

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING MINUTES November 20, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Savitsky, Dave Jennings, Bill Wicks

Board / Guests in Attendance: Secretary/ Treasurer Bernadette Menendez

Public in Attendance: Tom Wicks, Don Blackledge and Sally Blackledge, Gretchen Ludders, Amy Fleming, Jeff Kyle, Ken Jenkins, Tom Samuelsen, Lisa Samuelsen, Alan Dakey, Lynn Sansky, Charles Sansky, Chris Woodley

Called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes

Supervisor Savitsky Motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Township Meeting, Supervisor Dave Jennings once the typos are corrected 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Total Accounts Payable for November 2017 - \$13,027.72

All normal operating expenses for the Township. Tires for the truck that were approved from last month.

Our current Balance sheet is \$577,085.52 Assets and Liabilities

P & L comparison for Jan – Nov 2017 % change is 141.2% due to grant money for roads.

Mo. by Mike Savitsky, to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented by Secretary Menendez. 2nd Motion by Dave Jennings, All in Favor.

Committee Reports

Police: 36 incidents in October 2017 sent in for Nov for meeting.

See activity sheet.

Roads: Road report from Mark Hopkins read by Bernadette Menendez

In the last thirty days the road crew has been working towards the transition into the winter months. Cleaning out ditches and catch basins for storm water drainage. Patching pot holes throughout the township and sealing cracks in the newer asphalt. Working on dirt roads and cutting back branches that may be in the way. Replacing broken or bent street signs and stop signs along with painting the poles. Preparing the plow truck and any equipment associated with the winter months. The new spreaders on the truck and plows have been serviced and ready to go. We have a full salt shed. GMC 3500 has new tires installed and the plow ready to go. New chains for each truck are ordered. The 5 ton truck passed inspection. All three trucks are services and the back hoe has also been serviced along with oil changes in all. Throughout the winter they will continue to work on roads and projects, ditches as much as weather permits.

Sewage Enforcement: Mike Savitsky – Two things on sewage enforcement. This is not your typical reporting this evening.

1st. - As everyone recalls, Mr. Frank Colombo wrote a letter from Glenburn Services a month or two ago regarding not accepting any more hook up's to their plant / facility. No one knows why.

Dave Lamereaux has done an inspection on this and it is not at capacity and if it is legal for him to not accept any more connections. It is a regulated public utility. They will have to look into this deeper. We will have Atty MacGregor explore it.

2nd. – Dave Gromelski is here this evening, he is our special sewage solicitor. He is here regarding Border Realty behind Trovato's Meat Mkt.

Dave gave some history on Glenburn and Border Realty.

In 2010 /11, Border Realty owns the property and came to Township with cooperation to provide central sewer facilities to the property. For the connection for the development and sent to the Abington Regional Waste Water Auth. plant. Glenburn is not part of that facility. It borders that area and we border S. Abington and Clarks Summit. We embarked on the necessary agreements in place. Back in 2011 the agreement was signed between both parties, if and when built. It will pass through S. Abington Township, Clarks Summit and Glenburn.

Dave Gromelski gave a brief history about the townships.

A treatment agreement between Glenburn Township and the ARWWA to accept and treat the sewage. We have this treatment agreement here tonight. It was approved by the Sewer Authority Board at a meeting this month. Between Glenburn and Boarder, Glenburn and Clarks Summit, Glenburn and South Abington and now Glenburn and the ARWWA. This is the connection ordinance which is mandatory. It will complete the circle/saga. Any question from the board? One of the hold ups was the ARWWA was not willing to sign until we received and acknowledgement from Boarder Realty for a tapping Fee. All new property need to pay for new connections. The property owners pay this connection. Other than paying for this process, Boarder pays the ARWWA Fees. Glenburn is not who pays this. Boarder pays so much to Glenburn and fund is created to pay ARWWA fee based on EDU percentage of system. There will be 175 units for the Boarder property. Township would bill those residents and then we pay treatment services to ARWWA. This agreement has been signed and approved by ARWWA.

Bill Wicks made a motion to approve the treatment agreement with ARWWA, Dave Jennings 2nd. Mike Savitsky said to make it contingent as ARWWA did. That Glenburn Township is contingent upon a connection ordinance being adopted. All in favor.

Dave G will get a connection ordinance to Malcolm for Glenburn to use.

Bill Wicks would like to state

As per as our Agreement with Border Realty we are requesting our 30 days written notice of \$9,465.00. Once the agreements are finalized.

Jeff Kyle asked if the township will own the line. Dave G said to get in touch with S. Abington Township about maintenance. Jeff Kyle said we will need the extra insurance.

Mike Savitsky said that the township did not volunteer to take over the lines. It was mandated by DEP. They do not want private developers to own the sewage line.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks – Small Trailer behind Colombo property is only thing left for storage shed. Everything else is cleaned out. Lynn Sansky asked if that was on his property, or Little League. Tom said he is not a surveyor. Was that supposed to be part of clean up Lynn Stansky asked? Tom said no. Bill Wicks said the Little League was satisfied with the cleanup.

