

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES December 17, 2012

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

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks

**Public in Attendance:** Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the pledge to the flag.

## **Minutes:**

**Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the November 19, 2012 Township Meeting, Supervisor Jennings 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 Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented including a bill for signage for approximately \$680 plus freight which hasn't been received yet and a Do-It Center Bill for \$58.92 that didn't make it into the check run. All in Favor.**

**Hickory Ridge Sewer/Hotel:** Mike stated that there has been no progress and we are still awaiting action by South Abington Township.

## **Committee Reports**

**Police:** No Report.

**Roads:** Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. Both trucks have been inspected. Pot holes on the dirt parts of Waterford Road have been filled. A 30" drain pipe was installed under Old Trail Road at the Artley residence on Dec.5. All excavating was done by PennDOT and Glenburn Township supplied the pipe. Brush and dead trees were cleared from Waverly Road from the intersection of Waterford Road to the intersection of Pine Tree Drive. This corrected drainage and visibility issues. Small improvements were made to the chipper and it is working beautifully.

**Sewage Enforcement:** Supervisor Wicks reported that while putting in the Artley pipe, an issue with water infiltration from a 6" pipe was discovered. This infiltration contained fecal matter. Walter is investigating and will need to do die testing to determine the source of the fecal matter.

**Code Enforcement:** No report

**Planning:** No report

**Recreation:** No Report

## **Old Business:**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** Supervisor Jennings asked Lars about trash being left at the entrance to Precision and was directed to speak to Attorney Kevin Quinn for an answer.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** Randy Campbell reported that Officers were elected and the budget was passed. There will be no additional assessments for 2013 and probably 2014 as well.

**Fig Avenue Properties:** Mike Savitsky stated that a public hearing was held prior to the November Township meeting where testimony was heard from the BIU Inspector as to the conditions of the Mirabelli and Genovese properties. Solicitor MacGregor has prepared 2 orders based on this testimony and findings of fact. **Supervisor Savitsky motioned to adopt and approve the findings of fact and Order prepared by Solicitor MacGregor for the Mirabelli property to repair, vacate or demolish the property with a change to the language in paragraph 5 to make it read: "This Board Orders that the buildings upon the Mirabelli property, are dilapidated, incapable of being remedied or repaired and as such, may require demolition. The property owner is directed to take action to make arrangements to repair, vacate or demolish the dangerous buildings on the property within ten (10) days of this notice to be completed within sixty (60) days of this notice pursuant to Section 8, Enforcement Procedures, 8(d)." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wicks, All in favor. Supervisor Savitsky motioned to adopt and approve the findings of fact and Order prepared by Solicitor MacGregor for the Genovese property to repair, vacate or demolish the property with a change to the language in paragraph 5 to make it read: This Board Orders that the buildings upon the Genovese property, specifically the mobile**

home, are dilapidated, incapable of being remedied or repaired and as such, **may** require demolition. The property owner is directed to take action to make arrangements **to repair, vacate or demolish** the dangerous buildings on the property within ten (10) days of this notice to be completed within sixty (60) days of this notice pursuant to Section 8, Enforcement Procedures, 8(d). **2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Wicks. All in Favor.**

**Comcast Franchise Renewal Issues:** Bill Wicks had no report.

**Scranton Commuter Tax:** Bill Wicks attended the hearing on the Scranton Commuter Tax and stated that the Scranton City Council did not have accurate figures and changed their figures mid stream during the hearing. He felt that "STOP" made a strong case for dismissal of the tax and publicly acknowledge Judges Nealon, Mazzoni and Thompson for being incredibly informed on the subject matter. He also thanked Attorney Olivetie and Attorney Rogan on behalf of their work for the "STOP" organization. The outcome should be decided in a few days. Bill thinks that the Tax will not go through.

#### **New Business:**

**Abington Little League Presentation on Proposed Lighting:** Representatives from the Abington Little League including Architect Scott Allen presented the Board with a proposal for lighting one of the smaller fields (field 1). The Little League was looking for feedback from the BOS and residents. Mrs. Sansky spoke on behalf of residents attending and said that they were opposed to lighting on the fields. The fields abut neighboring properties and it was felt that these lights would be intrusive and that additional traffic and noise would also result as well. Tom Wicks pointed out that the Glenburn Zoning Ordinance does not allow lights over 25' high. Mr. Allen addressed the group and stated that technology has come a long way since the fields were redone in 2001. New types of lighting allow the lights to point downward on the fields and not produce a glow that would disrupt neighboring properties. The proposal was for 4 - 45 foot posts with 4 lights each and 2 smaller lights on one section of the parking lot. Little League representatives said that they have grown from 400 children to 800 children and that the lights would allow them to schedule additional games at the field. Current regulations prohibit them from scheduling any games that will not be finished by dark. The main need to be addressed would be the Fall Ball scheduling. Fundraising for the League is dependant on tournaments which also present a problem due to the lack of lighting on the field. Residents in attendance were all opposed to the addition of lights and stated that when the renovations were initially designed it was promised that lighting would never be added to the fields. Joanne was instructed to look at the Planning Commission Minutes to verify this information. Planning Commission Chair Tom Wicks stated that the Little League has not been a good neighbor because in the summer the games are not staggered and traffic blocks Ackerly Road for 10-15 minutes at a time or more. Trash is strewn along Ackerly Road and there is no dust control in the parking lot and neighbors are constantly cleaning off their porches. A lively discussion ensued on the various issues. Mike Williamson suggested that the current LL Board talk with the previous Board. Glenburn has always tried to be fair and work things out to favor residents and businesses. He cited People's Bank as an example. Bill Wicks stated that Glenburn waived the Sewer Permit fees on the installation of the restrooms at the LL fields and the Township continues to offer assistance with the fields. Supervisor Savitsky advised the LL to have their solicitor consult with Solicitor MacGregor.

**Adoption of the Pension Disclosure Statement for 2013:** Joanne presented the Disclosure Statement to the BOS. It is provided every year by PSATS and posted on the Township Website. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adopt the PSATS Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust Disclosure Form for 2013. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.**

**Adoption of the 2013 Township Budget:** Mike Savitsky motioned to adopt the 2013 Township Budget as advertised. **Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor. Mike Savitsky motioned to keep the millage at 4 mils. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

#### **Announcements:**

**Glenburn Art Show People's Choice Awards:** Joanne announced the winners of this year's People's Choice Awards. Ed Ims took 1<sup>st</sup> Place with his Chalk and Ink Painting "Stonebridge Reflections". Sarah Miller took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with her watercolor painting "Indian Corn". Edie Suydam took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with her Oil Painting "Silver Dollars" and Sharon Campbell took 4<sup>th</sup> Place with her watercolor

paintings “Tango” and “Floating Free”. Joanne was complimented on her efforts in putting the show together every year.

**Public Input:**

**Gerard Hetman LC Community Relations Coordinator:** Gerard discussed the County’s SBA fee waiver program for new businesses getting started. New businesses can apply to have their loan fees reimbursed. Gerard announced that the recycling center on Boulevard Avenue will be accepting electronic items now. He also left information on the Judicial Sale Timeline and Toys for Tots.

**Correspondence:**

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm and Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer