

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES August 20, 2012

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson, Police Chief Ken James

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 July 16, 2012 Township Meeting with a correction to the motion on the caboose insurance making it \$200 per year, Supervisor Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Hickory Ridge Sewer/Hotel: No report.

Committee Reports

Police: Chief James reported that some VASCAR lines were done. He would like the road crew to be available at 2AM to paint lines on Route 6&11. This would save the Township money. Mike Savitsky said that the road crew would be available. Jamie Matthews resigned the force and Angelo Rudolphi is now full time.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The week of July 17th the road crew completed roadside mowing with a boom mounted rotary mower rented from F&S Supply. New stop signs were installed at Churchill and Waterford Intersections to curb speeding. VASCAR Lines are being applied to numerous locations in the Township as requested by the Waverly Police and the Supervisors. The Chapin Drive and Northup Hill intersection was patch paved and additional pot hole patching was done as necessary. Limb trimming was done where needed and Lower Waterford was regraded and rolled.

Sewage Enforcement: No Report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that he issued two permits and denied one permit.

Planning: Tom Wicks reported that there was a Planning Commission meeting with Carson Helfrich about ACT 13 changes. The PC has decided to wait to see what the outcome of the Supreme Court Ruling is before acting on any changes. This course of action was also recommended by PSATS in recent correspondence.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there was still a vacancy on the board.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Mike reported that there will be a status meeting with EPA and DEP on August 29th at 11AM.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell stated that there will be a meeting next week. There was not a quorum at the last meeting. There have been issues with Centex not being able to properly handle the distribution of funds. They have recently entered into an agreement with Berkheimer to take over collections. Centex will no longer be in business. Municipalities can opt to go with Berkheimer or one of the other tax collection agencies.

As an aside, Tom Wicks mentioned that effective October 3rd Townships will have to notify the school districts about any land development or subdivisions.

Railroad Communications Tower: Mike Savitsky reviewed the history and current status of the RR Tower. CP Railroad will be putting the tower in the originally planned location on Waterford Road after looking at other options suggested by the Township. They are allowed to do this by Federal Mandate. BCM Engineering has reviewed the plans and found them acceptable. From a safety standpoint,

the RR has never had a tower fail or fall. They will start work on the bungalow this week or next. There is a "Stop Work" order that Glenburn issued which needs to be lifted.

Mark Colombo asked if the RR would be allowed to have other businesses piggy back off their tower like cell phone companies. Tom Wicks said that he discussed this issue with Malcolm and they would be held to the Township Zoning Ordinance if they wanted to do that. It would not comply with the Federal Mandate. Bill Wicks stated that the RR has said that they have no intention of allowing any other business to use the tower. Mark asked that the Township pursue getting something in writing. Mike Savitsky said he would talk to Malcolm about that. Mark asked if the Township can make the RR fix water run off problems in that area. Mike said that we would see how things look when they are done. Mark asked to see copies of the plans. Joanne will email them to him. **Mike Savitsky motioned to lift the "Stop Work" order. Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Fig Avenue Properties: Mike reported that a second set of inspections were done and that Malcolm has written letters to the homeowners advising them to appear at this or next months meeting. If they don't appear they will be given notice of a hearing to be held with regards to remedying their properties per the Dangerous Structures and Conditions Ordinance.

Comcast Franchise Renewal Issues: Joanne reported that the matter was being addressed through the Abington COG and there was nothing new to report.

New Business:

Scranton Commuter Tax: Bill Wicks discussed a letter received from Al Chelik of Mayfield Borough asking municipalities to join Mayfield in protesting this tax. Bill agrees with Al that it is unfair to penalize those working in Scranton because Scranton was fiscally irresponsible. He also stated that he was against the imposition of a Lackawanna County Sales Tax. He feels that it unfairly targets middle and lower income residents and thinks it will just drive business out of the area. He would like to see an "Opt Out" Option for municipalities. Bill will attend the Abington COG meetings to voice his concerns and hopefully get other municipalities to rally against these taxes. **Bill Wicks motioned to support the opposition to the Scranton Commuter Tax. Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.** Joanne will pass Bill's contact information along to Al.

Announcements:

8th Annual Township Art Show: Joanne said that the 8th Annual Glenburn Township Art Show would have an opening reception on October 7th from 3-5 and that the show will be hanging through December 13th.

Public Input:

Gerard Hetman LC Community Relations Coordinator: Gerard reviewed current events taking place in Lackawanna County. There will be a Senior Health Fair hosted by the Dept. of Community Relations on Sept 11 at the Trolley Museum from 10am to 2pm. There will also be a public safety program entitled "Heroes Day" at the 911 Center in Jessup on September 22 from 10am to 2pm. Other upcoming events include a Fishing Derby, Rail Fest and Lackawanna County Highway Safety Program car seat check.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer