

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES August 25, 2014

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Wicks, Secretary Treasurer Benson, Solicitor MacGregor, Sewage Enforcement Officer Lamereaux.

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the July 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: Malcolm reported that Dave Gromelski joined the supervisors in Executive Session for an update. Border and Clarks Summit have worked through the construction agreement. The pass through agreement and the ARWA agreements with Glenburn are still to be completed.

Fuller/Kresge Lot Line Change: Tom Wicks reviewed the requested lot line change with the Board and stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the Fuller/Kresge Lot Line Change and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: No Report

Roads: Joanne read the road report from Road Master Mennig. Upper and Lower Waterford Rds. have been treated with Calcium Chloride. A "No Outlet" sign was installed on Edwards Ave. The F550 truck was at Gibbons Ford for 5 days while they installed a new particulate filter. Storm cleanups were done. A ditch at the bottom of Glenn Ave. was cleaned out. Pothole patching is ongoing. Jack Scheuer is in the process of making recommendations on handling repairs to the Humprey Street Bridge.

Sewage Enforcement: Dave Lamereaux was present to answer sewer related questions. Matt Williams, owner of the former Krieger residence, asked the board to prepare a waiver allowing his septic to be within 20 feet of his well. The septic on the property has been malfunctioning for years and the only possible solution is installation of a drip irrigation system. DEP requires a waiver for any septic closer than 100 feet to an existing well. Walter Redel also has to sign off on the testing for the system as he was the witness. The system design is close to completion. It was recommended that Matt have his well tested as well. Malcolm will craft the required waiver agreement and have it ready for the Township Meeting on September 15th. Dave Lamereaux said that he hadn't seen a permit application for the system. He will provide one to Matt. He also stated that he has not taken the required training in order to sign off on the drip irrigation system. Walter Redel recently signed off on one so he will have to sign off on this system.

Dave discussed the Edwards Avenue system on the property rented by Mr. Robinson. Dave has not gotten any response to letter of violation he sent to the owner of the property in California. Malcolm will follow up with a letter and enclose a "Notice of Violation". Dave will forward his most recent correspondence to Malcolm.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that one building permit was issued.

Planning: PC met and recommended approval of the Fuller/Kresge Lot Line Changes.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there is no meeting this month.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Malcolm will get an update for next meeting.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy stated that there was nothing new to report.

Fig Avenue Properties: Supervisor Jennings reported that the property is much improved.

Arch Ave.: Malcolm will finalize the Parking Ordinance for the next meeting. It will need to be advertised. There are some questions for Chief James prior to finalizing the Ordinance. As an aside the

usage of the conservancy trail was discussed. The Conservancy trail is not officially open until October 10th but people are free to enjoy it now.

Caboose: Joanne spoke with Rick Laske and he provided an estimate for restoration of the Caboose. Restoration of the outside will be \$7800 not including glass in the windows. Restoration of the interior will be an additional \$2240. He will supply an estimate for putting Lexan in the windows. There was discussion on the potential for getting a Grant to help with the restoration. County representative Gerard Hetman said that a re-invest grant might be a way to go. Also there was discussion about asking Senator Blake and State Representative Kavulich for help with Grant funding. Dave Jennings will follow up with that.

AAJRB Grant for Softball Fields: Jude Colwell presented the plans for re-aligning the girls' softball field and improving a 2nd field. This is part of the Grant that Glenburn is administering for the AAJRB. The other pieces include completing the handicap accessible walking path around the lake and possibly making improvements to the parking lot if there is enough funding. Jude expects the project to go out for bid in September.

New Business:

STOP Scranton: Bill Wicks asked the Board to approve a donation of \$200 toward legal fees for the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs to challenge the Commuter Tax that the City of Scranton is planning to impose. **Bill Wicks motioned to donate \$200 to the LC Assoc. of Boroughs STOP Scranton fund. Dave Jennings 2nd. All In Favor.**

SAPA Suspension: Bill Wicks brought up discussion of the SAPA plan which was approved 5 years ago and is now being relooked at since the City of Scranton is more receptive to coming on board. He suggested that the Board relook at SAPA since so many years have gone by without any activity. He also expressed concerns over the autonomy of zoning provided by the plan and felt that the plan was weighted heavily towards the needs of Scranton. **Bill Wicks motioned to suspend Glenburn's participation in the SAPA plan. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.** Joanne will provide Malcolm and the supervisors with a copy of the document to review.

Announcements: Joanne said that Glenburn would be having a 10th Annual Art Show and Sale with the opening scheduled for Sunday October 26th from 3-5pm. The show will hang through December 11th. Information will be in the paper and on the website as usual.

Public Input:

Road Conditions: Mike and Barbara Williamson presented their concerns about the poor condition of several township roads and specifically Fords Pond Road which they reside on. Mike read an email he had sent to the supervisors in March which outlined his concerns and the need for a road plan. Barbara cited dangerously eroded shoulders, pot holes and patches upon patches. Mike Savitsky told them that the Township was looking into financing and also available cash. Bill Wicks said block grants are very limited and have been cut. He also explained that bus routes have higher priority than other routes. Last year the Township spent \$150,000 on longstanding drainage issues on White Birch Road in conjunction with a project the water company was doing. Bill, Jack Scheuer and the Road Crew need to sit down and develop a plan for road improvements. Bill stated that the worst road in the Township currently is Humphrey Rd. There is work needing to be done on the pave and also a culvert in desperate need of repair. The supervisors are currently working on trying to quantify what needs to be done. Bill stated that we need to put numbers on the repairs and Jack is working on the numbers. Mike Williamson asked that they consider putting together a plan and a target date. He will check back in November to see what progress has been made. Dave Druck asked about what grant money is available and using a grant writer. Bill said that possible usage of a grant writer was discussed at the last meeting. Tom Wicks suggested the Conservation District Grants and Dirt and Gravel Road Project Grants as possible opportunities. Dirt and Gravel Road Grants are now considering minimum use paved roads. A traffic study may have to be done though. Malcolm suggested reaching out to Senator Blake and Representative Kavulich. They may be aware of additional sources of funding.

Jake Brakes: The Drucks and Marilyn Costa asked if anything could be done about trucks using Jake brakes coming down the Route 6 hill to the light at Waverly Rd. Bill Wicks explained that the Township has conferred with PennDOT before on this issue and that if there is more than a 2% grade on

the hill, Jake brakes must be allowed. Bill suggested asking PennDOT about putting up a sound barrier but that suggestion was not well received.

Equipment Storage and Noise Issues on Residential Property: Marilyn Costa also raised concerns about equipment and trailers being stored on the Colombo property on Old State Road and about the noise and light pollution early in the morning until late at night. There was prolonged discussion about the issues. Malcolm suggested that Tom Wicks look into the situation further. Tom had sent a letter to Mr. Colombo a few months ago about dust control and lighting and reminded Butch that it was a residential area and these uses were temporary. Malcolm suggested he find out who the equipment and trailers belong to and how long they will be utilized.

Lackawanna County Liaison Gerard Hetman: Gerard discussed the latest events scheduled by the County. The Senior Health Fair will be held at PNC Field on Sept. 26th from 10am to 1pm. Heroes Day will be held at the LC 911 Center on Sept. 20th from 11am to 2pm. Tours of the facility will be available. The Race for the Cure will also be held that morning. Gerard left a copy of the Re-Invest Grant packet along with contact information for George Kelly.

Complaints about land usage on Edwards Ave. property: Amy Harrison and Tom Artley Jr. discussed a problem they were having with a neighbor refusing to let them have access to their property. This neighbor has taken over property which he does not own and is storing equipment for his business on it. Their lot is in the middle of this property and he is harassing them about utilizing their property. He also wants to block off the road. Malcolm suggested they have their attorney, Tim Kelly, give him a call to discuss the matter. He also suggested that Tom Wicks take a look at the situation. They have a home at 1157 Old Trail Road which is adjacent to the lot that they own on Edwards Ave. (Lot G12).

Correspondence:

Correspondence was reviewed following Executive Session. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer