

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES January 19, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Savitsky, Bill Wicks, David Jennings Jr.

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

Public in Attendance: Attachment

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

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of the minutes of the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting and the December 21, 2009 Township Meeting and to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting the January 4, 2010 reorganization meeting and Bill Wicks 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 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: No Report

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The road crew has been cutting down dead trees on Fords Pond Rd., Sunset Ave., and behind the pond on Old Trail Rd. They also built and installed racks in the garage to store the plow cutting edges and sign posts. A third load of salt was ordered and put in the salt shed. Glenburn's salt purchase obligations have now been met. Pot hole patching was done as needed and plowing, salting and cindering were done as needed. Malcolm is still in the process of following up with Jack Scheuer on the status of the Rail Road Bridge on Waverly Road.

Sewage Enforcement: No Report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks had nothing to report.

Planning: No Planning Commission meeting was held.

Recreation: Frank Berardelli reported that there would be a meeting on Thursday at the Clarks Summit Boro Building at 7pm to reorganize followed by a regular meeting. Frank reported that trees were planted at the dog park and a Pay Pal account was opened if people wanted to donate online. Entertainment books are also available online. Excavation has started for the pavilion. Jim Wansacz obtained a \$9,000 donation for the boundless playground. Another anonymous foundation donated \$10,000.

Old Business

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm will pen a letter to DEP, EPA, Specter, Casey, Mellow, Wansacz and Carney to schedule a meeting to discuss resetting Precision Priorities. A timelier response and action plan is needed with regards to actions taken at Precision and the full nature and content of what is found at the site needs to be disclosed.

Glenburn Pond: Malcolm will follow up with NLT on the status of the pond. The Township is looking into possible ways to partner with other organizations to revitalize the pond and possibly put in walking trails. Liana Smith asked about maintenance that was done at the pond on Friday. Joanne said that some rocks had come loose with the last high water incident and they were just being stabilized with concrete.

The Electric Company was asking residents on Gravel Pond Road who owns the trees adjacent to the pond. The electrical lines are entangled amidst the trees. Scott Wendle of NLT should be contacted.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm is working with Attorney Pascal and Mr. Pritchky, owner of the former Gardner/Powers property. A draft development agreement is forthcoming which discusses the modular home to be built on the front of the property. They are still in discussion on the status of the home at the rear of the property. A subdivision would be needed in order to build a 2nd home at the rear of the property.

Malcolm has followed up with Sylvia Han at the Lackawanna County Pro Bono Office in order to connect Mr. Billy Ray Gardner with pro bono legal council to be able to sign the liability agreement needed to demolish the old home on his property located at 1218 Fords Pond Road.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: The next meeting of the Tax Collection Committee will be held January 28th at 7pm at South Abington Township. Bill Lazor was the guest speaker at the Abington COG Meeting in January and he gave a one hour presentation. He said that the committee could not send anything out to a depository until a Tax ID was obtained and a physical address was needed for that. They are using the old grade school on Grove Street as the physical location. Many people attended this meeting. Mike reviewed the schedule for when things needed to happen. Bottom line, everything must be in place and taxes must be collected by January 1, 2012. Randy Campbell reported that the Bi-Laws and budget subcommittees have met several times. An RFP committee needs to be formed and municipal input is needed by this committee. RFPs will be sent to the big names in tax collection such as Berkheimer. Mike said that there is a 250 page report available on the DCED website which outlines 44 best practices for the collection of taxes. There was discussion about the weighted vote and some of the municipalities felt that each municipality should have one vote. Bill Lazor said that if all wanted to contribute equally financially that could be considered. The supposed benefits of consolidation would be more efficiency.

Bill Wicks suggested that since there was a new person, Bill Courtright, in charge, Glenburn send a letter to the Single Tax Office asking for Glenburn's money. Malcolm will send them a letter. An exact amount needs to be gotten from Berkheimer.

Bi County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution:

Malcolm reviewed the resolution with residents. It was necessary to develop a Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for federal funding in an emergency. **Bill Wicks motioned to adopt the Lackawanna and Luzerne Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Mike Savitsky 2nd, All in Favor.**

New Business:

Road Work Bid Preparation: Bill Wicks obtained the Board's approval to work with Jack Scheuer on bid packages for paving work to be done on Waterford, White Birch and Locust Lanes. He would try to have the Bid Packages ready for approval at the next meeting.

Announcements: Joanne read a request from Colts Transportation for people to attend an open meeting at the Steamtown Mall to gather input about bus routes. The meeting will be January 26th at 11am and again at 4pm.

Public Input: Liana Smith asked about some heavy equipment on a Gravel Pond Road property that appeared to be digging a ditch to drain a swamp. There was discussion as to whether that was allowed if it was wetlands. Bill Wicks said that it would be allowed if a cross pipe were being fixed. Otherwise, Malcolm and Bill were not sure what was allowed. Tom Wicks said that the parcel needs to be a certain size to be on the National Registry of Wetlands. If that was the case then you couldn't disturb it unless you could swap it for other land and that required a lot of approvals. Bill will ask Jack Scheuer to check on the National Wetlands Maps. Tom Wicks said that PoconoGIS provided Scott Township with the ability to overlay wetlands maps onto the Township Maps. It is a nice tool for the code officer.

Mark Young asked the Board to sign a DEP Application Mailer so that he can get started with the appropriate DEP forms for his planned subdivision. He will have Bob Davis from the Sewer Authority send a letter to Glenburn certifying that the Sewer Plant has capacity for the new subdivision. He would like to get the application mailer signed in time to take to a January 29th meeting with DEP. Malcolm suggested that Township Engineer Jack Scheuer take a look at it. Mark also asked about appearing before the Planning Commission to review his preliminary sketch plans. He needs to notify the Township at least a week ahead so that the Planning Commission reorganization meeting can take place and the meetings can be advertised.

Randy asked if the Township had considered adding Glenburn Township to the addresses as part of the 911 addressing project. Bill said that they considered it but it would have required 100% of the Township Addresses to change.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. Executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss the Dequeiroz complaint and Fords Pond and Precision issues. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and Dave Jennings Jr. 2nd. All in Favor. Mike Savitsky motioned to reconvene the meeting again briefly at 8:50 due to discussion needed on the maintenance contract on the F550 Truck which was time sensitive. Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor. After a brief discussion Mike Savitsky motioned to purchase the premium care warrantee for \$3775 and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor. Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson
Secretary / Treasurer