

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES April 18, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Savitsky (Exec. session only via phone conference), Bill Wicks and David Jennings Jr.

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel and Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Jennings called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Jennings motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the March 21, 2011 Township Meeting, Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Hickory Ridge Sewer: No action was taken due to last minute changes made by Border Realty.

Countryside Conservancy Presentation: Cheryl Ellsworth, Bill Kern and Consultant Tim Wilson gave a presentation to the Board about Phase 1 of the Northern Electric Trolley Trail Project. The project involves roughly 2.78 miles of trails, 1.92 of which are located in Glenburn. They are waiting on approval of a DCNR Grant to begin construction. The trail will run from Clarks Summit to Dalton and will traverse 2 Glenburn Roads in order to keep the trail connected. These are Arch Avenue and Pine Tree Drive. There will be signage placed on these roads indicating that they are part of the trail and also for safety purposes. Both roads are low traffic areas. The recently purchased property at the bottom of S. Waterford Road will be developed into a trail head with access from S. Waterford Road. There will be parking for 6-15 cars. Access from Ackerly Road will be prohibited due to safety concerns.

The Conservancy would like the Land Development waived by the Township. The County does not require Land Development for trails and they are asking that Glenburn waive it as well. In lieu of an NPDS plan, the Township Engineer would have to sign off on the plans after reviewing them. A letter from the Township signing off on the use of the Township Roads and the NPDS plan would be needed. Water run off would be mitigated in detention areas and rain gardens.

Countryside Conservancy will do an Erosion & Sedimentation Plan and the trail will be crushed stone. Dave Jennings asked who would be responsible for trail maintenance and was told that sometimes agreements were made with municipalities, sometimes trail users helped maintain the trails or sometimes they can belong to the county park system as a linear park. Bill Wicks asked how motorized traffic would be handled. Tim said that there would be gates at the access points to keep out motorized vehicles. He also said that they would make the trails ADA accessible where possible. Tim said that many times the trails were self policing. Regular users would report on improper uses and the volume of use would also discourage motorized traffic. The project will cost over \$500,000. All together, if you include the work done over the last 10 years, the total cost is probably over \$1,000,000. The Conservancy needs to raise \$150,000 in matching funds if they get the DCNR grant.

Committee Reports

Police: No report.

Roads: Joanne read the road report. The road crew handled the 2 final snow events. All of the catch basins have been cleaned out. Pot hole patching on dirt and hard roads was done as well as clean up of debris left by the plows.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel thanked the Township for flowers sent during his hospital stay. He discussed the Durr property on Northup Hill. There is currently a dilapidated trailer which the owner wants to remove and build a small house in its place. There is an issue with the amount of

isolation distance between the well and septic and the lot is only 75' by 150'. This may cause problems in meeting Township zoning requirements for well and septic. Lot number 4 in the Woods at Glenburn Subdivision is being developed by Scott Hastings. The original septic was installed in 1997 and was covered over. However, no connections were ever made to the house because only the foundation was put in at that time. Mr. Hastings took over in 2007 and now the Township permit is expired and DEP said that since the Township gave permission to cover the system that Mr. Hastings can use the old permit. There was some discussion on this. Walter has not been able to contact Mr. Hastings by phone or mail. Walter also mentioned that one fee was missing from the Sewer Permit Fee Schedule updated last year. The correction will be motioned on later in the meeting.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that he looked at the property on Tourist Avenue that was reported to the Township as having major construction work done without permits. He could not tell that any work was being done. It was probably interior work. He said that it wasn't a zoning issue since the work was contained to the confines of the original structure. He also commented that the properties on Tourist Ave. did not have 911 addresses posted and it was hard to tell what was what.

Planning: No Report

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there was a meeting last Thursday and that the next meeting would be the third Thursday of May at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. The AAJRB is waiting on approval of a \$900,000 grant before some projects can be started.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm sent an email to the EPA about Township concerns with their reporting of data and its analysis. The Township is also in the process of setting up a meeting with EPA Council and Site Coordinator. Dave Jennings added that Precision would not agree to split samples being taken by the Township.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm spoke to Attorney Snyder about the demolition of 1218 Fords Pond Road and confirmed that there are no liens on the property other than a mortgage. Attorney Snyder will meet with the bank to get a sign off on the demolition. In order to avoid a public hearing the client will need to enter into a stipulation agreement with the Township.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell reported that there was no meeting last month and that the committee would meet next Thursday to vote on the agreement with Berkheimer.

New Business:

Updated Sewer Fee Resolution: Dave Jennings motioned to approve the amended Sewer Fee Resolution No. 2011 – 02 and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.

Announcements:

Spring Clean Up: Spring Clean Up will be on May 6th and 7th this year. Flyers are available describing allowable items.

Public Input: Randy Campbell handed in the Township Audit Report for 2010. He also asked about the Route 6 Construction Project. Bill Wicks stated that the first phase would be from Clark Summit to N. Gravel Pond Road. There was also discussion about the additional subsidence at the Waverly Road Bridge caused by the storms. Joanne will follow up with PennDOT.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Dave Jennings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer