

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES October 16, 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, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor

**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 September 17, 2012 Township Meeting, Supervisor Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor.**

## **Financial Report/Presentation of Bills**

Joanne reviewed the financial reports and the bills. **Mo. by Savitsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wicks to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor. Mike Savitsky also motioned to approve Solicitor MacGregor's quarterly bill for \$2043.00 for payment. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

**Hickory Ridge Sewer/Hotel:** Dave Botscheller gave a status. The Border / So. Abington Sewer Agreement is done. Glenburn / So. Abington is in final stages of review. The Abington Regional Wastewater Authority (AWRA) is requiring a connect fee which the Border development should be exempt from based on previous contractual arrangements. Glenburn will also need to negotiate this no connect fee issue. Malcolm will speak with Mike Donohue about this. An agreement with Border and Clarks Summit is in place. Supervisors Jennings and Wicks both requested updated information on the plans for the Border parcel. Dave Botscheller said he was waiting for the sewer agreements to be completed before presenting the plans. Dave Botscheller asked about the Glenburn pass through agreement with Clarks Summit. Malcolm will speak with Attorney Rogan about this. He thinks they were waiting for the South Abington agreement to be complete. The AWRA has asked for a Memorandum of Understanding stating Glenburn's intentions to proceed. This will help AWRA be eligible for more PennVest money. **Mike Savitsky motioned to proceed with the Memorandum of Understanding conditioned upon Solicitor MacGregor following up on paragraph 4 of the Memorandum. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

**James Subdivision:** Bob James came before the Planning Commission in October to present a subdivision which would grant 3 acres of his property to his son Matt James and would enlarge his daughter's holdings to 3 acres. The 2 maps were presented to the Board of Supervisors. One showing the new subdivision and a second showing the lot addition. Tom Wicks stated that 3 separate deed descriptions would be required. One for the new lot, one for the expanded lot and one for the remaining original parcel. Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission would also need to approve the subdivision plans. It was decided that a third map would not be needed as the original parcel was shown on each of the other 2 maps. **Bill Wicks motioned to approve the subdivision and lot addition conditioned upon the receipt of 3 separate deed descriptions and LCRPC approval of the subdivision. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

## **Committee Reports**

**Police:** No Report

**Roads:** Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. The road crew spent 4 days paving with hot asphalt on Chapin Drive, the corner of Scranton St. and Ruth Ave., the end of Sugarbush Rd. and on Glenview hill. They also did several storm cleanups from heavy rains. They changed the oil and filters in the backhoe and Ford F-550 in preparation for the winter season. Leaf cleanups are now underway. The batteries on the F-550 were also replaced.

**Sewage Enforcement:** No Report

**Code Enforcement:** No report

**Planning:** No report

**Recreation:** Bill Wicks reported that this week's AAJRB meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday Oct 30 at 7pm at the Clarks Summit Municipal Building.

### Old Business:

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** A public meeting has been scheduled to demonstrate the Precision Viewer to residents. Joanne will contact Dave Polish to confirm the date and time. The meeting will be held at the Township Building.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** No Report.

**Fig Avenue Properties:** Malcolm stated that the title searches were almost complete. Two pieces of correspondence were returned to him. He will prepare an Ad for the public hearing. It will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm prior to the Township Meeting. Joanne will contact the BIU Inspector and ask him to attend. Malcolm will line up the court stenographer.

**Hannon / Artley Flooding Issues:** Mike Savitsky stated that after several meetings with PennDOT and involving Representative Kavulich, the needed pipe replacement work should commence next week.

**Comcast Franchise Renewal Issues:** Bill Wicks said he will follow up with the status at the next COG meeting. Bill said that they are trying to get out of paying franchise fees to a number of municipalities. They have requested that the contract be renegotiated.

**Scranton Commuter Tax:** Bill Wicks attended a meeting held in Olyphant and organized by Al Chelik. Many municipalities were represented and are protesting the commuter tax. He read a resolution (see attached) by Scranton Taxing Our People (STOP) the newly formed organization to protest the tax. This resolution asks that ACT 47 be amended to eliminate all language allowing a commuter tax. STOP is asking each municipality to contribute \$200 towards legal fees to protest the tax. Bill cited many statistics indicating the undue financial hardship the tax would place on people working in the city and residing in the surrounding municipalities. This 1% tax will only be placed on commuters. The Scranton earned income tax would not be going up. **Bill Wicks motioned to adopt the "STOP" resolution. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor. Bill wicks motioned to contribute \$200 to the initial legal challenge contingent upon all accounts being in order. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

### New Business:

**Resolution on Act 44 for the Township Pension:** Malcolm reviewed the sample resolution provided by PSATS. The ordinance provides guidelines for the purchase of Pension products and addresses conflict of interest issues. The State Ethics Code provides rules addressing conflict of interest issues and is referenced on the Resolution. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve Resolution 2012-02 A resolution establishing procedures for compliance with the professional services contract provisions of ACT 44 of 2001. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

### Announcements:

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Art Show:** The supervisors complemented Joanne on a beautiful show. It was well attended and 11 sales were made as a result of the show so far.

### Public Input:

**Gerard Hetman LC Community Relations Coordinator:** Gerard attended the art show and also complemented the Township on a wonderful display. He has been keeping the commissioners abreast of questions regarding Glenburn Pond and the flooding issue brought up by Mr. Jenkins at the last meeting. Currently the commissioners are not interested in pursuing any projects at Glenburn Pond. Gerard offered to put the supervisors in touch with Larry Lukazik, Deputy Director of Roads and Bridges, to discuss the flooding issues at Ackerly creek. Gerard reviewed the highlights of the County Budget. and left information about activities for the coming month. There will be 3 hearings to get feedback about the budget. One of the hearings will be held at 5pm on 10-17 at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. There is a planned reduction in the County workforce as part of the budget.

### Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm and Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanne*

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer