

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

## MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2015

**Board Members in Attendance:** Mike Savitsky and Dave Jennings

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Solicitor MacGregor, Code Enforcement Officer Wicks and Secretary Benson.

**Public in Attendance:** Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the pledge to the flag.

### **Minutes**

**Supervisor Savitsky motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Township Meeting, Supervisor Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor.**

### **Financial Report/Presentation of Bills**

**Mo. by Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented by Secretary Benson. All in Favor. Chairman Savitsky also added payment of solicitor MacGregor's bills from 6-19-14 to 12-31-14 for \$2,574 and 1-1-15 to 9-21-15 for \$3,078 to the motion.**

**Scranton-Abingtons Planning Association (SAPA):** Denise Prowell, Cindy Campbell and John Earley spoke to the supervisors and residents about the SAPA Implementation Agreement and some of the history of the development of the plan. The purpose of their presentation was to clarify questions about the SAPA Implementation Agreement. Many questions were asked by Supervisors Savitsky and Jennings, Solicitor MacGregor and Code Enforcement Officer Wicks. The following paragraphs contain information answering those questions.

The SAPA plan was started by the Abington Council of Governments (ACOG). North Abington opted out of the plan due to disagreements among the board. Some advantages of having a multi-municipal plan like the SAPA plan include priority for grant funding, reducing sprawl and sharing uses among the member municipalities. It is a good way for neighboring municipalities to meet their fair share quotas for various uses.

The Implementation agreement states that municipalities have 2 years to make their zoning and sub-division ordinances generally consistent with the SAPA plan. The SAPA plan will be looked at every 10 years for updating. The SAPA Board is an advisory board similar to the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission except that a municipality can decide what goes before the board. The SAPA Board can make recommendations to individual municipalities but only in an advisory capacity. The municipality is free to act as it sees fit. Lot sizes and the like are dictated by individual municipalities.

In order to be part of a multi-municipal plan municipalities must border on each other or be part of the same school district. Scranton and Dunmore are considered growth areas. If Scranton were to drop out then Dunmore would not be allowed to be part of the group because it would no longer border on the group.

The cost to the Township would be minimal at only \$200 a year in dues to be used for advertising and copies, etc. Grants will be available to Townships wishing to update their ordinances. The Ordinance adopting the Implementation Agreement could be modified to address an individual municipality's concerns. The municipality's autonomy is maintained and a municipality can step out of the plan at any time. Also, SAPA does not require revenue sharing of taxes between member municipalities.

It was agreed that Glenburn would vote on the plan at the meeting next month. Malcolm and the supervisors thanked the SAPA folks for their time and effort.

**Hickory Ridge Sewer:** Malcolm had copies of the signed revised CS pass through agreement to be signed by Glenburn and Border. Mike Savitsky signed for Glenburn and Joanne will contact Mark Young for his signature. There is a conflict with ARWA as Dave Gromelski is their

solicitor so he had to recuse himself from working on that agreement. Another solicitor will be appointed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Police:** No Report.

**Roads:** Joanne read the report left by Road Master Mennig. Wilson Ave. was regraded on the upper 2/3 of its length to help with drainage. Some end of summer roadside trimming was done where necessary and street signs were straightened where needed. One week was spent doing major trimming back with the boom mower from Bradco. Most of the time was spent filling potholes and areas that had eroded away.

**Sewage Enforcement:** No Report

**Code Enforcement:** Tom Wicks reported that a building permit has been applied for by Shea on Ruth Ave. A possible lot combination may need to be done in order to satisfy ordinance requirements. Mike Savitsky asked about the degraded condition of “Wholesale Shrubbery” on Route 6. Tom said the business went out and the owner of the property has not done anything. Tom will send the owner a letter requesting him to clean the property up. That brought up discussion about the Colombo diner and the LiVecchi property. Malcolm can follow up on those properties. Tom will follow up on the Schell Subdivision request regarding land use. The subdivision has never been formally approved by the Township. They came before the Planning Commission once for a pre-preliminary look-see.

**Planning:** No Report.

**Recreation:** No Report

### **Old Business:**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** Malcolm will keep following up with Precision.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** No Report

**Change Order for AAJRB Grant:** The supervisors and township engineer have reviewed the latest change order for the AAJRB Grant Project at Hillside Park. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the AAJRB Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Change Order Proposal and Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

**Windemere Circle Road Work:** Mike Savitsky motioned to give Wayco the job with a low quote of \$18,500. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

### **New Business:**

**Email:** Joanne passed out information on the newly created email accounts to Malcolm and the supervisors. These will be used strictly for Glenburn Township business, instead of personal email accounts.

### **Announcements:**

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show:** Joanne announced that the opening for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show would be on Sunday October 25 from 3-5.

**Public Input:** None

**Supervisor Savitsky motioned to adjourn at 8:50 and Supervisor Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer