

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Savitsky, Dave Jennings and Bill Wicks

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

Public in Attendance: Attachment

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

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the June 27, 2011 Township Meeting, Dave Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Attorney Dave Gromelski reported that an acceptable agreement has been developed between Glenburn Township and Border Realty with regards to Glenburn Township's ownership of the Sewer Lines for the proposed Hickory Ridge Subdivision located in Glenburn Township. Three additional agreements will need to be developed as follows: 1) between Glenburn and South Abington for maintenance of the sewer lines, 2) between Glenburn and Clarks Summit to allow the pass through of sewage and 3) between Glenburn and the Joint Sewer Authority for treatment of the sewage. If agreements cannot be reached within a year, the contract between Glenburn and Border Realty can be voided. Border has agreed to cover legal costs for the agreements. The legal fees to date for the agreements are \$9,465.00. Border has also agreed to pay Glenburn \$1000 per connection to the sewer lines. Tom Wicks asked if there were any time limits for developing the subdivision and if there were any up front costs to the Township. There are no time limits and no up front costs. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the latest version of the contract and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: Bill Wicks reported that Ken James has been appointed Chief of Police for Waverly. Ken suggested that the Township purchase a generator that can be used to power the light on Route 6 & 11 should there be a power outage. He directed traffic for 1.5 hours when the power went out recently. Bill agreed that it would be a good idea to have a generator because the sump pump in the basement of the Township Building was out due to a storm a few months ago for 3 days and an old 1950's generator had to be used to power the pump and prevent flooding. Bill suggested purchasing from Home Depot because it was the best price and they would deliver for free. He found a gas powered 8200 Watt portable generator for \$799. **Bill Wicks motioned to raise the limit on the Township Debit card to \$1000 in order to accommodate an online purchase of a generator. Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Roads: Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. They have removed dirt from ditches on Waterford Rd and Tourist Ave. left by the June 21st storm. They filled in washed out areas along road edges where necessary. They installed a new fuel pump on the backhoe and a partial exhaust system on the 5 ton truck. More pothole patching and ditch spraying was done. Hot pave was spread on the bottom of Old Trail Road.

Bill Wicks added that the brake line on the large truck blew and it was towed to Navitsky's for repair and to have all of the break lines replaced. He also met with Jack Scheuer this week to discuss the end of White Birch not paved last year. He asked Jack to look at the drainage issues and develop a design so that the Township can move forward with paving and drainage on that section of the road. **Bill Wicks motioned to move forward with the design for the drainage project on the lower end of White Birch Road. Dave Jennings 2nd, All in favor.** Bill asked Joanne to investigate 10 year loan options for roadwork since the Fords Pond Loan was now paid off. He will get a rough number to her.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel reported that the Carroll's repair is completed. The Reeves system is being relocated. The Vangorder system is completed and he has done some excellent drainage

work on Park and Seamans. Todd Millet is waiting for the outside work on his addition before proceeding with the septic system. Jim Krieger is keeping his place pumped.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks spoke with Jerry Phillips about the situation on Fig Ave. He explained that when someone is served by the magistrate it doesn't necessarily remedy the problem and that without a constable to enforce the collection of fines and remedy of the situation things can just languish. Tom again suggested that the Township consider updating the Zoning Ordinance to allow for filing of a criminal complaint which has no fee associated with it. The Civil Complaint costs \$82.50 for every complaint filed. Malcolm cautioned the supervisors to consider carefully before making that option available. Tom stated that the building was not a candidate for the dangerous structures ordinance because it was structurally sound. Discussion ensued and it was mentioned that the criminal complaint option could be added to the Zoning Ordinance giving the supervisors a choice of how to file a complaint. Malcolm also recommended that Dave Jennings speak with Mark Seitzinger about blighted properties. Mark did work on this for the City of Scranton.

Planning: Tom Wicks reported that there was a Planning Commission (PC) meeting on July 6th to reorganize and then a regular meeting to discuss 2 subdivisions. The Rennie/Lewis subdivision will be adding additional land to the existing Rennie parcel adjacent to the Lewis Farm. No new lot is being created and no recreation fee will be charged. A conditional approval was recommended contingent upon updated deed descriptions and a waiver of preliminary hearing letter being received by the Township. Tom mentioned that they will also need an approval recommendation from the county. The David Northup subdivision is dividing a 2.6 acre parcel out of the existing 11 acre parcel. The LCRCP has already given approval. The PC recommended conditional approval based on receipt of the letter waiving the preliminary hearing, the completed sewage planning module, obtaining a Highway Occupancy Permit and payment of the \$300 recreation fee.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that the July meeting was cancelled.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm reported that the supervisors met with representatives from EPA to get an update on legal and environmental concerns at the site. It was an informal session and the public input was reviewed. EPA will probably have an action plan by the fall and hopefully be implementing by the end of the year. The data analysis shows some positive developments and also some ongoing concerns. Malcolm felt that Precision and EPA are working together in a more positive manner than in the past. There was a problem with the public meeting transcript caused by the contractor producing it. EPA will work on getting that remedied. It was proposed that additional informal meetings be held every 6 months or so. The supervisors would like to see timelier posting of test data in a more understandable format. Dave Jennings was concerned because EPA does not want to remove the foundation. Residents have sent letters asking that it be removed. The springs below the foundation are heavily contaminated. David also suggested that the township send EPA a list of wells to be tested. Malcolm stated that he thought EPA was more receptive to simplifying the results being reported. There was discussion about the possible use of excel spreadsheets broken down by well.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm reported that he has been in touch with attorney Schnieder and forwarded the release of liability and stipulation agreement to her. Attorney Schneider is working on a waiver of interest from the bank. Hopefully this will all be resolved by the next Township meeting.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: No report.

Caboose Maintenance: Bill Wicks reported that he spoke with Rick Laskie who is developing an action plan for restoration of the caboose exterior. The roof and windows need to be addressed in addition to the paint on the body of the caboose. He expects the cost of restoration to be between \$3,000 and \$10,000. There was some discussion about obtaining a grant. Bill looked into the Museum Historical Commission Grants and said that they were an unlikely source of revenue. The basic goal at this point is to make the caboose look presentable and make it weather tight. Malcolm has a client that worked on the

Railroad and is a member of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society that might be able to provide some helpful information. He will email the information to Bill.

New Business:

Building Maintenance: Bill Wicks stated that \$50,000 has been budgeted for building repairs and improvements. He asked Jack Scheuer if anyone at BCM could come up with specifications for the work needing to be done due to the historical significance of the building. This would enable the Township to bid out pieces of the project and have everyone bidding on the exact same specifications. Jack recommended he speak with architect Tim Aikman. Bill met with Tim and got a price for developing specifications for the roof, bracing, pole barn repairs, fencing, lighting and replacing the Plexiglas windows. This would include a detailed set of plans if none can be made available from the last renovations. Tim proposed a rate of \$80 per hour not to exceed \$6400 for all projects. Bill Wicks motioned to retain Tim Aikman at \$80 per hour to move forward on the roof projects. Dave Jennings needed more time to look at the proposal and recommended tabling it until the next meeting. Malcolm suggested that a special meeting could be called if need be to vote on it. The motion was tabled and Bill will try to get a finer breakdown of costs from Tim.

Announcements: Joanne announced the Glenburn 7th Annual Art Show opening would take place on October 2nd from 3-5pm. She also had "Call for Entries" information available for anyone who would like to participate.

Public Input: None

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer