

# GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

## MINUTES May 17, 2010 Amended 8-16-2010

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

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Sewage Enforcement Officer Walter Redel, Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Code Enforcement Officer Tom Wicks 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 April 19, 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 Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

**Committee Reports**

**Police:** No Report. Joanne will call and remind them to come to the next meeting.

**Roads:** Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. They have re-graded and rolled lower Waterford Rd. Pothole patching is ongoing. Two days were donated to installing the new bathroom facility at the Recreation Field. They are currently installing the new street signs for the 911 addressing project.

**Sewage Enforcement:** Walter Redel reported that the Pritchik system is done and there is a buyer for the property who will be putting in a modular home. He has an open permit for Rennie. Some additional grading is needed. Mark Colombo is also working on his system. A court hearing has been scheduled for the Krieger/Dequeroz case for next Monday. Walter spent 2.5 hours reviewing his testimony from the last deposition.

**Code Enforcement:** Tom Wicks reported that one permit has been issued for a home addition.

**Planning:** Tom Wicks reported that Border Realty presented a preliminary draft plan to the Planning Commission in April. Mark Young also met with Tom on a sign permit.

Tom mentioned that the dust from the Little League field is quite severe and something needs to be done about it. He suggested that they could put down calcium chloride like the Township does on dirt roads. There is a dust clause in the zoning ordinance that could be used to obtain action.

There was also some discussion about the Platt request to rezone a parcel he owns adjacent to Glenburn Pond. The parcel is zoned special purpose (SP) but is not part of the pond property. He would like to have it zoned R-1A like the other neighboring properties. That would enable him to sell it. There was some discussion about whether there were any other additional changes that were needed to the zoning map. Joanne mentioned a street name change for Mr. Millett, who has decided he does not want his road named after him. He would prefer Highover Farm Drive.

**Recreation:** Bill Wicks reported that there is a meeting this Thursday at the Clarks Summit Borough Building at 7pm. Bill also wanted to publicly thank and acknowledge the road crew for their efforts at the recreation park excavating and doing work for the new handicap accessible bathroom. This saved the park a few thousand dollars.

**Old Business**

**Precision National Plating (PNP) Update:** David Jennings reported that 10 new monitoring wells were recently put in. He was pleased that they were in locations that he had suggested some time ago. David asked Malcolm to follow up with Precision on the split samples from monitoring well # 4 and the basement.

**Glenburn Pond:** Mike Savitsky said that a letter had been sent out to NLT a few months to discuss if there was a way the Township could get into a long term lease for the Pond and perhaps get some grant monies to make improvements to the pond. There has been no response from NLT.

Tom Wicks said that the creek has been backing up because the new channel created at the pond needs to be maintained. He has also contacted the state about the beavers located in the pond. Mike Savitsky said he would have Malcolm include a request to clean out the channel in the follow up letter he is sending to NLT about the lease.

Maryann Savitsky reported that there have been people trespassing at the pond property in the evenings. There have been flashlights and the chain was broken. NLT has repaired the chain. There have also been people shooting on the pond property a few months ago. The game commissioner was called out a few times. The neighbors have noticed these activities. No one is keeping an eye on the pond. "No Trespassing" signs have been posted. Bill Wicks thought that people were allowed to walk the trails but Maryann said that has changed.

**Fords Pond Road Issues:** Malcolm has traded voice mails with attorney Snyder on the last demolition property. He will try to get it resolved soon.

**ACT 32 Tax Collection:** Mike Savitsky reported that there is to be a mediation meeting at the University of Scranton on Thursday.

There was also mention of the new ACT 2431 introduced in April. This act proposes to eventually eliminate local governments and consolidate functions at the county level. Mike Savitsky wrote to Jim Wansacz expressing his opposition to the ACT.

**Border Realty – Hickory Ridge Sewer Issues:** Mark Young spoke to the supervisors about his sewer request. He has sent the Township a letter about what his proposal is and he is waiting for an answer. Malcolm said that the Township got the agreement on May 7<sup>th</sup> and he is referring the issue to outside counsel more familiar with sewer issues. Mark stated that there are some issues on Ruth Avenue that the sewer could help with. Mark is anxious to get the project moving and there was discussion on the amount of time it is taking to resolve the sewer issues. **Mike Savitsky authorized Malcolm to speak with attorney David Gromelsky to look into the sewer issues as they relate to the Hickory Ridge Subdivision. Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor.** Malcolm stated that the Township should have some preliminary indication of feasibility by the next meeting.

