

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES February 18, 2014

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Police Chief James, Police Sargent Rudolphi, Code Enforcement Officer Wicks, Secretary Treasurer Benson

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:33pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the January 21, 2014 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: Mike reported that we are still waiting on the ARWA agreement and the pass through agreement with Clarks Summit.

Committee Reports

Police: Chief James reported that they have the new police SUV and that it has been performing well. He also passed out an Alarm Ordinance for the supervisors to review. The police would like people to register their alarms so that they can be contacted if there is a problem. They have had issues with alarms going off and no way to contact the home owners. Tom Wicks stated that Glenburn already has an alarm ordinance. Joanne will follow up on that. The supervisors will take a look at the sample ordinance.

Roads: Joanne read the road report from Road Master Mennig. They have been using cold weather additives in the F550 since encountering a fuel freeze up problem the week of January 20th. They trimmed the entrance to Wynnwood of overgrown pines and evergreens. The remaining time has been spent plowing, salting and cindering for the 8 most recent storms.

Sewage Enforcement: No report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that there was a Zoning Variance Hearing on February 12th on a matter concerning a garage setback for Mr. Timko. The setback requested was granted but he does not meet the DEP's 50 foot setback requirement from the stream in his yard. New construction would need to comply with this. He has an existing garage that he wishes to replace. Tom advised him to replace the old garage in sections. His construction would then be grandfathered if he was only repairing a section at a time.

Planning: No report.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that Glenburn still needs a 3rd member position filled on the AAJRB. Mike Savitsky left a message with Bill Blaum about being a representative. He will follow up with Bill Blaum.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Mike Savitsky spoke with Malcolm and there is not much going on. Malcolm will follow up with Precision for a current status.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell reported that there is a meeting scheduled for next week. There is not much activity currently and they have had difficulty getting a quorum to conduct business. Berkheimer attends all meetings.

Fig Avenue Properties: The Mirabelli property will be going up for tax sale on February 24th. Mike Savitsky will follow up on that status. Pending the outcome of the tax sale, the Township will act on removal of the junk vehicles in the spring. Malcolm was looking into how to accomplish that.

New Business:

SAPA: Bill Wicks reported that Scranton has a renewed interested in the SAPA plan. Glenburn has technically signed on to be part of the SAPA plan but perhaps should relook at it. Tom Wicks said that the master multi-municipal plan would potentially not allow Glenburn to keep its current Zoning

because the plan would define zoning across multiple municipalities. Bill stated that there were additional issues of concern about agricultural lot sizes and setbacks from streams. Bill said that the advantage of the SAPA plan is that every municipality does not have to have every type of zoning. This would enable some industrial zoning to be clustered together in an appropriate area such as Scranton.

LC Study Commission Recommendations: Bill reported that the LC Study Commission is recommending a Lackawanna County Council comprised of 7 part time commissioners and a full time elected executive. These commissioners would be representing districts comprised of multiple municipalities. Bill was concerned with how the districts were divided. Each has a democratic majority and smaller municipalities were lumped in with larger ones who would dominate. He was concerned that Glenburn would lose its voice if this happens. Bill stated that the current commissioners have been responsive to Glenburn's requests and worried that this new arrangement would hurt Glenburn. He asked that people become involved and spread the word.

Announcements: None

Public Input:

Countryside Conservancy Parking Area: The Cosners and Halls appeared at the meeting to express concern over a parking area being planned by the Countryside Conservancy. They have spoken with the surveyors at the site which is located behind the Cosner home. They fear that it will be disruptive and that the access area is not suitable and would be a liability issue. Dave Jennings had spoken with Bill Kern who said that it would be a handicapped parking area on Conservancy property with only 2-3 spaces. Joanne will follow up with the Countryside Conservancy and have them come to a Township Meeting to discuss their plans. Bill recommended that Cosners get their attorney involved if they are concerned. There was discussion about who owns the road after the pave ends and before you get to the trolley track. Cosners attorney is looking into that.

South Waterford Road: Donna Hall asked if something were going to be done about the narrow dirt part of the road that intersects with Ackerly Road. Bill Wicks stated that the Township plans to widen the road and improve the drainage but paving it was not a priority. He also stated that it probably would not get done this year.

Correspondence:

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

Respectfully Submitted

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer