

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

MINUTES December 20, 2010

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

Board Guests in Attendance: Solicitor Malcolm MacGregor, Secretary/Treasurer Joanne Benson

Public in Attendance: Attachment

-Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes:

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

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Joanne reviewed the financial reports and the bills. **Mo. by Savitsky 2nd by Wicks to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented. All in Favor.**

Hickory Ridge Sewer: Mike Savitsky reported that contract negotiations are ongoing. A few more details need to be ironed out.

Committee Reports

Police: No Report.

Roads: Joanne read the road report left by Road Master Mennig. The plows and trucks have had oil changes and repairs and are ready for snow. The road crew has been doing the last of the ditch clearing, patching potholes and leaf clean ups. The roads have been salted as needed.

Sewage Enforcement: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Planning: No Report

Recreation: Bill Wicks said that he was not at the last meeting and there was no report.

Old Business:

Precision National Plating (PNP) Update: Solicitor MacGregor reported that there was a public meeting held at the Clarks Summit Fire Hall on December 7th. Representatives from EPA and DEP discussed the EE/CA plan. They reviewed the clean up test results to date and alternatives for future cleanup efforts. There is a public comment period which ends on December 24th. Residents were urged to forward their comments to EPA. These comments must be considered when choosing a cleanup option. The supervisors had reviewed their own comments during executive session and will be forwarding them on to Precision.

Glenburn Pond: Mike Savitsky reported that the DEP test results for Glenburn Pond showed that the levels of hexavalent chromium in the pond are the best that they have been in a while.

Fords Pond Road Issues: Malcolm will follow up with attorney Schneider.

ACT 32 Tax Collection: Randy Campbell reported that the TCC met last Thursday and elected officers for the coming year. All officers remained the same and an additional officer was added because the Secretary/Treasurer position was split into 2 positions. An auditor was appointed. The committee is now working on Contract details with Berkheimer.

Fig Avenue Complaints: Mike Savitsky reported that the BIU inspector was not able to inspect the Mirabelli property yet. Also, Malcolm stated that Tom Wicks had a concern about the nature of the complaint to be filed with the magistrate, civil or criminal. Malcolm said that the complaint should be filed before the next meeting.

New Business:

Resolution on PennDOT Route 6 & 11 Traffic Signal Work: Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the PennDOT Contract and Adopt Resolution 2010 – 05 authorizing the signing of the Contract. Dave Jennings 2nd. All In Favor.

Motion on ACT 44 PA Municipalities Pension Trust Disclosure Form: Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the disclosure form provided by PSATS. Bill Wicks 2nd. All In Favor. Mike explained to residents that this form required vendors to disclose political contributions, etc.

Energy Retrofit and Rebate Proposal by Commonwealth Electric Energy Group, LLC:

Joanne described the reasons for the retrofit. The current lighting ballasts are no longer being manufactured and in 2012 the bulbs will not be made either. The new bulbs will cut electricity use by 50%. The total cost of the retrofit will be \$2,232 and the Township will get a rebate of \$714.50 which will bring the cost to \$1517.50. There is a 6.64 year payback for the project. **Mike Savitsky motioned to approve the Lighting Retrofit Proposal by Commonwealth Energy Group and Dave Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.**

Griffin Pond Animal Shelter: Bill Wicks discussed the financial difficulties of the animal shelter and the fact that they do a great service for the community. **Bill Wicks motioned to donate \$1250 to the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter for 2011(approximately \$1 per resident) and to accept billing of \$50 for each animal brought to the shelter by Township Police. Mike Savitsky 2nd. All In Favor.**

Announcements:

Joanne announced the Art Show People's Choice Award Winners. Bill Kupiec took First Place for his oil painting "Dock of the Bay". Shane McGeehan and Lauri Otto came in 2nd place for the photograph "Becoming the River" and Pat Knecht was third for her oil painting "Winter Beginnings". There had been a 4 way tie for 2nd and 3rd place and the other works were Fern Repose by Pam Summa and Pond House by Bill Tantella. Total votes for each artist was used as the tie breaker.

Public Input: Bill Durdach, of 205 Willow Road, discussed the water run off issues in the Knollwood development. He first complimented the Township on their excellent public service. He has lived there for 25 years and has never moved any soil on his property. The roads were initially put in by the developer, Frank Colombo. The street was repaved a few years ago by the water company when they put in a new water main. Prior to that time, Mr. Durdach stated, there were drainage ditches/swales running along the upper and lower portions of Willow Road. After the repaving, the drainage ditch in front of his house was flattened out and the water now runs across the street (which is downhill) and not along the side of the street in a swale as it used to. He also stated that the road was flat and not crowned the way it was prior to PA American Water Company paving. He was seeking guidance from the Township in rectifying the water issue. He suggested putting in swales again the way it used to be. Mr. Durdach's downhill neighbor across the street, Mike Sinkevich, was also in attendance and supported the complaint. Solicitor MacGregor explained that the Township Engineer had looked at the situation, after complaints from Mr. Sinkevich, and that the engineer has been asked to do some additional follow up. Malcolm stated that the engineer's initial assessment was that Township is not responsible for the condition of the road. However, Solicitor MacGregor also stated that the Township has always tried to work with residents to resolve complaints. He also pointed out that the water run off issue wasn't raised until Mike Sinkevich's downhill neighbor pursued litigation against him and another neighbor. Joanne mentioned that she spoke with Sue Colombo and the initial subdivision was developed in 1972 prior to zoning.

Correspondence:

2011 Budget Adoption: Mike Savitsky motioned to adopt the 2011 budget as approved at the November meeting and advertised in the paper of record. Bill Wicks 2nd. All in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed prior to the meeting. **Mike Savitsky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm and Bill Wicks 2nd. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Benson, Secretary/Treasurer