

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

February 20, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Savitsky, Dave Jennings, Bill Wicks

Board Guests in Attendance: Secretary Treasurer Bernadette R. Menendez

Public in Attendance: Beth Scialpi, Elizabeth Samuelson, Dr. Samuelson, Lynn Sansky, Charley Sansky, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Czarkowski.

Called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes

Motioned to waive the reading aloud of and accept the minutes of the January 2018 Township Meeting, by Supervisor Savitsky 2nd Supervisor Jennings, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Mo. by Supervisor Savitsky, 2nd by Supervisor Jennings to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as presented by Secretary Treasurer Menendez. All in Favor.

Committee Reports

Roads: From Mark Hopkins /read by Bernadette Menendez see below

Monthly Road Report January to February 2018

In the last 30 days the road crew has been responding to the winter snow and ice storms along with keeping the equipment used to maintain the streets and side roads in the best working condition as they can. The two trucks that they use to plow, and salt need constant attention due to their age and condition. The township does have a GMC 3500 with a plow but is not set up to spread salt and they use this truck to do dead end roads or cleanup in certain situations. Both guys pay close attention to the working order of the trucks. If one of the trucks were to brake it greatly impacts their response time in completing the task of maintaining safe roads. The 2008 Ford F 550 had lost all brakes on Sunday February 4th an hour after they started to clear the roads. It was down until the day before the ice storm that surprised the surrounding area. The storm that we had on Wednesday February 7th the township was serviced by one person, the Road master, Mark Hopkins. The F550 was being fixed and the other road crew person Dale Richmond was out sick for two days. Mark worked from 6am till 11pm that day. Overnight the 5 inches of snow that fell that day eventually turned to a heavy rain which flooded the streets and temps dropped into the high teens and everything froze solid overnight. Mark was back at work early the next morning salting the roads. The truck that Mark drives is an 18-year-old one wheel drive dump truck. It is called by name" 2000 Chevy C6500 Kodiak. It is a 5- speed manual with high and low range. When plowing and salting the township you must run this truck in low range. In this township you are either going up a very steep hill down a very steep hill or cutting across to go back up or down. This topography of this township makes it a slow process when plowing snow in this truck. When operating this truck, the driver must be conscious to the fact that extra effort must be applied regarding safety. There are no safety features such as, airbags, antilock brakes, traction control or crumple zones. If the road crew each drove a 4-wheel drive three3 ton truck they would be able to accomplish the job at a much faster rate.

The order in which they plow the roads starts with school bus routes. They are serviced first. They then do the streets that have a higher traffic count. They then clear the dead-end streets and dirt roads. After all the streets are clear they then go and clear the cul-de-sacs. It takes them three hours with both trucks minimum to open the roads, so they are passable. The more snow that accumulates the longer it takes them. They then do it all over again to widen the streets, so residents can receive their mail and clear what private contractors have pushed into the streets from resident driveways. It is illegal for a snow removal service to leave piles of snow in the road that come from driveways. They find huge piles of snow in the streets every time they plow.

The road crew is in contact with the Waverly Police Department every time it snows out or a weather-related event takes place. As the road crew takes to the road we will call the Waverly PD to inform them that we are starting and if we come across a stranded motorist we will inform them of the current situation. By working together, it helps both parties be better informed of what is happening in the township during weather events. If a resident has a request and the township office is closed, please call the Communication center (570-342-9111) to report your request or any information that you may have for the road crew. Thank You Road Crew.

Old Business:

Northeast Signal – maintenance contract for the Lights on Ackerly/St Rd 6 & 11 / Waverly Road. We take over in May 2018.

Supervisor Savitsky Motioned to go accept maintenance contract with Northeast Signal Inspection Consultants 2nd by Supervisor Jennings all in favor.

Bill Wicks – Wants to know where we stand on the Monick property to Country Side Conservancy walking trail. Never seen any paperwork or documents. Per Malcolm via email “All is in the hands of the Country Side Conservancy “

Audit complete for LSA Grant / we are in compliance. Copies for all at table

New Business:

Tax Collector Georgian Eccleston sent letter regarding the bounced check that was received for Glenburn Taxes. She has not been able to get her money plus charge back from person. Had to use her money to keep the account from being charged daily for Over Draft fees. She would like to be reimbursed for \$135.00 that she deposited to cover the cost till it is resolved. **Supervisor Savitsky has agreed to reimburse the money to Georgiann for the cost she has covered. Supervisor Wicks 2nd. All in favor.**

Also new laws that state requiring that a Tax Collector checking account NOT use the personal information (name, Social Security number) needs to be done by end of February 15, 2018.

I suggested Peoples Security Bank & trust. Free checking, but in doing this she will need \$25.00 to open new account there. NBT does not charge to open another account so she chose to stay at NBT. Would like to have an increase in the balance to the account just in case another problem arises with an insufficient check.

Suggest that a cushion of \$300.00 be in account to cover any charge if this should happen again.

Motion by Supervisor Savitsky to keep a balance of \$300.00 in the checking account always including any checks that have not cleared before submitting to the township. 2nd by Supervisor Wicks, All in favor.

AAJRB:

Greg Pascale sent info for proposed Second Supplement to the Abington Area Joint Rec Board agreement. Meeting is at the same time as ours at 6 PM, S. Abington Township Building. Asking for a voting member from each municipality. Jim Davis will be going as our representative.

Announcements:

PPL sent letters out to the residents and businesses about updating the meters. Grid One Solutions will be going around to gather meter info for PPL. Bernadette will post in our website?

Public Input:

Dr. Samuelson asked about the work at the Ackerly and Waverly Road corner.

Supervisors explained that we have no say right now on the property until he Submits plans and designs. Then permits for his site. Right now, it's only DEP, Lackawanna Conservation.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Czarkowski. had questions about our road crew and snow plowing. They feel that they are being ignored and that the crew is not showing up on purchase. The salting is not done properly. Mr. Czarkowski stated that he feels we should have an outside service and to get rid of the road crew. Waste of money for the overtime that they are paid. Made comment that all they do is go around and pick up sticks. The Czarkowski's are not happy with the service provided by the township work crew.

Supervisor Savitsky said we will move on now.

Asked if anyone else had anything thing else.

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to adjourn at 8:10PM and Supervisor Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Bernadette Menendez
Secretary Treasurer