

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES August 19, 2013

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Sgt Rudolphi and 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 July 15, 2013 Township Meeting, Supervisor Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Malcolm reported that Dave Gromelski gave the agreement approved by Glenburn to South Abington for signature. He will follow up with Bill Jones. Malcolm sent a memo to Mike Donahue on the ARWA agreement. Dave Gromelski sent the pass through agreement to Clarks Summit for review.

Committee Reports

Police: Sgt. Rudolphi reported that things were quiet in the Township. There was some discussion on security at the Township meetings in light of the recent tragedy at Ross Township. Angelo will have Chief James contact Supervisor Savitsky to discuss the issue further.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The road crew cut down and chipped 2 dead cedar trees at the Wynnwood/Waverly intersection. They spent the week of July 22nd prepping Lower White birch road for Paving. New shock absorbers and a new rear axle seal were put on the 5 ton dump truck. Limbs were trimmed on Chapin Dr. and an apple tree and vine overgrowth at the corner of Park Ave. and Old Trail Road were trimmed. Roadside mowing throughout the Township was done the week of August 12th with a rented flail mower. Pothole patching was done as needed.

Sewage Enforcement: No report

Code Enforcement: No report

Planning: Tom Wicks reported that there will be a Zoning Hearing on August 21st at 7pm to review the variance request for the Pine Tree Drive Subdivision proposed by Frank Colombo.

Recreation: No report

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: As was discussed in Executive Session, Malcolm will reach out to Ann and Robin for a status report and plans for the fall. .

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy reported that the next meeting will be in September. They failed to reach a quorum for 2 meetings in a row so they will only need 14 representatives at the next meeting to be able to conduct business.

Fig Avenue Properties: Malcolm reported that a school bus and camper still remain on the Mirabelli property. He sought guidance from PSATS legal on what the Township's options were. He will provide Mr. Mirabelli with notice of a date that items will be removed on. The Board needs to get 3 estimates for removal of the vehicles. Supervisor Jennings will visit the site to see what other progress has been made on the Genovese property.

AAJRB Grant Request: As part of the paperwork required for the ACT 13 Grant, the supervisors must pass a resolution stating that Glenburn has agreed to be the acting municipality for the Grant application and that Mike and Joanne are the contact and administrative persons for the Grant. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adopt Resolution 2013 01 stating that Glenburn Township is Applying for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority and that he and secretary Benson will act as representatives on behalf of the AAJRB. Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.**

New Business:

Countryside Conservancy Trail Agreement: Countryside Conservancy has prepared a hold harmless agreement for Glenburn in order to use Pine Tree Drive as a connector for the Trolley Trail Project. The Township will then provide a letter of support for the project. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the hold harmless agreement and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Mike Savitsky motioned to participate in the update of the Lackawanna-Luzern Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan and to be the representative for the Township. **Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Glenburn Pond: Supervisor Savitsky brought up the fact that it has been several years since the Township has contacted Scott Wendell of Natural Lands Trust to discuss the disposition of Glenburn Pond. The Township would like to consider entering into a long term lease with Natural Lands Trust with no liability to the Township. This would enable the Township to possibly apply for Grant money to do improvements to the pond area. Mike said that he thought Natural Lands Trust would be amenable to such an agreement based on past discussions. **Mike Savitsky motioned to have solicitor MacGregor send a letter to Natural Lands Trust to see if they would be interested in pursuing a long term lease arrangement (25+years) with Glenburn Township so that the Township can seek funding for improvements. Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Bill Wicks mentioned that the Ackerly Creek water flowing into the pond is significantly improved in quality since previous discussions. That being the case, Glenburn is interested in discussing a long range plan for restoration of the property.

White Birch and Laurel Lane Storm Water Project: Bill Wicks discussed the fact that the road crew worked very hard on the White Birch and Laurel Lane project, going above and beyond their normal job responsibilities. **Bill Wicks motioned to recognize the extra effort put forth by the road crew by giving them each a \$100 bonus. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Supervisor Wicks to Decline Compensation: Solicitor MacGregor reported that Supervisor Wicks will no longer be drawing Supervisor Pay starting August 2, 2013. This will be memorialized in a letter and agreement with the Township. This arrangement is in no way a negative reflection on Supervisor Wicks' performance and is being done at his request. **Mike Savitsky motioned that effective August 2, 2013 Supervisor Wicks would no longer collect compensation for his duties as Township Supervisor. Dave Jennings 2nd. Bill Wicks abstained.**

Announcements: Joanne announced that the opening reception for the 9th Annual Art Show and Sale would be held on September 29th from 3-5pm and the show would be up until mid-December. She encouraged meeting attendees to take post cards and entry forms to pass along to local artists.

Public Input: None

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Mike Savitsky motioned to reconvene at 8:07pm and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.

Vascar Lines: Sgt Rudolfi asked if the Township would be willing to redo the Vascar Lines. **Mike Savitsky motioned to have Dave Mennig get prices for repainting the sets of Vascar Lines. Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

SEO Billing: Joanne stated that due to errors in the SEO Bill she did not include it in the Monthly Bills but would like permission to produce a check and pay it after the fact. **Supervisor Wicks motioned to pay SEO Redel after the bill has been corrected and reviewed. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer