

Glenburn Township
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Supervisors November 18, 2019
7:30 PM

Location of Meeting:
Township Building
54 Waterford Road
Dalton, Pennsylvania 18414

Present at Meeting: Supervisors Dave Druck, Bill Wicks, Dave Jennings
Secretary Treasurer Bernadette Menendez. Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Chief Ken James, Dalton
Fire Dept - Doc Stacknick, Justin Sturdevant, Clark's Summit Fire Dept. Jay Miller, Mike Lukus. Tax Collector
Georgiann Eccleston, Marilyn Druck, Don Blackledge, Chris Woodley, Linda Woodley, Jim Davis, Lynn
Sansky, Charlie Sansky, Ryan Mitvalsky, Holly Shane
Absent from Meeting: Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor

The meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM on November 18, 2019 for Glenburn Township by Dave Jennings.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by All but Supervisor Dave Jennings who wants the corrections made to content, grammar and spelling.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Fire Companies Mike

Lukus

Mike Lukus introduced the representatives from the fire departments. The issues are

Current Income stagnant/dropping

Relief funding is decreased by Approx. 7% in the past 4 years. EMS services cost have increased.

Equipment prices increasing.

Fire apparatus increases 5 - 7% per year

Training - Very little state aid. Volunteerism is down.

90% of fire companies are volunteer.

Numbers have dropped from 300,000 to 30,000. Focus is to protect the community.

Current funding only allows our organizations to cover current cost. No additional funds for equipment replacement.

Estimate that additional \$100,000 per year is needed for each company. Current funding only allows us to cover current cost.

No additional funds for equipment Request
Current at 1.5 for \$21,470
Year (2020) 1.75 for \$25,049
Year (2021) 2.00 for \$28,627
Year (2022) 2.25 for \$32,206
Asking for assistance for grant opportunities regarding the resolutions.

2. Work Session/Minutes Review October 2019

Dave Jennings

Works session was held at the Township Building on November 1, 2019.

Per Dave Jennings he did his own minutes and should be as he wrote them for the minutes. Here are the minutes of the work session.

The Glenburn Township supervisors met to review the resumes submitted for the solicitor position. The supervisors all agreed to send an email to the solicitor candidates with specific questions and topics pertaining to Glenburn Township and the role as a solicitor.

The topics included are the Boarder Realty sewage agreements, pollution from Precision National Plating, Ballfield lighting ordinances, and Summerfield Village. Also included will be some questions regarding how a new solicitor will handle certain scenarios. Supervisor Jennings will make calls and send emails to the solicitor candidates to set up appointments for interviews with the attending supervisors for upcoming Monday and Thursday evenings.

Bill Wicks stated the Penn State road seminar, which our road crew went to back in the spring of this year was mis represented when Bill stated at a Township meeting, this past spring, that there was an opportunity to receive \$1,000,000.00 for dirt roads and drainage construction. He was recently informed there is a possibility to only receive \$60,000.00 for a project, however Supervisor Wicks stated we could apply multiple times for consecutive years. The grant money would be administered by the Soil Conservation District, for dirt and low volume roads projects.

All supervisors agreed to ask Solicitor MacGregor if he has knowledge regarding, if the application for road paving projects which was submitted in over a year ago, needs to be resubmitted to Representative Bridget Kosierowski.

The Supervisors spoke about the need for more land for the maintenance buildings and possible construction.

The supervisors discussed ways of possibly reducing advertising cost in relation to scheduling executive sessions. Supervisor Jennings will check with PSATs about reducing advertising cost.

Dave Jennings went on to make comments regarding the 5 pages of minutes from Bernadette Menendez from the October 2019 minutes. The corrections from Dave Jennings included content, grammar, punctuation. That this is the debate.

Bernadette answered back that his correction “as Dave Jennings called then are out of hand and that most of them are to correct the statement he stated”, and he wants it to read as a story. This is not a court reporter taking the notes verbatim stated Bernadette Menendez. It was heated exchange and then it was ended by Bernadette stating this should not be going on with the

general meeting, Dave Jennings always must make corrections and PSATS was informed of what is going on. My notes will be bullet points and brief descriptions stated Bernadette Menendez. Dave Jennings handed her the 5 pages with his terms and changes of the township meeting of Oct 2019.

3. DGK Insurance

Dave Jennings

Bridgette from DGK came in with the renewals for the 2020 coverage and the coverage cost has gone down.

Suggestions were made by Bridgett from DGK Insurance regarding background checks done on all employees of the township. Including the supervisors. Also, the DMV checks on drivers of township equipment.

4. Financial Reports and Preliminary Budget 2020

Bernadette Menendez

Accounts payable for the month of November 2019 is \$25,132.44

Included the payment for the roofing insulation. Also, the repairs to the Township garage doors.

Balance sheet is \$443,876.47, P

& L net income is at 164.9%

A motion was made by Dave Jennings to accept the financial report from Bernadette Menendez 2nd by Bill Wicks, All in favor.

Copy of the budget was distributed to the supervisors, reviewed and discussed

The preliminary budget was approved to put in the paper till next month's final approval.

5. Police Reports

Chief James Report

is attached.

43 incidents for the month of October 2019.

Angelo Rudolphi is looking into having a K9 dog brought in the police force.

A fund-raising event is going to be held at McGrath's Pub in Dalton, Food for life donated by Stately Pet Supply, Schultsville Vet free vet care. And VREC for emergency care if needed.

6. Road Report

Bernadette Menendez

Monthly Road Report October to November 2019 from Mark Hopkins

With winter approaching and fall almost over the road crew has been concentrating their efforts on the cleanup of leaves and debris in ditches and on roadways so storm water or melting snow will go as it should. They have been doing the same to the dirt roads and ditches that line them to try to keep them as dry as possible, so the dirt roads do not become soft and muddy in the winter months. The Road Crew has been cleaning off the catch basins throughout the township daily due to leaves and other debris. They have also patched any potholes on the dirt roads along with patching potholes on the paved roads throughout the township. They have winterized the summer equipment and have been preparing the plow trucks and other snow removal equipment for the upcoming winter months

7. Waverly Road Duplicate Addresses:

Bernadette Menendez

Gravel was delivered to 115 Waverly Road in Glenburn in the month of November, should have gone to 115 Waverly Road in Waverly at Perez builders' site.

A discussion was had by supervisors and Chief James about only two houses to have numbers changed. It will be investigated again by Supervisors and Chief James to come to a solution.

8. On Agenda.

Carson Helfrich – The township needs to apply for grant funding to bring our employee handbooks up to date. Also, our Ordinances are to be revised and updated also

9. AAJRB

Jim Davis

This resolution has been passed by AAJRB and Clark's Summit already, and I believe South Abington, Clark's Green, and Waverly are scheduled to consider it soon.

The resolution summarizes the situation: Clark Summit Borough is looking to transfer ownership of the Senior Center to the AAJRB. This transfer of ownership will allow senior programming to continue at the facility, with oversight/ management coming from the County (via the Area Agency on Aging). More importantly, the transfer will allow for other uses by the public: a meeting space for local organizations and nonprofits, programming for other populations (for example, possibly through a partnership with the YMCA), etc.

I am cc'ing the AAJRB President (Rob Saunders), along with Atty Pascale, and a few other AAJRB members, in the event anyone has questions.

If possible, it would be nice to have this resolution considered at the Township meeting. If you think that is a possibility, we can see if Atty Pascale or Clark's Summit Solicitor Kevin Hayes would be able to attend. I will be in attendance.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Vacancies in Township

AAJRB to represent Glenburn along with Jim Davis and Tim McCoy.

2. Abington Little League

Dave Jennings

Dave Jennings asked about the building going up at Little League field.

Ryan Mitvalsky who is president of the Little League responded with the following - Cameras have been installed and residents and supervisors from the township are on the property when they are not allowed.

Tom Wicks has been a true gentleman every time he has had to deal with any questions between the two of them. Ryan has had 3 calls this month and said it is harassment. Kindly asking for it to stop. Anything that is going on at the little league field is not for zoning / permits or to do with ordinances. We are replacing drainpipes and the DEP has flood Plan on property. It all on file. We are also replacing the Bull Pens for the teams. Lights are allowed as far as doing work on the fields. The workers are all volunteers who work during the day. Time is limited. Lynn Sansky asked them to try to keep the lights from glaring into the homes. Ryan will try to adjust to the best. Ryan would like the same standards as any other landowner in the township. If someone is fixing a driveway or replace brick, they do not have to call it into the code enforcement officer.

Tom Wicks agrees we do not have to go out every time there is someone helping around the area. Dave Jennings said that "when a call is made to the township it must be investigated". Ryan said thank you

3. 911 Address

Dave Druck

He called into the office about the fire department not finding a house on his road. Went to a different road.

911 is not in sync with all the streets in Glenburn. Dave asked about the two addresses that need to be investigated

One is 115 Waverly Rd and 104 Waverly Rd both are in Glenburn Twp. and Waverly Twp.

4. Conservancy Property on Waverly Road

Dave Druck

He asked about the rocks on the turn of Waverly Rd. that need to be pushed back. Dave Jennings will call Bill Kern and see what is going to be done. The wall needs to be moved back to stop the truck and buses from hitting it all the time.

5. Griffin Pond Animal Shelter

Bernadette Menendez

The animal shelter is requesting a donation from the township. They are the only ones in the area that help with strays and wounded animals. Bill Wicks said that the last time a donation was made was for the number of residents at the time.

A motion was made by Dave Druck to donate \$500.00 to the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter 2nd by Bill Wicks, All in Favor

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

**The next meeting will be held at 7:30 PM
December 18, 2019 at -
Glenburn Township Municipal Building
54 Waterford Road
Dalton, Pennsylvania 18414**

**The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:
Finalize budget
Addresses on Waverly Road
Countryside conservancy wall on Waverly Road**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM by Dave Jennings.

-Minutes submitted by Bernadette Menendez

Minutes approved by: Supervisors