

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

## MINUTES June 21, 2010

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

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Police Sgt Eric Judge, 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 Wicks motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Township Meeting with an amendment to the Willow Road Section changing the name of the presenter to Mike Sinkevich, and Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

**Hickory Ridge Sewer:** Attorney Dave Gromelski has been contracted by the Township to work on the sewer issues due to his experience and expertise in that area. Mike Savitsky discussed the fact that Dave has been authorized to speak with the South Abington Solicitor to see if South Abington would be willing to enter into an agreement with Glenburn for maintenance and operation of the proposed Hickory Ridge sewer lines. Malcolm said that a lot of work has been done on this issue and that attorney Gromelski has prepared a memo discussing the issues and salient points to be considered in order to move forward on this project. He has also been authorized to confer with Hickory Ridge attorney Jim Gillotti and has done so. Attorney Gromelski stated that it is not uncommon for adjacent municipalities without a sewer infrastructure to take ownership of sewer lines and enter into maintenance agreements with other municipalities that already handle sewer systems. Mark Young did not think that South Abington would have a problem with such an agreement but that billing could present a problem. Mark stressed that he has a deadline of December 2012 to have a new pump station in place as part of his agreement with the other involved municipalities. Dave said he could put an agreement together fairly easily if that is the way the Township decides to go. He also said that at some point in the future neighbors could have issues and DEP could force hook ups.

**Krieger-Dequeiroz Sewer Issues:** Malcolm stated that there was a contempt hearing before Judge Minora on May 24 to address the fact that things have not been getting done to remedy this situation of sewage flowing onto the neighbor's property. The Krieger property is still discharging and a detailed order has been compiled which Mr. Krieger must comply with. SEO Redel has been on top of the situation and has helped move things along. Judge Minora has June 24<sup>th</sup> calendared for a status update and if Mr. Krieger is found to not be in compliance with judge's orders he could be forced out of his home or jailed. Walter stated that the perc test was scheduled for tomorrow and the existing tank has been sealed off and an alarm put on to notify when it needs to be pumped. Walter has been documenting everything and was uncertain as to whether Mr. Krieger had found a new engineer. .

**Committee Reports**

**Police:** SGT Judge had no formal report but was available for questions from residents. David Jennings asked how often there had been police call outs to Glenburn this month. Eric referred him to the monthly report they provide the Township. He stated that for more specific detail all calls are logged in through the county and that when they get put into the computer they need to override some things in order to put the calls into the proper jurisdiction. David asked if he could have a report of the May and June incidents prior to the next meeting. Eric said he would try to have something to David. David asked if the county report would show the resolutions to the incidents and Eric said that most calls would still be under investigation and that it could take months to resolve some of them.

Maryann Savitsky said that she called the police on May 23<sup>rd</sup> about dirt bikes and ATV's on the road about 8pm and called back again at 9:30. At 10pm Officer James showed up and said to call PennDOT. PennDOT had told her to call the police. Eric will stop by to see Maryann and the neighbors to discuss the ATV and dirt bike issues in further detail. He also said that Officer James could have been out on another call which would have delayed him from getting to Mrs. Savitsky. He will check the call logs. Maryann also stated that there was a loud party on Gravel Pond Road in the past week at the residence located at 1130 Gravel Pond Road. There was loud music and big fights but the police did not respond. Eric stated that the police can talk to the neighbors and ask them to tone things down but if the Township doesn't have a noise ordinance then they can't issue citations. The Township does not have a noise ordinance. Maryann also said that there were fireworks at the pond on the weekend and that kids were taking over the area riding ATVs on the property. Eric asked if she knew where the kids were coming from or who they were because that would make it easier to catch them. Eric will follow up with Maryann tomorrow. He said that Officer James is on during the weekend and he would also follow up with him.

**Roads:** Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The majority of the new street signs have been installed. Several more will be installed after PA-1 Call confirmation on possible underground utilities. The dirt roads were treated with calcium chloride. Preparatory paving was done on South Waterford Road. There is one more section to be done. Roadside trimming and ditch spraying has started. Joanne also called the Little League about the dust complaint and offered Township assistance. However, she has not heard back from them. She will follow up with them.

**Sewage Enforcement:** Walter Redel reported that testing is in progress on the Baldwin property.

**Code Enforcement:** Tom Wicks reported that 2 permits have been issued, one for a new modular home on Fords Pond Road and one for a sign. He also issued a stop work order on Father's Day. Tom Wicks said he went to investigate the small amount of junk behind a trailer on Fig Ave. The property owner was sent a letter 4 years ago and said they had no money and couldn't do anything. Tom said that the trailer was in bad condition and should be torn down. BIU would have to do an inspection in accordance with the Township Ordinance. The house looked secure although it is purported that black mold is growing inside. That is a health issue. Jerry Phillips, who lives in the neighborhood, spoke on behalf of the neighbors. He stated that the blue house at 1104 Main Ave (old address) has not been lived in and that there is an inch or 2 of water in the basement. This belongs to John Mirabelli. The house located at 1105 Main Ave (old address) belongs to Herbert Gray and John Mirabelli is the executor. The trailer belongs to Mr. Genovese. Jerry showed photographs to the supervisors of the various properties and the junk that was on the properties which included a casket, snowmobiles, tractor hoods, a school bus, etc. In order to do anything about these properties the owners would need to be located, attorney MacGregor would need to write letters to find out what the parties intend to do about these properties and then a BIU inspection would need to be performed. Jerry left a cell phone number for Mr. Mirabelli with Joanne. He thought that NBT bank was involved with the properties in some way.

Later in the meeting Jerry Phillips suggested that there is a school in Fleetville that might be interested in some of the old truck parts, etc. at the Mirabelli property. Bill Wicks suggested that he might want to suggest that approach to Mr. Mirabelli in trying to clean up the property.

**Planning:** Tom Wicks reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting this past month but one is tentatively planned for July to discuss the Platt zoning change request. Joanne will ask Carson Helfrich if he feels it is necessary for him to attend.

**Recreation:** Bill Wicks reported that there is a Recreation Board meeting the third Thursday at the Clarks Summit Borough Building at 7pm. .

**911 Addressing:** Marion Onofrey of 29 Fig Street had a complaint about PoconoGIS personnel being rude on the phone. She also stated that they said in their correspondence that someone would visit each home and that their input would be welcomed. Then the next letter came and everything was decided. She was upset that the 6 residents living on Main Ave. didn't have input to

the new street name. Supervisor Jennings pointed out the importance of coming to the meetings so that you know what is going on in the Township. The project has been ongoing since 2008. There was discussion about why the address wasn't changed to read Glenburn Township and supervisor Savitsky explained that every address in the Township would have been required to change if that were the case. Bill Wicks explained that this way only homes that were previously RD#'s or had a conflict with a neighboring municipality's street name would need to change. There was also discussion on the lag time for addresses to be updated in various agencies computer systems.

**Paving on Fig Ave:** Jerry Phillips complained about the new gravel swales on Fig Ave. He said that the gravel washed down into the drainage ditches and required additional work to clean up. Supervisor Wicks suggested that maybe heavier gravel could be used.

**Old Business:**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** David Jennings spoke with Ann Breslin and was told that more hot spots were found near the foundation of the old building. These areas will be addressed in the coming weeks. They also put in 10 new monitoring wells.

**Glenburn Pond:** Nothing new to report.

**Fords Pond Road Issues:** Malcolm has been in touch with attorney Schneider and progress is being made on the demolition at 1210 Fords Pond. He will try to get it resolved soon. Tom Wicks reported that a new house is being built at 1218 Fords Pond Road.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** Randy Campbell reported that there is to be a TCC meeting at the South Abington Municipal Building this Thursday. It looks like the amended bi-laws will be adopted and they may choose a solicitor. There was discussion about the methodology for selecting the solicitor. Randy was not sure if a solicitor would be appointed. He said there was a committee to select a solicitor and they would have to present their recommendations to the board. Bill Wicks commended the committee on their efforts to amend the bi-laws. Mike Savitsky gave a brief history of the ACT 32 Tax Collection Committee to residents.

**Special Counsel for Hickory Ridge Sewer Issues:** Bill Wicks motioned to accept the agreement proposed by Attorney Gromelski's firm for fees and costs of \$150 per hour and expenses as outlined in the agreement. David Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor. Attorney Gromelski will make recommendations and handle legal issues for the proposed Hickory Ridge Subdivision Sewer.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

Joanne announced that the Glenburn Township Property Tax Collector position was once again available as the person lined up to take over next year cannot do it. The position pays 5% of taxes collected. She has another person who may be willing to do it but asked residents if they knew of anyone who might be interested to let her know.

Joanne also advised the supervisors that a PLGIT CD would be coming due in July and that she would look into investment opportunities for the money.

**Public Input:**

There was discussion on the use of jake brakes on Route 6 around the curve by Travato's Meat Market.

**Correspondence:**

Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm and Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson  
Secretary / Treasurer