

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

## MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2010

**Board Members in Attendance:** Mike Savitsky, Bill Wicks, David Jennings Jr.

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel and Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson.

**Public in Attendance:** Attachment

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

### **Minutes:**

**Supervisor Wicks motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Township Meeting and Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor.**

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

-Joanne reviewed the financial reports and account balances and presented the bills for payment.

**Mo. by Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.** David Jennings questioned the PP&L bill and Mike Savitsky asked if we had looked into other providers. Joanne said that the bill was not out of the ordinary and that she had researched the Municipal Utility Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce last year and the supervisors had deemed it not worth pursuing for the minor savings to be achieved.

However, it can be looked at again. Joanne was instructed to look at other providers.

**DGK Insurance Presentation:** Jeff Kyle presented this year's insurance package to the Board. Jeff highlighted important issues and fielded questions. Joanne will be sure to get certificates naming Glenburn an Additional Insured from Abington Township and any other recommended contractors. Jeff will forward guidelines for the Township. Joanne will get current equipment values to Jeff.

### **Committee Reports**

**Police:** No Report

**Roads:** Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. They have been busy with snowstorm clean up. They also did some pot hole patching and corrected run off problems as necessary. They took apart, prepped and painted the plow frame for the big truck. They also worked on the sign replacements needed for the 911 addressing project.

**Sewage Enforcement:** Walter has been working with Mr. Pritchuk on his property on Fords Pond Road. The two buildings will be demolished and a replacement tank will be installed. The sewage lines will also be replaced. The well is located more than 50 feet from the drain field but less than 100 feet which makes it substandard. He will not be testing the property for a replacement area for the septic. The DEP will accept the notarized statement from Mr. Powers, the former owner, stating that he vacated the premises on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Originally it was thought that the property had been vacated on March 18, 2010 because that is when the electric was turned off. DEP gives the new owner 1 year to replace the existing system without modification. Pete Smith questioned the viability of the drain field on the Pritchuk property.

Walter also mentioned that the Township was waiting for Judge Minora to reschedule the hearing on the Dequieroz Vs Krieger issues. Malcolm stated that the Township sent a letter to Judge Gibbons to withdraw the complaint without prejudice because we were waiting on another hearing before Judge Minora, who handled the first hearing. Walter discussed the various options looked at to resolve the issue.

**Code Enforcement:** No Report

**Planning:** No meeting was held.

**Recreation:** Bill Wicks reported that the next meeting will be held this Thursday at 7pm at the Clarks Summit Borough Building. There are many projects underway. Glenburn will help with the grading for the restroom for the new boundless playground being built. AAJRB is also

working on the dog park and there are various fund raising activities underway. There has been a new surge of interest in the park over the last few years. There is a group working with the Chamber of Commerce to facilitate a trail around the park and also soccer field improvements.

### **Old Business**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** Malcolm has sent a letter to DEP, EPA, Specter, Casey, Mellow, Wansacz and Carney to schedule a meeting to discuss resetting Precision Priorities. The meeting has been scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. A press release will go out announcing the meeting. The board thanked Joanne for getting the meeting scheduled.

**Glenburn Pond:** No response has been received to a February letter sent by Solicitor MacGregor. He will follow up on that.

**Fords Pond Road Issues:** Malcolm has been working with Attorney Pascal and Mr. Pritchyk, owner of the former Gardner/Powers property. Mr. Pritchyk will apply for a demolition permit to take down the two existing structures. He will need to subdivide the lot in order to put 2 structures on it in the future.

Attorney Dee Dee Schnieder is working with Mr. Billy Ray Gardner on the release of liability in order to demolish the old home on his property.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** Mike Savitsky reported that a meeting is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at South Abington Township. Last month there was a boycott by many municipalities because of the weighted vote stipulation in the bi-laws. Al Chelik will meet with DCED and several townships and boroughs on Weds. to discuss issues concerning the weighted vote. Four communities could control the vote on every issue if the bi-laws that are currently being proposed are passed. They are looking to get the weighted vote removed.

**911 Addressing:** Mike Savitsky motioned to release the new 911 address on April 16, 2010. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor.

**Sewer Fee Resolution:** Mike Savitsky motioned to table the issue until the supervisors get a better handle on the reasons behind raising the fees. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor. Mike asked Joanne to schedule a meeting of the supervisors, Walter and her to discuss the new fees.

**Border Realty Hickory Ridge Subdivision:** Mark Young spoke to the supervisors about the DEP policy on sewer ownership and stated that they have turned down his planning module application because Glenburn will not take ownership of the sewer system and lines running through Glenburn. He discussed details of the system and proposed a new scenario where the lines would be a gravity feed instead of using grinder pumps and asked if Glenburn would be willing to just own the gravity feed lines and nothing else. He is planning to go back to South Abington to get them to allow him to put in a pump station by the Karam Building. He presented a chart of the advantages and disadvantages to Glenburn. He also predicted an increase in income to the township of \$84,000 once the subdivision is in. Solicitor MacGregor told Mark that Glenburn is not holding up the subdivision and that he has had problems getting DEP to schedule a meeting to discuss the situation. DEP has had layoffs and is having trouble keeping up with the workload. Bill stated that Mark needed to come to the Township with definitive plans. Malcolm suggested he meet with the Planning Commission to present his plans. Joanne will schedule a Planning Commission meeting for April 7<sup>th</sup>. Township Engineer Jack Scheuer asked for clarification on Mark's current proposal.

### **New Business:**

**Spring Clean-up:** Joanne presented the quote from Apex Waste Management for \$5,650 to perform curbside spring clean-up on May 14 and 15. Several other haulers were asked to quote but then were not forthcoming with quotes. Bill Wicks motioned to accept the Apex Waste Management quote of \$5,650 for performing spring clean-up on May 14 and 15. David Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor.

**Bids for Roadwork: Bill Wicks motioned to approve advertising for paving bids for roadwork on Waterford and White Birch Roads. Dave Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor.** A resident asked about paving on Humphrey Road and was told that the Township was doing the worst roads first and that many roads will need to be done in the next year or so.

**Announcements:**

None

**Public Input:**

A resident asked about whom to contact for police services. He had called Clarks Summit about a drug deal going on and they were not helpful at all. He was instructed to call 911. He was also told that Abington Township provides coverage for Glenburn.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. Executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss the Dequeiroz complaint and Fords Pond and Precision issues. **Bill Wicks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm and Dave Jennings Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson  
Secretary / Treasurer