DCED Permit cost up to \$4.50 from the DECD ruling. New ruling came from DECD by letter. ACT 27 15

Planning: No Report

Old Business:

Sign maps for Tunis property – Tom Wicks stated -This cannot be done. It is over 90 days since it was approved. Last time they were here was in March of 2017. Must call for a Planning Commission on Dec. 6 at 7:00 PM to re-approve. Then the maps can be signed at next supervisors meeting on Dec 18, 2017

Discussion on Fair Redistricting – End Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania. Mike Savitsky asked Gretchen to explain what this is all about.

Mrs. Dakey & Gretchen Ludders

Both gave the information on why we should adopt a resolution in support of a citizen's commission for legislative and congressional redistricting.

The next Census is in 2020 and turn over to the citizens for HB 722 and SB 22.

Nonparty, by volunteers. The Scranton Chamber of Commerce has signed a resolution letter to get sent out to the senate & house. Needs to go out by June 30, 2018

Mike Savitsky reads it as an anti gerrymandering resolution asking for our support against it.

Bill Wicks has looked it over and researched. What could be accomplished on a practical side? How would it work for the citizens of Glenburn right now, The Abington's has typically leaned towards Republican but we have a Democratic representing us.

After much discussion, supervisor Mike Savitsky stated as a Glenburn Township Supervisor and Bill Wicks also said they cannot support this. Dave Jennings said he would support it.

Mike Savitsky made a motion to not support the resolution of Citizen's Commission for Legislative and Congressional Redistricting. Bill Wicks 2nd, Dave Jennings rescinds.

Two in Favor one descends.

New Business:

DGK Insurance review Jeff Kyle for change of policy date to be a calendar year 1/1 to 1/1 to be in line with our fiscal year.

Jeff went over the policies. A few key points.

Cancel existing coverages and rewrite to 1/1/ to 1/1.

Property coverage and have location listed. Building and contents values accordingly.

Page 6 Equipment coverage up to date, values, refers to the limit /book value of each.

Items that are going off site are addressed.

We have new spreaders need to get the current values to Jeff Kyle. Add another plow for the GMC.

Purchasing two new salt spreaders, send out the values on these to DGK. Go over the equipment list and update the equipment, tools.

We need to get the new dollar amount on the traffic lights on Rt. 6 and Ackerly Road intersection from Penn Dot Engineers. Have Mark Hopkins get in touch with the engineers for that. Also submit the values on that. General Liab. Coverage, Auto Coverage schedule of vehicles, Workers Compensation coverage, State Rate change pending Nov 1, filed by PA Comp Rating Bureau. Going to the State my cost more money, at 6%. Insurance company has 120 days for the ruling. Claims may come out of the wood work. Lawyers say the Rating bureau has no justification, not supporting the state rate change. Public Official's coverage Umbrella Coverage, Bonds for Tax Collector and for Secretary Treasurer for \$550,000. Funds are lower risk. Premium rates for each. Discussion Points for other coverages.

Sexual Abuse Molestation Liab Cover for \$105.00 in case allegation comes again, Paper work, needs to adopt a written policy, state policy and history clearance on all employees

Also Data Compromise & Cyber Coverage.

Computer Fraud & Funds Transfer

Make sure if we hire any sub-contractors, make sure to get Certificate of Ins., Name Glenburn Township as Additional Insured.

Budget – preliminary

Motion by Mike Savitsky to approve the preliminary budget as prepared by Bernadette Menendez / Secretary Treasurer. 2nd by Dave Jennings, All in Favor.

Dave asked if we have to approve this month. The final is approved at the December meeting to go into effect for January 2018 Budget.

In depth discussion next month.

Announcements:

Supervisors invite to AAJRB Dinner Dec 10, 2017 at 5PM at County Club of Scranton.

RSVP is needed. Please let me know.

New Gambling expansion. (MIMI or Satellite)

This does not apply to the township. We are only 47 miles from nearest casino. Mt. Airy Lodge/ Casino. It must be at least 50 miles.

Public Input:

Mrs. Blackledge asked if Mrs. Syal had applied for a fence permit. Is Mrs. Syal allowed to put up fence at the entrance? Did she pull a permit? No Permit is required per Tom Wicks if under 6 feet. If over 6 feet only a BIU permit is required. Mr. Blackledge asked if it is our covenant, he would like to bring up one things that the map that is in your township office. Asked if it is planned community signed by the supervisors, does it have any legal precedence? Waterford Village is a planned community Bill Wicks stated, Chapin Development also. All is governed by HOA.

Mr. Blackledge also asked about the two lots that were approved for consolidation #'s lots 20 & 21. Does that make the plan null and void? Without any public input. Bill Wicks said it was approved and discussed at the meeting with public input.