**Willow Road Water Issues – Mike Sinkevich:** Mike Sinkevich discussed the history of water issues on Willow Road. Mike stated, "In 1986 the Glenburn Township Supervisor met with me at my property to discuss the problem with the water running onto my property. He had said as long as he could remember water always ran between my property and the neighbors and the best thing that I could do was to fill the existing swale with rock to slow the velocity of the water and prevent further wash out of my back yard." Mike implemented that and has had no issues with the water until this past year when the person who built on the property on the lot below him decided to sue him and Kevin White for water draining onto that property. Mike discussed the history with the neighbor below and the events leading up to and following the law suit. Bill Wicks came out to look at the property during a rain event and the Township engineer and solicitor have also looked at the area. Mike has currently turned the issue over to his homeowner's insurance and the attorney's for his and his neighbor's insurance are scheduled to meet with the attorney for the plaintiff. The plaintiff wants a pipe put between Mike's and Kevin's yard to catch the water and then put it into the catch basin. Mike contends that this will make the situation on Waterford Road worse because the catch basin is too shallow to handle the volume of water coming through the pipe. Mike contends that the only way to fix the problem is to stop the water before it gets to his property. There was discussion on who was responsible for the water. There is no storm water management in the development and over the years people have just dealt with the water. Mike said that when the water company repaved Willow a few years ago that the situation became worse. He said that the pave is sinking at the corner of Willow and Locust. There is also a natural spring up by the railroad which releases water down the hill as well.

Tom Wicks stated that most zoning requires the homeowner to control any water generated on their property. He said that putting in a French drain could be helpful. He said another solution would be to put a drainage ditch in along Willow. Mike said he wanted it on the record that this problem is on going. Malcolm stated that the road crew should go out in a rain event and take a look at the situation.

### **New Business:**

**Electric Rate Research:** Joanne has been looking into various electric suppliers for the Township. She has attempted to contact a number of suppliers, most of whom have not replied. Of the ones that did, the reduction in rates would be between 2.5 and 3.5%. The street light portion of the bill is not eligible for reductions in rate. This is more than half of the bill. The total savings for a year would be between \$200-300 out of an annual \$8300 expenditure.

Joanne has been using the PP&L website to obtain contact information on providers and contacted Energy Cooperative of America who claim to provide a 37% discount (which would amount to about 17% for the Township. Mike Savitsky looked at the disclosure information and it seemed to be in order. There is no long term contract to sign and you can withdraw with a months notice.

Tom Wicks said that the Chamber of Commerce offered a favorable rate and Joanne said that by the time you subtract out the dues for joining, the savings are comparable to other providers. She has also contacted the MUA to see if the Township could still join with that group. She is waiting to hear back. Malcolm suggested contacting PSATS to see if they recommended any providers. Joanne will keep the supervisors posted on her progress.

There was also mention about converting to low energy lighting in the Township. The traffic light is on the schedule to be converted to LED lights. There was discussion on the lights needing light guards to prevent freezing and obstruction of the light in the winter. Joanne will follow up with PennDOT to see if they plan to put guards on the lights.

**Waverly Road Bridge:** Malcolm thanked the supervisors for their quick action on the dangerous situation on the Waverly Road Bridge. PennDOT examined the bridge and even though it is not their jurisdiction, they put a new plate over the hole and did some other maintenance to the bridge. It is the Canadian Pacific Railroads responsibility and Malcolm has sent them correspondence and is trying to get them to take action. PennDOT could shut down the road if the bridge continues to deteriorate.

**Purchase of Roller for Township:** Bill Wicks motioned to purchase a Stone 3100 Gas Roller through the COSTARS Program at the cost of \$16,602 (including freight) and a trailer, also through COSTARS, for the price of \$1438.80. Mike Savitsky 2<sup>nd</sup>. All In Favor.

### **Announcements:**

**Election Day:** Tomorrow is election day. Come out and vote.

### **Public Input:**

Mike Sinkevich asked about what Butch Colombo was doing to the building at Old State Road. He mentioned that Interstate Equipment was parked there and working there. Tom said that Butch wants to move the Sewer Plant and that he needs to do some work in the area. He will have to submit land development plans to the Township in order to do this. Discussion ensued on the legality of the Interstate Equipment being maintained in that location. Once completed Butch would be allowed to have equipment needed for the sewer plant.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **David Jennings motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm and Bill Wicks 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson  
Secretary / Treasurer