

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES February 19, 2013

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, 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 January 15, 2012 Township Meeting, Supervisor Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Joanne reviewed the financial reports and the bills. **Mo. by Savitsky, 2nd by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented with the exception of the \$1200 donation to the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter. All in Favor.** Joanne will call around to see what other municipalities are donating. Dave Jennings will follow up with the Animal Shelter as to their current financial condition. **Also Mike Savitsky motioned to donate \$400 to the Abington Senior Center and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Hickory Ridge Sewer/Hotel: Malcolm connected with Attorney Jones and Attorney Gromelski on the South Abington (SA) Sewer Agreement and there are some minor changes required. Attorney Gromelski will follow up on those. Some things still need to be reviewed with Border Realty on the SA agreement. Malcolm is hopeful that it will be finalized by next meeting. The next agreement will be with SA about the billing and maintenance. Then the Clarks Summit and ARWA agreements need to be finalized.

Employment Issues: Mike Savitsky motioned to allow solicitor MacGregor to engage Jen Baker of McNeese Wallace to advise the Township on some employment issues with a cap of \$1000. **Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Mario Matrone Subdivision and Lot Line Changes: No Action was taken.

Committee Reports

Police: No report

Roads: Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. Pot holes were patched as weather permitted. Plowing, salting and cindering were done as needed. There were 6 snow events since the last meeting. The Township took delivery of 2 additional loads of salt and our contract quota has been met.

Sewage Enforcement: No report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that Chris Winslow had been given approval for a permit for a modular home on Northup Rd **contingent upon obtaining a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP)** from PennDOT. His contractor has been working on the home without a permit as the HOP has not yet been obtained. BIU will issue a stop work order and Chris has been verbally told to stop work on the property until the HOP is obtained. His contractor, Montage Mountain Homes, bypassed BIU on inspection of the foundation and called and obtained another BIU inspection when our regular inspector was off. BIU needs a letter from the supervisors in order to issue the "Stop Work Order". There was also some discussion by Tom Wicks on the issuance of Occupancy Permits and the lax follow up by BIU. **Bill Wicks motioned to authorize the "Stop Work Order" and to authorize Tom Wicks to keep a diary of all permits. Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.** Malcolm also recommended that Tom follow up with PennDOT on what action they will take against the property owner to prevent further development in the absence of a HOP permit and to enforce their regulations on HOP permits.

Planning: No report

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that the AAJRB will meet next Thursday at the Clarks Summit Borough Building at 7pm.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm reported that there was no new information to report. Supervisor Jennings asked when the next round of testing was planned. Malcolm will follow up with EPA.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: No Report

Fig Avenue Properties: Malcolm reported that the property has been posted and that an investigator, Linda Nelson, has been contracted to track down and serve Mr. Genovese and Mr. Mirabelli.

Comcast Franchise Renewal Issues: Supervisor Jennings had no report.

Scranton Commuter Tax: Bill Wicks reported that even though the Commuter Tax was successfully overturned the "STOP" organization will continue to monitor activities regarding the tax. They are not happy about the 1% sales tax and will be following that situation closely and speaking to State and Local legislators. Bill Wicks read through Senate Bill 1502 and discussed how the money would be allocated. It is supposed to defray property taxes but there were a number of items in the bill allowing for other uses. It is also misleading in terms of how much money would be given to the municipalities and it remains to be seen how the money would be apportioned among the various municipalities. The County would be able to Opt out of the tax but if individual municipalities wanted the tax then 60% would need to agree in order to implement it. DCED projects that the tax will bring in 18 to 20 Million in revenue.

Bill also discussed the SAPA Multi-municipal Plan. It is pretty much dead in the water since Scranton has refused to participate. The plan as it is currently developed will not work without Scranton. Bill feels that the agreement needs to be scrapped and dialog should be opened with the other municipalities.

New Business:

Announcements:

Public Input:

Tom Wicks brought up the Joint Comprehensive Plan developed with Dalton prior to the SAPA Plan. It was never signed off by Glenburn but it might be something to relook at. Tom doesn't feel that the SAPA plan is good for Glenburn because it requires larger lot sizes for development and greater distances from streams. It is environmentally friendly but would limit development in Glenburn therefore limiting the growth of Glenburn's tax base.

Randy Campbell asked the supervisors about the Shade Tree Commission Arbor Day Tree Planting. There was some discussion and **Bill Wicks motioned to participate in the Tree Planting, Mike Savitsky 2nd. No one was in favor so the motion was denied.** Randy will follow up with the Clarks Summit Shade Tree Commission and let them know that Glenburn will not participate this year but would consider participation next year.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer