

# MINUTES FOR GLENBURN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

## July 27, 2022

**Board Members in attendance:** Bill Wicks & Matt Keisling , Via Telephone - Jim Davis

**Board Guests in Attendance:** Bernadette Menendez , Tom Wicks, Via Telephone - Grace Hillebrand

**Public in Attendance :** Ben Harper, Liana Smith, Nora Strachan, Lt. Michael Crowley, A/C Joe Krott, Jim Michaels

Supervisor Wicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

### **Public Comment Period**

**Proposed Cell Tower at Hillside Park** - Ben Harper introduced himself – lives by Gravel Pond. He sent a letter regarding the cell phone tower at Hillside Park. His comments addressed his concerns with height, size, and location of the cell tower and the view from Gravel Pond. Supervisor Keisling thanked him for the letter. Supervisor Wicks also pointed out the proposed site is in South Abington Township. Mr. Harper asked for Glenburn Township to oppose the cell tower in this area and take a vote among the supervisors. Tom Wicks told him to request a copy of the engineering report. Supervisor Wicks asked Supervisor Davis the amount of money contributed from the municipalities to keep park running. Supervisor Davis shared that it is about \$65,000.00. The Community Center is funded by private donations and the rental fees, including fees paid by the Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging. Supervisor Davis stated that AAJRB would be meeting tomorrow evening, and Verizon will be there to discuss.

Per a request of Mr. Harper, Supervisor Wicks asked if there is a motion by any of the Supervisors for the Township to take a position on the proposed tower. There was no motion offered.

### **Minutes**

- Motion made by Supervisor Wicks to waive reading of the minutes aloud and to accept the minutes of the June 2022, Township Meeting. Second by Supervisor Keisling. All in Favor

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

- Secretary Treasurer Menendez reported the bills for July 2022, to the Board. Motion made by Supervisor Wicks to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented by Secretary Treasurer Menendez 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Keisling. All in Favor.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Police:** Report - Attached .
- **Roads:** Monthly report from Mark Hopkins. Supervisor Wicks motioned to waive the reading of the road report seconded by Supervisor Keisling. All in favor.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Road paving update** - Supervisor Wicks updated that the road work will start sometime in the fall of this year, no exact date but before November 2022. Per Supervisor Wicks the requirements are to have work

completed because of the temperature by November. We are using part of our Liquid Fuels money towards the cost.

### **New Business:**

**Representatives from Clarks Summit Fire Department-** A/C Joe Krott said that the new contracts are coming up. Just wanted to come in and meet with township.

**Planning Commission Appointment** – Supervisor Wicks Motioned to Appoint Bill Booth as alternate to planning commission., seconded by Supervisor Keisling. All in favor.

**Land Purchase for township DPW** - The township is currently looking into purchasing a ten-acre plot of land for DPW operation. We need more room for equipment and materials, more room to do work.

Supervisor Wicks asked Solicitor Hillebrand if he needed do anything tonight to approve this purchase. Solicitor Hillebrand responded yes.

Supervisor Wicks motioned to move forward with purchasing the property on Waterford Road of ten acres for \$90,000 plus closing costs, contingent on clean environmental report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Keisling. All in favor.

### **Public Comment Period for New Items /Issues**

**Property Complaint** - Nora Strachan asked about if she were to put an out-building on her property, does she need permits? Her inquiry/ complaint is regarding a property on corner of N. Gravel Pond Road and Sunset. It looks like a junk yard and is an eyesore. They are attached to his house and all over the property. Liana Smith said they are like small “she sheds” all over the place. Supervisor Keisling said he would drive past the property after meeting.

Mr. Tom Wicks said if they are not on foundation, you do not need permits. Mr. Wicks has no knowledge of the property or any permits from the homeowner. Mr. Wicks has depended on the honesty of the residents to come to him for the permits.

The Supervisors and Mr. Tom Wicks will check on the property.

**Fig Ave Road Repair** - Property owner Jim Michaels inquired about the curb on Fig Ave. and asked if it could be repaired?

Supervisor Wicks will meet with engineer and look at it. Wicks stated that he hopes to have it put on the project as an “add on” and corrected with the paving project.

### **Announcement**

There were no announcements.

**Supervisor Wicks** motioned to adjourn at **8:00 PM.** and second by Supervisor Keisling. All in Favor.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Bernadette Menendez**  
**Secretary Treasurer**