Tom Wicks stated that the parcels of land had registered deeds. And there is no legal recourse. If anyplace else in township we could not keep it from joining together.

Mr. Blackledge asked what lawyer allowed this to happen. Bill said ask the HOA why it happened.

Mr. Blackledge - It seems that on that side of the table the legality does not hold up and waste of everyone's time.

Mike Savitsky said without Malcolm here we will not discuss any legal reason here.

Dave Jennings asked if they retained any legal counsel. Mr. Blackledge - well he contends said yes out of his own money.

Is there a legal HOA? Mr. Blackledge said by virtual purchase of property in 2008 there was.

Tom Wicks said there were no members. Asked if he paid the money to Mr. Baldoni / to manage the HOA.

Mr. Blackledge said no.

Dave said then that would void out the HOA. Mr. Blackledge said he is not a lawyer. Dave asked which lawyer. Mr. Blackledge said Tom Brown.

Mike Savitsky asked if any other input.

Ken Jenkins Old State Road- any crack sealing going to be done on Kittle Lane. Bill Wicks said he would assume so. It is no longer a tar base, it is a plastic but it is a different process. Ken Jenkins does not want to see it crack after the roads were done.

Dr. Samuelsen – speaking very low and hard to catch all his words. On “Old School House” property- Per Dr. Samuelsen, DEP /Conservation said Mr. Colombo should not be allowed to take out all the trees. That Glenburn Township allowed it and then Mr. Colombo cut down more on the property line. Including the branches that were on their side of the property and left them all on the ground. Worker for Mr. Colombo said he was sorry to do this, but his boss told him to do this work.

When he submits plans for zone 1 B should be considered for any variances. Held to the standards of zone 1B ordinance. It devalues the value of all the houses.

Dr. Samuelsen said he is very frustrated.

Bill Wicks – I believe you have gotten it incorrect.

Dr. Samuelsen on the Sewer plant/ building. Mr. Columbo is building a structure - Something for solar panels, cutting down more trees and the township does nothing about it. That the township should grow some (explicit words) I will not post. We let him run over things.

Bill Wicks said he will stop Dr. Samuelsen right there. Not correct.

Whatever info you got from DEP and Soil Conservation is not correct. That said we have authority is incorrect to stop him.

Dr. Samuelsen said our own ordinance said no tree will be preserved especially for specimen trees, it is at the communities best interest.

Bill Wicks stated for a development not development of land.

Dr. S – sticking point, it’s not in writing.

Dave Jennings said it is to develop land not a planned development.

It is totally different.

Tom Wicks – 1 and $\frac{3}{4}$ acres he could put at least 6 homes in there.

Lynn Stansky asked if that considered a development. Shouldn’t he have any plans?

Tom said no plans

Bill said you cannot preemptively go in and say you are going to do something .

What if he only puts 1 home, you cannot just tell him you are going to do something!

Lynn Stansky said maybe the township should make a new ordinance to help stop this type of action again.

Bill Wicks- He is not un-sympathetic, but we have to treat everyone the same way. You are allowed to cut down trees on our own property.

Tom Wicks – he brought the property other side of Route 6 and cut down trees.

Bill Wicks tried explaining what is allowed.

Tom Wicks – Botchletter & Young cleared out the trees by logging company.

We do have an ordinance for commercial harvesting in township.

Mrs. Samuelson said she read about a developer coming in has to abide by law.

Bill Wicks- more regulations help in Summerfield, you have more regulation help with your situation. Property owner rights if cutting trees on your property.

Dave Jennings asked if he cut trees on your property. And branches

Mrs. Samuelson – yes one tree.

Dave Jennings – did you call the police,
Mrs. Samuelsson, did not, she took pictures and sent to township.

Dave Jennings suggest you call police.

Dr. Samuelson – putting up structure at the sewer plant,
For solar panel no permit.

Tom Wicks – no foundation needs BIU permit for solar connector to PPL power supply

Dave Jennings – so he is allowed to under our zoning.

Tom Wicks said not in ground, like a fence – metal structure. Into the concrete barriers.

Dave Jennings limited to 240 SF correct.

Tom – not considers a shed.

He is putting up panels on top of them.

Dave Jennings- is he in a flood plane

Tom Wicks said questionable, certain standards to follow

BIU will do the inspections for the electrical inspections.

He has to fill out a permit for them.

Bernadette Menendez explained that he comes in for permit package and then she calls BIU to come out and inspect.

Tom Wicks said he is aware of what he has to do.

Discussion ensued back and forth too many people talking.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dave Jennings and 2nd by Supervisor Mike Savitsky to advertise for a backup code enforcement officer if Tom Wicks is unavailable. Supervisor Bill Wicks said disagreed. It is not on budget and no discussion was done on this. Discuss at the next supervisors meeting.

Supervisor Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn at 9:35 pm and Supervisor Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernadette R. Menendez
Secretary/Treasurer