolm MacGregor restated residents concerns as wanting better meetings, early notice of the meetings and the desire for a meeting in the near future. David Jennings commented that he hadn't gotten any response to an email he sent 3 weeks ago. Malcolm said he would let DEP know that residents would like more communication. Joanne will make sure Raj has current email address for everyone. Bernadette suggested calling people about the meetings.

Glenburn Pond: Bill Wicks spoke to Scott Wendle of NLT and was informed that NLT was still negotiating with the insurance company about the spill from the dump truck accident at the pond site. NLT will probably take the old sportsman's club pavilion down as well. Mary Ann Savitsky asked if Bill Wicks kept information about NLT's visit from the other supervisors. Bill stated that he did not know when NLT was coming. Mary Ann stated that NLT has 37 points to comply with to get accreditation for the site and that clean up of the site is one of them. There was more discussion about the accident and Bill stated that he was there the night of the accident and had spoken with DEP water quality people.

Colombo Property: Marilyn Costa asked about the work done at the Colombo property across the highway. She stated that the soil removed from the creek needed to be tested. Malcolm stated that the material cannot be removed until it is tested. Marilyn Costa brought up the fact that Colombo was refused a permit to clean up the creek so Glenburn Township took out the permit. She stated that the land is zoned as residential but is not being treated as residential with all the heavy equipment moving earth etc. She was also unhappy about having to look at the big rusty storage tank. Tom Wicks stated that the higher section of the property is not in the flood plain or wetlands and Mr. Colombo is free to dump whatever he wants. DEP says they don't have a problem with that. Malcolm stated that there were inconsistencies in how DEP handles things. Malcolm brought up a situation where someone was dredging in the creek down stream from the Colombo site and when Bill Wicks asked DEP about it they were rather complacent. Malcolm suggested that Tom Wicks go check the situation out for the Township. DEP needs to treat all areas equally. When asked if anyone knew what Mr. Colombo's plans for the area were, Tom Wicks stated that he thought the intent was to move the sewer plant to that side of the creek. Tom said that as an essential service it is allowed in a residential zone. Malcolm stated that much of this is regulated by the state. Tom said that the rusty storage tank in question is a processing tank for sewage. Bill Wicks stated that when the creek floods the sewage plant floods. This excavation is an attempt to minimize flooding and releases of sewage due to flooding. Malcolm asked how the state deals with discharge. Walter Redel explained that PA Municipal plants are required to send monthly reports to DEP about flow rates but nothing like that is required of private plants. Tom Wicks stated that Glenburn Services had enough capacity as of the last planning modules submitted for his Town House Development. Bernadette Menendez asked if there was anyway the Township could test the site if there was an overflow. Walter said that DEP makes periodic inspections but that if DEP were called after an event it would dissipate too quickly to be measured. DEP checks for solids and fecal coli on a monthly basis. The plant operator also takes a daily discharge sample. David Jennings asked if the Township could be fined for problems DEP finds with what was done at the creek clean up site since the Township took out the permit. Malcolm said that the Township could be fined but that the supervisors have been in contact with DEP to make sure all their requirements are satisfied to avoid being fined. Malcolm suspected that no fines would be forthcoming based on

the history of the project to date. When asked about signatures on the permit, Bill Wicks stated that the Township has taken out permits for work in the stream previously and that signatures of all 3 supervisors were not required. Maryann Savitsky questioned if the permit issue would come before the board and questioned the fact that the other supervisors were unaware of the permit. Marilyn Costa suggested that some procedures be put in place to assure that timely communications happen between board members. Malcolm stated that the 2nd Class Township Code has rules for various communications, etc. He said that every board has these types of issues from time to time. On the plus side, the work in the stream was done at no cost to the Township.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Mr. Al Prytchuk addressed the board and told them that he recently acquired the 2 properties at 1210 Fords Pond Road with the blighted homes. He gloated that it only took him 5 days to acquire clean title on the 2 properties and purchase them from the 4 heirs. Malcolm explained that things take a little more time with the Township business. There were concerns about the title on those properties. Malcolm stated that the homes were inspected and deemed dangerous structures according to Township Ordinance. A municipality needs to follow different procedures than an individual in moving forward on these types of issues. Mr. Prytchuk stated that he planned to demolish one of the homes and possibly renovate the 2nd home. Bill Wicks informed him that he would need Township Permits to do any building or sewer related work. There was discussion as to whether the homes had basements and septic systems. Pete Smith asked if there was any word on the Billy Ray Gardner property. Malcolm said that a lawyer representing Billy Ray could review the liability issues with him. He did not want any appearance of impropriety on the part of the Township or for it to look like he was being taken advantage of.

911 Addressing: Bill suggested that they bump discussion on the 911 addressing to next months meeting. The supervisors have some sample ordinances to review and will discuss them at the next meeting.

New Business:

Use of Brake Retarders: Bill Wicks stated that he had a request from some residents to explore the use of brake retarders on the approach to the light at Glenburn Pond. They would like the use of these retarders prohibited. That is something that the supervisors will look into.

Announcements:

Public Input:

Fruit Stand Property on Route 6&11: Bernadette Menendez asked about what was going on with the property on Route 6 & 11 where the farm stand is usually located. There was speculation that a Laundromat and gas station might be in the plans. The old diner is on the list of properties to be inspected for a possible dangerous structure. There was discussion about the large brush pile on the property and Tom Wicks stated that the Township does not have a burning ordinance. The State regulates what can be burned. Tom said that a brush pile is ok as long as there are no building materials, etc.

Water Company Projects: Randy asked for an update on the work being done on Waterford Road by PA American Water Co. Bill Wicks told Randy that there were 2 projects going on. The water company was replacing pipes and the Township was addressing drainage problems at the intersection of Waverly and Waterford Roads. Bill did not have a timetable for the water company project.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer