

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 15, 2009

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, 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 May 18, 2009 meeting. Frank Berardelli 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 Berardelli to pay the bills as presented. All in Favor. Mo. by Wicks, 2nd by Berardelli to accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: Officer Judge was available for questions. The supervisors told Eric to let them know if any Vascar Lines need to be refreshed.

Roads: Joanne read David's report. The road crew has been doing roadside and limb trimming. The radiator on the F550 was replaced and was still under warrantee. They have also been working on reconstructive paving on lower Waterford Road in preparation for re-topping by the water company. They have used 17 tons of basecoat.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel reported that he is working on a repair to a property with roots in the drain field.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that he spoke with DEP about the work in the stream bed being done on the Costa property. DEP informed Tom that it was a dry streambed and no permits were required.

Tom also stated for the record, regarding a resident complaint, that Glenburn Township has no authority to grant or deny permission allowing fill work to be done on the Colombo property. DEP has said that the area in question is not in the floodplain and they are the authority that would permit such work if it were in the floodway.

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. There are many things going on currently including summer programs, golf camp, capital improvements to the soccer fields and the erection of a pavilion. They also received a county grant for a boundless playground. Bill encouraged interested residents to come to the meetings.

Old Business

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Bill Wicks reported that there would be a Stakeholders meeting on July 2nd at 10:30 at the Township Building. The latest test results for Ackerly Creek would be shared. David Jennings complained that DEP and EPA gloss over the history of illegal dumping at Precision from 1970 through the 90's. He has documentation from the administrative record which confirms that illegal dumping was indeed going on during that time period even though they were told to stop. David wants the truth to be acknowledged and accepted by DEP and EPA, etc. Bill Wicks told David he was confused by his request if the Administrative record already has the facts written in it. David stated that he wants accountability for what has happened at the site. He also mentioned the Ivy Park site and the Marjol Battery site. He is concerned with all of the cancers in the area and the impact that dumping from these sites has had on the environment and so forth. Bill stated that he understood

and agreed with David's concerns but that much has been accomplished by the Township and that the Board was looking forward toward solutions for the future. The focus is on now and the future. David was pressing for full disclosure. He thanked Tom Wicks for helping him get in touch with an Ombudsman and said that DEP got back to him very quickly once the Ombudsman became involved. Bill stated that it has been a long battle and that the Township needs to push on with the remediation and keep focused on which fights to fight. David asked Frank about his work for Advanced Remediation Technologies who were subcontracted at one time to do some demolition at the site.

Glenburn Pond: Bill Wicks had nothing new to report.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Bill Wicks had nothing new to report.

911 Addressing: Bill stated that the supervisors would be meeting with PoconoGIS again to discuss some discrepancies on what had been agreed to previously.

New Business:

Ackerly Creek Restoration: Estimates were obtained for gravel bar and bank stabilization at the section of the creek by the Dunn residence on S. Turnpike Road. There has been in excess of 10 feet of bank erosion and it is within 100 feet of the residence. Separate quotes were obtained materials (22 - 20 ton loads of R6 stone delivered to the site) and excavation and placement of the stone. There is a 10K threshold for projects before they are required to be put out to bid. Bill felt that the project would come in at under 10K and that the Township might get a better price by getting separate quotes on materials and excavation. Joanne read the quotes and the low quote for materials was from Stark Enterprises for \$4,400. The low quote for excavation was from D&A Landscaping and Excavation for \$4,150. David Druck asked about the discrepancy in material prices and was informed that Stark owned a quarry. Randy asked if it would be a problem to have one company deliver material and another do the work. Bill said that it shouldn't be a problem. **Bill Wicks motioned to use Stark Excavating for materials and D&A Landscaping and Excavating for the excavation contingent upon review by the solicitor and clarification on the material quote. Bill would like more specific language on the quote. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Act 32 Countywide Tax Collection: Bill Wicks stated that 37 communities have signed on to the resolution asking for the option to opt-in or opt-out of the County Wide Tax Collection. This effort has been spear headed by Al Chelik, Mayor of Mayfield Borough. The smaller communities do not want to be forced to participate because the voting is weighted by population and dollars collected and that would give Scranton 40% of the vote. The concern is that the smaller communities would be forced to yield to the desires of Scranton and the fear is that it would become more expensive to collect the taxes if there is significant overhead with the possible creation of a new tax collection agency and all of its needs. Tom Wicks stated that the State ultimately wants to consolidate into larger government entities which would be at the county level. Bill stated that local government is the one place you can currently go to get concerns addressed and actions taken to directly benefit people in the community. Joanne detailed the time schedule for what was involved. A delegate and an alternate to the committee must be appointed by each municipality by September 15, 2009. An initial meeting of the Tax Collection District (TCD) would be facilitated by the County and then subsequent meetings would be independent of the County. By Laws must be adopted by April 15, 2010 and collection at the County level must commence by January 1, 2012. Joanne stated that the municipal representative to the TCD can be anyone and need not reside in the municipality. One representative can serve for more than one municipality. There has been some discussion about the possibility of several municipalities joining together and hiring a super delegate familiar with municipal and tax law.

Announcements:

Planning Meetings for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties: Joanne read an email about public meetings being schedule to discuss a two-county comprehensive plan, long-range transportation plan and hazard mitigation plan. These meetings are scheduled to be held on June 16, 17 and 18. If anyone is interested in attending see Joanne for more details.

Public Input:

David Druck asked if there were any plans in the works by Glenburn Services for a sewer plant expansion. Tom Wicks said that permits would have to be obtained from the Township and the State to construct a plant. There was some discussion about the Little League's desire to put in restrooms and the need for easements to connect to the sewer plant. Walter Redel said that there was an area suitable for a sand mound but the location was not ideal and they would have to pump the sewage. As far as Tom knows there were no plans to put anything on the other side of the creek.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer