

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES April 19, 2010

Board Members in Attendance: Bill Wicks and David Jennings Jr.

Board Guests in Attendance: Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel and Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson.

Public in Attendance: Attachment

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

Minutes:

Supervisor Jennings motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the March 15, 2010 Township Meeting and Bill Wicks 2nd, All in Favor.

Bill Wicks motioned to accept the amendment to the Dalton Fire Company Contract which phases in the increased cost of service over the next 4 years. David Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

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

Opening of Bids for Paving Work on Waterford Road and White Birch Road:

Bids were opened for Waterford and White Birch Paving. The Bid Sheet is attached. Low bidder was Eastern Industries at \$47,580.00. **Bill Wicks motioned to accept the bid of \$47,580.00 by Eastern Industries Inc. for the Paving Work on Waterford and White Birch Roads contingent upon review by the Township Engineer and Solicitor. Dave Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.**

Committee Reports

Police: David Jennings questioned February 1, 2010 incident of criminal mischief in the break in of Jake's Truck and Jenkin's shed. Joanne will follow up with Abington Police to see why it wasn't responded to adequately.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. They have been cleaning catch basins throughout the township. Pothole patching is ongoing. Fresh 2RC was applied to lower Waterford Road and they are awaiting a roller to re-grade the hill.

Sewage Enforcement: Walter Redel reported that the repair job at Chapin and Glenview is completed. Mark Colombo took out a permit to test for a new drain field and requested a credit on the \$100 he paid last year for a crushed line. The supervisors agreed to the credit. David Osterhaut has put in a new 1250 gallon tank which remedied his problems. Pritchuk has installed the new tank on his Fords Pond Road property ahead of the 4-24-10 deadline. The rest of the work on the site is still in progress.

Code Enforcement: No Report

Planning: In Tom's absence, Joanne reported that there was a Planning Commission (PC) meeting this month and that Mark Young presented his current Hickory Ridge plans to the PC and discussed the various sewer options with them. A meeting with DEP and Glenburn's supervisors and solicitor was held to discuss the sewer issues. Mark summarized that DEP's regulations have changed and they no longer allow private entities to own sewer lines. They want a municipal entity to own the sewer. Counsel from DEP, South Abington and Glenburn are in fact finding discussions now. Mark explained that South Abington is getting a new pumping station and Clarks Summit is getting the sewage re-routed to a different location which will help the flow problems they had been having. Mark said that Glenburn would have to assume no costs for any of the sewer and that residents would be charged to cover all expenses. They are planning to use a gravity feed now instead of the original grinder pump scenario. Bill expressed concern that because of ACT 537, Glenburn might be forced to add additional residences to the system. Glenburn has no plant, no lines, and no treatment facilities and would be at the mercy of South Abington and the Joint Sewer Authority. He also sited that

Glenburn is awaiting the results of the fact finding and discussions between DEP and the South Abington and Glenburn Solicitors. He reiterated that Glenburn is supportive of the subdivision but that the Township needs to be aware of all the ramifications and possible solutions before moving forward with any decisions. Jack Scheuer stated that additional case law was being looked at by legal council. Discussion ensued on the history of the project.

Recreation: Bill Wicks reported that sign ups are now open for middle school age children to attend earth camp. Sign up sheets are available on the AAJRB web site www.aajrb.com. Glenburn has been volunteering time to finish up the pavilion project by the lake. The pavilion will be available for rental by private parties for a \$75 fee. \$25 of that amount will be refundable if the area is left clean. The next meeting will be the third week in May.

Old Business

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: David Jennings reported that there was a public meeting last week and the new site coordinator seemed very receptive to Township concerns. The Website has been updated but there are still some open questions about the foundation. DEP and EPA felt that the injection process cleaned the soil under the foundation but there are seeps under the foundation that have higher levels of chromium. David is still concerned about the source of that contamination. They also asked about what would be done for residents on Old State Road if the pollution contaminated their wells. EPA said that they would be put on bottled water immediately and then go from there. David recommended that interested residents follow up on the EPA website.

Glenburn Pond: No report.

Fords Pond Road Issues: No report.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell reported that a mediation meeting was held to discuss changes to the bi-laws to get rid of the weighted vote wording. There were proposals on what constitutes a quorum and a super majority. A meeting is planned for April 22 by the Association of Boroughs to discuss ACT 32 bi-law issues concerning the weighted vote. Scheduled hearings have been cancelled. Other counties are having similar issues. There has been a bill proposed to amend ACT 32 voting and there is a threatened class action suit in the works. The DCED did not want to step in to resolve the controversy.

911 Addressing: Joanne and Bill discussed the 911 addressing changes and announced that letters would be going out to all residents on April 23rd explaining the changes.

Sewer Fee Resolution: Bill Wicks reported that the Sewer Fee Schedule was being amended to increase fees due to decreasing reimbursements on the state level. This increases fees for new systems and repairs. It still does not reflect the full cost to the Township. **Bill Wicks motioned to adopt Resolution 02-2010 amending the sewer fee schedule. David Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.**

New Business:

Auditor's Report: Randy Campbell reported that the 2009 audit went smoothly and there were no major problems uncovered. Joanne thanked Randy for his years of service.

Announcements:

Spring Clean-up: Joanne reminded residents that Spring Clean up was scheduled for May 14th and 15th. There are flyers with information available at the Township or they can be printed from the Glenburn Township website at www.glenburntownship.org.

Public Input:

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **David Jennings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson
Secretary / Treasurer