

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Savitsky and Bill Wicks

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

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:32pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 Township Meeting, Supervisor Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Dave Gromelski reported that the agreement between Glenburn Township and South Abington Township has been completed and recommended that the supervisors approve it. One year ago Glenburn executed an agreement with Border Realty to accept dedication of the sewer lines for Border's proposed development. The agreement with South Abington will allow Glenburn to convey sewage through South Abington Township and also allow Glenburn to use the pumping station with appropriate distribution of the associated cost. Next the agreements with Clarks Summit and the ARWA must be completed. **Mike Savitsky motioned that Glenburn approve the wastewater agreement between Glenburn and South Abington Township. Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: No Report

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. Roadside trimming has been done. Forty eight tires from the Mirabelli property and 7 from the Township garage were taken to Sandone Tires for disposal. Road edge washouts were repaired after several heavy rains. Pothole patching was done as necessary. The trees in front of the Township Building were trimmed.

Sewage Enforcement: No report

Code Enforcement: No report

Planning: Tom Wicks reported that the Planning Commission (PC) met and reviewed 2 plans. The first was a lot combination / lot line change of 6 parcels into 4 parcels along Ackerly Road. The PC recommended approval of the Ackerly Road changes. The second was a minor subdivision on Pine Tree Drive. There is one large lot that is being subdivided into 2 lots. However the road frontage for each lot is about 20 feet shy of the required 100 foot frontage. The PC motioned to recommend approval once a variance is obtained for the road frontage. **Mike Savitsky motioned that the board approve the lot combination/lot line adjustment for Mr. and Mrs. Colombo. Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Recreation: Bill Wicks suggested we wait until New Business for discussion.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: No report.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: No report.

Fig Avenue Properties: Bill reported that Malcolm has not been able to contact Mr. Mirabelli on the vehicle disposition. Mr. Genovese continues to clean up his property. The cube van has been removed. Mike Savitsky commended supervisor Wicks and the Road Crew for the work they have done on this cleanup.

New Business:

AAJRB Grant Request: Tim Sheffler from AAJRB told the Board that there is ACT 13 Grant Money available which could be used to do improvements to Hillside Park. A municipality is needed to apply for the grant. The work they are looking to do with the grant money includes: 1) Completing the walkway around the lake at the 307 border which would allow access for bikers, joggers and the handicapped. 2) Reorient one of the softball fields so that it is not facing the western setting sun. It will

face the same direction as the other field when completed. 3) Improve the parking situation and increase the availability and accessibility. The project will require around \$250,000 and the AAJRB will have to provide a 20% match. There are no major costs for Glenburn. Glenburn would act as a host municipality and have some bookkeeping responsibility. There would be some legal review etc. Sandi Opshinsky, grant writer and recreation specialist will be writing and assisting with the grant. She has done 3 similar grants. The grant is due July 31. It will probably be approved in the fall. There is a \$100 application fee which would be paid by the AAJRB. **Bill Wicks motioned that Glenburn Township act on behalf of the AAJRB to obtain the ACT 13 Recreation Grant. Mike Savitsky 2nd, All in Favor.**

White Birch and Laurel Lane Storm Water Project: Bill Wicks reported that some additional work is needed on this project and he would like to have the supervisors' authorization for himself and Jack Scheuer to negotiate with Hanson Aggregates, contractor for the water company, and PA American Water to do this work. The water company will be putting a top coat on the entire road but the Township will be doing some work in house rebuilding the base. The engineer recommended that the Township put down a leveling course which will restore the normal crown to the road and fill in any ruts. Bill would like to negotiate with PA American to pick up part of the cost of the leveling course. However, the Township would also need to pick up some of the cost. Bill would like to be able to negotiate up to a cost of \$10,000 to have Hanson do this work. It would be much more cost effective to use the contractor that is already on the site. **Bill motioned to proceed with the negotiations with Hanson and PA American Water Co. up to a cost of \$10,000. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Announcements: Joanne announced that the Lackawanna County Grant for the Art Show has been approved and that the opening reception would be held on September 29th and the show would be up until mid-December.

Public Input: Paul and Roberta Czarkowski from Arch Avenue questioned the ability of neighbor and Township Supervisor David Jennings to store stone on his property for Popple Construction. The Township Zoning Ordinance states that residential property cannot be used as a storage yard. Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks explained that it is only a temporary situation and as such would be permitted for a short time frame. Mr. Jennings will be putting a home up in August and would no longer be storing stone on his property at that time. Tom explained that the Township was also allowing Frank Colombo to store equipment and materials temporarily on his Waterford Road property for the contractors working on the White Birch and Laurel Lane water line replacements. It is also only a temporary situation. Tom said he could cite Mr. Jennings and give him 90 days to rectify the situation but he is not going to because the stone will be gone by then. There was extended discussion on the intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Tom stated that the solicitor has been advised of the situation and if he feels it warrants further review then Tom will look at it again but for now Mr. Jennings will not be cited. The Czarkowskis complained about the dust generated from the stone storage. Tom also stated that there are no nuisance laws in the Township.

Mr. Czarkowski questioned the status of Mr. Jennings recently drilled well. Supervisor Wicks stated that according to PA State Law Townships are not responsible for regulating wells. There was extended discussion about run off from testing the new well. Supervisor Wicks stated that if Mr. Jennings well water is running onto the Czarkowski's property then it is a civil matter not a Township matter. There was discussion over ownership of the roads that the run off could encroach upon and who was responsible. Mrs. Czarkowski stated that there was no drainage plan and water was encroaching on her property. Tom stated that the conservation district has already spoken with Mr. Jennings about his property. Mr. and Mrs. Czarkowski stated that Mr. Jennings has cut down trees on his other property (not the property with the new well) that is causing water to run off onto their property. Bill Wicks restated that it is a civil matter and that the Lackawanna County Conservation District would enforce this type of activity.

Artley Pipe: Tom Artley could not attend the meeting but wanted to extend his thanks to the Township for the help obtained in getting PennDOT to put in a new drainage pipe to eliminate flooding at his property.

Lackawanna County News:

Gerard Hetman asked the Township to fill out paperwork about any damage and expenses that were incurred from the recent heavy rains. Bill Wicks stated that Glenburn was not hit that hard by the storms. Gerard asked that we send the paperwork back and write “no damage”. He also told discussed several new grant opportunities. These are the Lackawanna Re-Invest Project and the Land Development and Construction Fee Waiver Project. He reviewed current County sponsored activities. Copies of all this information were left with the Township and are also available in PDF format.

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer