

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES September 20, 2010

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Police Sgt Eric Judge (part)

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the August 16, 2010 Township Meeting, Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Joanne reviewed the financial reports and the bills. **Mo. by Wicks 2nd by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Mike Savitsky discussed the September 2nd email that was sent by Mark Young to the Supervisors. This email rejected much of the contract prepared by Attorney Gromelski on Glenburn's behalf. It is the feeling of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that the suggestions made by Mark Young shift an unfair burden to Glenburn with regards to the sewer for the Hickory Ridge Development. Dave Botscheller addressed the BOS and said that the only thing Border wanted Glenburn to do was to take ownership of the gravity line feeds for the Hickory Ridge Development. There was lengthy discussion between Attorney Gromelski, Dave Botscheller and the BOS on what was expected with the various agreements. Glenburn Township does not want the Homeowners Association to be responsible for administration of the sewer lines. Glenburn wants to own the lines and have South Abington operate and maintain the lines and do the billing. The Joint Sewer Authority would treat the sewage. Glenburn would like to see a monthly/quarterly fee and a one time connection fee. The monthly/quarterly fee would cover the treatment and other associated costs. The one time connection fee would be set aside for any major maintenance or problems with the sewer lines needing to be addressed in the future. Attorney Gromelski will prepare revised agreements for Border to review. The BOS stressed that agreement had to be reached with Border Realty before the agreements with South Abington, Clarks Summit and the Joint Sewer Authority could be revised. Dave Botscheller apologized for negative comments made previously by Border Realty.

Committee Reports

Police: Eric was called away before he could give report.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The road crew dug out and repaved sections on Fords Pond Road, White Birch Road and Humphrey Street. Calcium Chloride was re-applied to the dirt roads. New emergency brake pads were installed on the large dump truck. Clean up was done after the September 13th storm. Ditches on North Waterford Road were re-cut.

Sewage Enforcement: No report.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that the Planning Commission (PC) met on September 1 and recommended approval on the proposed Hewlett Subdivision contingent on a favorable review by the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission (LCRPC). The approval was received today. **Bill Wicks motioned to approve the subdivision contingent on the payment of the \$300 Subdivision Recreation Fee. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Planning: Tom Wicks suggested that Glenburn consider having a penalty for people who fail to obtain building permits. He said that Dunmore just increased the fees for that situation as did Scott Township. Tom pointed out that there is no incentive for someone to obtain a building permit. If residents don't get a permit and then get caught, they are just required to pay the normal fee. Malcolm suggested that the increased fee would need to be justified. Tom pointed out that the UCC Code allows for double or triple the fee in those circumstances. The BOS asked Malcolm to follow up on tripling the fees for failure to obtain a permit in order to give people incentive to obtain the proper permits. Tom Wicks will scan Scott's Building Permit Fee Schedule and send to Malcolm for review.

Supervisor Savitsky mentioned that he got a complaint from a resident about gravel being washed down on Northup Hill Road. This was from a drainage pipe set in the ground. Since Northup Hill is a State Road, PennDOT would need to be advised of the situation.

Recreation: Bill Wicks did not attend last week's meeting but said that it went so long that it will be continued this week at the Clarks Summit Borough Building.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm read a follow up response from Robin Eiseman on the letter sent by Glenburn on August 30th. Robin responded that Precision has been more diligent in updating data to the community and is placing data on the website within a week of receiving it. The EPA has a short term contract with Tetra Tech to work on the (Environmental Engineering/Cost Assessment) EE/CA. This study will review and assess the data collected at the site and evaluate alternatives for cleaning up the site. Once EE/CA recommendations are presented a public comment period is required and an Action Memorandum will be issued. This process could take several months to complete. After that is completed negotiations with Precision on a cleanup agreement will take place. That process also could take several months. EPA would like to perform another round of injections at the site to reduce the levels of Hexavalent Chromium. Those levels had risen slightly since the last round of injects was completed.

David Jennings again stressed the desire for the foundation and contaminated soils to be removed. He stated that the basement well had levels of 40,000PPB and the injection process did not take those levels down. He suggested pumping the wells and filtering the water and discharging it into the ground. David also asked about getting our government representatives involved in seeking quicker remediation solutions. There was discussion on the meaning and results of the injection process. David Jennings is still seeking an answer to the 360,000PPB level from soil samples under the building. This question was posed in July of 2009.

Glenburn Pond: Malcolm wrote a letter to Natural Lands Trust but has not received a response yet. DEP has performed testing on the pond and the soils. Deeper soil testing was to take place this week. DEP has stated that they would not test a resident's well because the areas tested surrounding the well did not warrant testing the well. David Jennings remembers them promising to test the well. David suggested that future meetings with Precision and NLT should be taped so that there is no misunderstanding of things that were promised.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm reported that he has no new news and is following up with Attorney Schneider.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell reported that there will be a regular meeting of the TCC next Thursday. Also there will be meetings with each of 4 responders to the RFPs. They will take place on the 28th and 29th. A final decision will be forthcoming at the October TCC Meeting.

Fig Avenue Complaints: Tom Wicks is working with Mr. Genovese on cleanup. Mr. Genovese has given the Township a date by which he will complete cleanup of the properties. Mrs. Phillips said she has noticed improvement on both properties but is concerned about the vacant properties and whether continued maintenance would be performed. Tom did not know where things stood with Mr. Mirabelli. Dave Jennings had met with him but Tom did not receive any response to the correspondence sent and no return mail on the certified letter either. David stated that Mr. Mirabelli did receive the letter from the Township. There was discussion about the fact that Tom, as Code Enforcement Officer, should be the one in charge of enforcing the ordinance and when too many people get involved the process gets confusing. David told Tom to proceed with the enforcement and he will provide the phone number for Mr. Mirabelli to Tom. Malcolm provided the address given to him by the post office.

Waverly Road RR Bridge: Malcolm reported that PennDOT will be repairing the Waverly Road RR bridge. They will scope the work out in early October. The BOS asked that Jack Scheuer be involved in that process. Joanne will follow up with Jack.

New Business:

Resolution Opposing Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations: The supervisors reviewed the resolution opposing House Bill 2431 and Senate Bill 1357. **Mike Savitsky**

motioned to adopt resolution 2010-3 Opposing Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor. Letters have been sent to legislators by Malcolm and Jim Wanzasc has already replied.

Resolution authorizing participation in the NEPA Cooperative Purchasing Program: The supervisors reviewed the information on the LC Cooperative Purchasing Agreement and decided to table it until the next meeting. There was a question, brought up by Tom Wicks, on whether bidding would be required if the Township participated. Joanne will follow up for next meeting.

Announcements:

Joanne announced that the 6th Annual Glenburn Art Show and Sale would have its opening on October 3rd from 3-5pm.

Public Input: Randy Campbell brought up a situation with the 911 addressing of his house. His wife made an inquiry about the house numbers assigned to them and their neighbors. After talking to GIS Tech Solutions, she was informed that since they shared a driveway with the neighbor it would have to be given a street name. Randy felt that doing so would make it even more confusing for EMS personnel to find their home. The supervisors supported Randy's position and instructed Joanne to tell Pocono GIS to leave the address as Waterford Road as originally assigned.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer