

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES July 20, 2009

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, 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 June 15, 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 Abington Police Department is looking into the purchase of an EnRadd wireless infrared speed timing device at a cost of around \$4000. The cost would be shared among the municipalities covered by the Abington Police Department. Bill Wicks said that the supervisors would consider it for action at month's meeting.

Roads: Joanne read David's report. The road crew has been putting down binder on Waterford Road in preparation for over paving. They have used 29 tons of basecoat. Calcium Chloride has been applied to all dirt roads after regrading. Pothole patching has been done where needed. Roadside trimming is ongoing as necessary. Stone ditches have been sprayed with pronto and storm damage has been cleaned up.

Sewage Enforcement: No Report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that one permit has been issued for a new home on Summerfield Dr. for lot #6. Mark Hamby of Lamplighter International approached the Township about whether their business fit in with the allowed uses at the Parker Hill Church Building on Pine Tree Drive. It is an operation similar to Billy Graham ministries but on a much smaller scale. Malcolm and Tom reviewed the information and felt that it met the requirements of the schedule of uses. There would be 8 to 10 people there at any given time. **Bill Wicks motioned that the Board of Supervisors affirms Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks' and Solicitor MacGregor's decision that this is a certified use of the property. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Bill Wicks discussed the Scranton Abington Planning Association (SAPA) Plan and said that they are moving ahead with a final draft of the Multi Municipal Plan which was presented at a public meeting on July 16th. The plan is available online at www.sapaplan.com for interested residents. A hard copy of the final draft is also available at the Township Building for review. Bill stated that it is still a work in progress and that there are still a few changes required. The final document will be used as an ongoing planning tool. The positives associated with the plan are its flexibility in that for the most part it doesn't change existing uses and zoning. This is the planning stage for the types of growth to occur over the next 20 years. This type of plan allows for trade off of uses between municipalities so that every municipality does not have to allow for every use. It will allow for mixed use corridors consisting of businesses with apartments above and it will preserve certain environmentally sensitive areas. The implementation phase will be done at the local level with each Township having the ability to define the zoning densities. It would also make more funding available to member municipalities. David Jennings Sr. was

opposed to the inclusion of Scranton and Dunmore in the plan because he felt that they would be after the other municipalities to take on their debt. Tom Wicks stated that the SAPA plan had nothing to do with sharing of debt and suggested that perhaps David was referring to the ACT 32 Tax legislation requiring local earned income tax to be collected at the County level. Bill Wicks cautioned David not to confuse SAPA with ACT 32. The Township has passed a resolution, along with 39 other municipalities in Lackawanna County, asking for the ability to OPT-IN or OUT of the county wide collections. There are concerns with the County collecting the taxes and the potential for equalization of tax distribution. A lengthy discussion ensued about the SAPA plan and ACT 32. Tom Wicks stated that SAPA would protect residents as our current Zoning Ordinance does. Bill stated that the SAPA plan originated with the Abington COG. Some municipalities declined to join. David Jennings Jr. asked if the information about ACT 32 could be made available on the Township Website and when the Website would be done. Frank Berardelli said that the Website should be done for next month. The gentleman providing the service has been having some health issues. A link to the ACT 32 information could be provided at that time. David Jennings Jr. had additional questions about the SAPA plan and was told that Scranton and Dunmore were brought on board to absorb some of the industrial uses. It was a win-win situation. David was told by Mike Savitsky that he could go to the SAPA website and comment and ask questions. David Sr. was also concerned about restrictions on land use and Frank Berardelli assured David Sr. that he had the same land use concerns but that after meeting with SAPA representative Ed Osman he was comfortable with the plan. The Township will maintain control of its land use decisions. Mike Savitsky suggested having Ed come to a meeting to answer questions. Marilyn Costa asked if there could be a separate meeting to discuss the SAPA plan with residents. Joanne will contact Ed and try to schedule a meeting. There was discussion on the fact that Scott Township was not part of the plan. Tom Wicks went on record as stating that Scott Township is financially sound. Marilyn Costa asked how the SAPA plan was funded and Bill explained that each municipality contributed a small fee and the rest was provided by Grants.

Planning: Tom Wicks had nothing new to report.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there was a meeting this past Thursday and that the next meeting would be the third Thursday of August.

Old Business

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Bill Wicks reported that there was a Stakeholders meeting on July 2nd at the Township Building. The latest test results for Ackerly Creek were shared along with an update from the 2nd round of injections. The levels of contamination in the stream have dropped but not under the 10ppb desired. Also a water study will be coming out over the next few months to look at how the water moves through the rock. There will be a public meeting to discuss the remediation issues sometime in the fall. A resident asked about the Precision history and how that related to Glenburn Pond and Bill explained that the plant had caused pollution to the creek which feeds Glenburn Pond. He explained that there are several types of pollution including surface water, deep water and soil contamination. A new study is being developed to show where deep water contamination will move to. Pond sediment levels had been within accepted standards for not being a health hazard to humans. The April 21st test showed the water to be 1.5 ppb above safe levels for fish or humans. David Jennings Jr. quoted sections of the 1998 administrative order discussing the testing process. David said the testing results will vary and the chemical comes in waves. He wanted to know how well water houses would get tested. Bill said they would have to call DEP. David wanted to be reassured that Precision would be around to correct future problems and Bill said he understood that they would be around for the next 30 years. David Jr. asked if the Township could push to have Precision to bring waterlines to affected homes. David has property near the plant and was cautioned against putting a well in. He wanted to know what he should do since he wants to

build on his property. There was discussion about what was provided for in the administrative order and David was told that Solicitor MacGregor was well versed in the administrative order. There was further discussion on how this issue would be handled and the fact that there is no state requirement for well water to be tested. Nothing was resolved.

Glenburn Pond: Bill Wicks had nothing new to report.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Bill Wicks was in favor of moving towards setting a hearing up to formalize the process to determine if the former Power's Property is a blighted property. The property has been purchased and is now under a single owner. Bill will discuss the hearing proceedings with Solicitor MacGregor. There was discussion about the fact that the Sjogren property has liens against it and the Township was in line with the rest of the lien holders if the property is sold.

911 Addressing: Bill stated that an ordinance needs to be passed in order to implement the new 911 addressing. Joanne will ask Solicitor MacGregor to prepare a draft ordinance for the next Township meeting.

New Business:

Ackerly Creek Restoration: Mike Savitsky brought up the fact that the Township needed to get the signed contract back to Jacoby in order for work to commence. Joanne stated that she was waiting for an OK from the supervisors as there was a contingency on the motion at the last meeting. That issue has been clarified and Joanne will get the signed contracts delivered.

Municipal Utility Association: Joanne reported on the results of the MUA price quotes for Electricity. The quotes would only be good for 2 of the 4 accounts and only for a portion of each of those. The quotes vary from day to day like bank rates and the 2 quotes so far would offer a savings of \$188 to \$269 per year out of a potential \$9000+ annual cost. Tom Wicks said Scott Township joined the Chamber of Commerce and that they offered a 20% to 30% discount on Electric. Joanne will look into it.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Bill Wicks stated that he received word that it would be permissible for one delegate to represent multiple municipalities which verifies the ability to appoint a super delegate. There needs to be discussion between municipalities in order to pursue this course of action. Bill anticipates Al Chelik, Mayor of Mayfield, who has spear headed the resolution efforts thus far would probably be a good person to head this effort as well. However, the Township needs a fallback plan for the next meeting if that doesn't happen. David Jennings asked if the ACT 32 information could be put on Glenburn's Website. Joanne said that a link to the official site could be put there once the site is up and running.

Appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer for the Pension Plan: Joanne explained that currently the Board of Supervisors is the Chief Administrative Officer but that the auditors wanted the position to be one person. **Bill Wicks motioned to appoint the Glenburn Township Secretary /Treasurer as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Employee Pension Plan. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Selige Subdivision: Bill Wicks motioned to re-approve the Selige Subdivision. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.

Announcements: None

Public Input: Marilyn Costa asked what she could do about a bear problem and was told that she could try calling the Game Commission.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm and Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer