

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2009

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Wicks, Frank Berardelli and Mike Savitsky

Board Guests in Attendance: Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor and Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson

Public in Attendance: Attachment

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

Minutes:

Bill Wicks motioned to waive the reading aloud of the minutes and to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

-Joanne Benson reviewed the financial reports and account balances and presented the bills for payment. **Mo. by Wicks, 2nd by Savitsky to pay the bills as presented. All in Favor. Mo. by Wicks, 2nd by Berardelli to accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Solicitor MacGregor presented a late bill for \$337.50. **Motion by Wicks, 2nd by Savitsky to pay the \$337.50 bill for Solicitor MacGregor. All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: No Report.

Roads: Joanne read David's report. The road crew handled 2 snowstorms, patched potholes, sealed cracks in Township roads, cleaned ditches before rain events, and made a carry device for the plate tamper that fits in the trailer hitch of the F-550.

Sewage Enforcement: No Report

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks reported that 1 permit was issued for a pole barn.

Planning: Tom Wicks reported that there was no Planning Commission meeting this month.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that there would be an AAJRB meeting Next Thursday March 26th at 7pm at the Clarks Summit Borough Building.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Bill Wicks spoke with Raj Sharma who indicated that there would be a stakeholders meeting in May. The January test results for the creek are in and they are not significantly different from those taken in October. The next sample will be taken in April. Malcolm received a copy of the agreement between Precision and EPA and it was just referencing the fact that Precision was responsible to reimburse all costs for the work performed by EPA. Marilyn Costa asked if the test results were on the EPA website and Bill said that they may be posted.

Glenburn Pond: Bill Wicks said that there was nothing new to report. The board is working on securing funding to do a feasibility study on the pond. Gretchen Ludders asked if the Township would be able to plug into some of the economic stimulus money. Bill said that he attended at DCNR workshop and that it would be difficult to get any funding because the Township does not have site control or a 25 year lease agreement. Malcolm suggested having Natural Lands Trust (NLT) procure some funding. Bill stated that NLT would not be eligible for block grant funding because it is not a municipality. Marilyn Costa asked if the Township had any thoughts on taking over ownership. Bill stated that as long as NLT is the owner all the liability is theirs. He also stated that the Dam was uninsurable in its current state. Marilyn asked if Representative Wansacz could be of help in procuring funding. Bill stated that because of the Precision situation it is difficult for Rep. Wansacz to obtain funding. Solicitor MacGregor stated that the circumstances often drive the funding. The Township needs to wait for the right opportunity. Marilyn asked how much the feasibility study would cost. Mike Savitsky said

around \$30,000 for one estimate and less for another. It is hard to compare because they were not covering the same things. Mike stated that the County is also trying to find some grant money for the pond.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm reported that he is asking council for the property formerly inhabited by Mr. Powers for an opinion in writing. The title to the property has issues. He is trying to get some clarification. An exterior inspection was done and the property failed the inspection thereby making it a dangerous structure(s). Pete Smith asked if anyone would be allowed to move in and was told that they would not be allowed. Bill commented that another long term junk property was in the process of being cleaned up. Bill stated that the Township will continue to methodically address these dangerous properties.

911 Addressing: An information session with PoconoGIS was conducted immediately prior to the Township Meeting. The Township will continue to disseminate information and answer questions as they arise.

Award Contract for the Waverly/Waterford Road Drainage Project: Jack Scheuer and Malcolm MacGregor have reviewed the bids and the Township has decided to award the contract to the low bidder, Rock Bottom Construction, LLC. Because the bid amount came in below the grant amount received, the Township will be able to cover the engineering fees and also the cost of an inspector to insure that the job is done according to specification. **Bill Wicks motioned to award the Waverly/Waterford Road Drainage project to Rock Bottom Construction LLC for the low bid amount of \$13,200 with the proviso that everything is in good order. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

New Business:

DGK Insurance Package Presentation: Jeff Kyle presented the insurance package details to the Board of Supervisors. Salient points made by Jeff included: 1) Make sure to have a complete inventory of items in the Township Buildings and photos if necessary. 2) No matter what damage may occur, be sure to call and check with DGK to see if it is covered. 3) Glenburn should keep a copy of the certificate stating that we are an additional insured on Abington Township's Police Coverage. 4) Be aware that use of a personal vehicle on Township Business is covered and there is \$1000 available to pay a personal deductible. 5) We need to double check the equipment list as it is based on current value taking into account age and hours on the various machines. 6) Jeff could not quote changes in Workers Compensation due to the timing of when the state sets the rates but he did not anticipate more than a few % increase in the rate and we get a 5% discount for our good experience rating. 7) We should be getting a dividend each year based on the company's profitability. 8) There is an endorsement attached for Public Officials Non Monetary Suit Defense costs which would cover things related to zoning and ordinance enforcement. The cost is \$300.

There was discussion about the recent accident at the traffic light and the fact that the trucking company insurer was refusing to pay for damages to the junction box caused by their vehicle being pulled out of Glenburn Pond by a tow truck. Jeff recommended having Selective subrogate against the other insurance companies to recoup the full cost of repair. In the meantime Selective will cut a check to Glenburn Township for the difference between the damages and the deductible.

Bill Wicks motioned to accept the insurance package as presented with the additional Non Monetary Suit Defense Endorsement. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in Favor.

Fords Pond Road Paving: The supervisors had Jack Scheuer, Township Engineer, put together a package to put out to bid for rebuilding and paving of a section of Fords Pond Road right beyond the Trailer Park. **Bill Wicks motioned to instruct BCM Engineering to move forward with putting the project out to Bid for opening at the April Township Meeting. Frank Berardelli 2nd. All in favor.**

Spring Cleanup: Joanne announced that only one bid was forthcoming for Spring Cleanup even though several contractors had promised to bid and were well aware of the deadlines. Waste Management will do the cleanup on May 8th and 9th for a price of \$5758.00. **Bill Wicks motioned to accept the bid of \$5758.00 from Waste Management for curbside pick up on May 8th and 8th. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in Favor.**

PA En Plein Air Society Spring Art Show: Joanne announced that the Pennsylvania En Plein Air Society would be hosting its Spring Art Show and Sale at the Township Building from April 5th through June 25th. The opening reception will be held on Sunday April 5th from 2:30 – 4:30 and the public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Public Input:

There was no public input.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed and there was a brief discussion about the MUA Electric Utility Purchase Program. The supervisors will look over the paperwork and make a decision as to whether the Township will participate by the next meeting on April 20th. Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel issue. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary / Treasurer