

GLENBURN TWP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

Minutes

May 21, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Savitsky, David Jennings, William Wicks

Board Guests in Attendance: Malcolm MacGregor, Bernadette Menendez

Public in Attendance: Elizabeth & Thomas Samuelson, Georgiann Eccleston, David & Marilyn Druck, Linda & Chris Woodley, Paul Ewasko, Lynn & Charlie Sansky, Marilyn Costa, Beth Scialpi

Supervisor Savitsky called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes

Motioned by Supervisor Savitsky to waive the reading aloud and accept the minutes of the April 16, 2018 Township Meeting, Supervisor Jennings 2nd, All in Favor.

Financial Report/Presentation of Bills

Mo. by Supervisor Savitsky to pay the bills and accept the financial reports as May 21, 2019 presented by Secretary Menendez , 2nd by Supervisor Jennings, All in Favor.

Committee Reports

Police: No Report

Call Christine Capozzi and ask for the breakdown of the violations that we receive.

Also request if we could use Van Fleet Towing since they are in Glenburn when there is a need for towing. Per Dave Jennings. Ask police if they could call each one. And keep business in Glenburn.

Roads: Reported by Bernadette for Mark Hopkins

Road Report April / May 2018

The road crew has been working towards getting the township straightened up from the winter months and the spring storms. They have been cleaning out ditches and cross pipes and have started to clean out the catch basins. They have been cleaning intersections of road debris and cutting back bushes for better visibility. They have cleaned up multiple fallen trees from the past few storms. They have started to cut lawn and trim road side throughout the township. They have continued to patch pot holes all throughout the township and have built curbs and fixed road side edges on Wyndwood Road.

In the upcoming weeks they do have plans to do crack sealing and replace a few driveway pipes for drainage. They will continue to clean out catch basins and keep the ditches clean leading to them. They do have plans to line certain ditches throughout the township with R3 stone. One place would be Fords Pond Road. The road crew does have plans to resurface all the dirt roads in the township and they will spread calcium chloride for dust control. They have plans to do some drainage work on Humphrey Street and South Waterford Road.

Code Enforcement: Tom Wicks - quiet at this time.

Supervisor Savitsky asked about the Colombo property.

Tom Wicks stated that the gas companies are dumping materials on Mr. Colombo's property DEP is going in different directions with properties, Conservation district and DEP is going there.

Lynn Stansky asked if he was told not to dump into the wetlands. Tom Wicks said yes. DEP will have to determine if he is doing this and if it needs to be pulled out of there.

Tom also stated that there were 2 violations sent to him and stop work orders.

Malcolm MacGregor stated that with the letters sent and an inquiry from Steve Armillay of Sid Michaels Kavulich office. We received a letter back from Penn Dot saying they are not an enforcement agency and the steps they are taking are regarding the property entrance for vehicles for the HOP and making sure the intersections of Ackerly and Waverly Rd are safe.

Tom Wicks said that Mr. Colombo is using the driveway from the two homes on the side of the land where he is working as an access road to Ackerly Rd.

DEP stated not to approve any plans until all items are reviewed and not to accept any plans as of yet.

Malcolm MacGregor -Stated- We have not received any plans. Tom Wicks said that DEP is going back and will write him up about the cliff in the back of the property.

Malcolm MacGregor said that DEP may have to take him to the Environmental board for state processing which is very slow.

Lynn Stansky asked if there is anything that Glenburn could have done.

Malcolm MacGregor told her that it is all state processing. Frustrating for the board from the supervisors talking to DEP, Lackawanna Conservation and Pen Dot. Mr. Colombo has not submitted any plans to Glenburn. The only time we were able to give him a stop work order was for the Solar Panels which is an accessory use on the property. He does not have a primary use. The board does not prejudice anyone, he may submit a plan and we may be surprised.

Right now in terms of what is going on with the property is that the authorities are actively watching with the compliance on the property.

Mr. Samuelson spoke to Carl DeLuca of DEP. They told him Glenburn has the responsibility for the grading, the easements and the enforcements of the easements. Tom Wicks asked what easements?

Malcolm MacGregor said he may not agree with that.

Mr. Samuelson said you cannot dig right up to the property line.

Malcolm will talk to Carl DeLuca to confirm what is being said, he may be incorrect.

Thomas Samuelson said Glenburn needs to fix this.

Dr. Woodley has been reading up on the ordinances in the Glenburn Township listing.

A number of them have been broken. Look up the ordinances #'s 404.15 and 603.

Leave as much vegetation as possible - Mr. Colombo removed all of it.

Cannot clear out more than 7000 square feet.

Slope of 50% grade not allowed to be disturbed.

Does the township have any power asked Mr. Woodley? He (Mr. Colombo) is developing land.

Earth movement is a development.

Malcolm MacGregor stated that Mr. Colombo has not submitted a plan to the township. We do not have any legal mechanisms to force him to submit a plan.

Ordinance only have meaning when he submits a plan to us. Then he is under our jurisdiction. Right now the law states he is under the laws of State of Pennsylvania.

The environmental board can fine him on all of these complaints. When he does submit plans that is when the violations will be enforced. It is up to them if he is fined or not.

He continues to do what he wants Per Malcolm.

Dave Jennings asked if he is doing anything illegal. Malcolm said that is the why the DEP figures out what they have to do. It has happened before. Glenburn does not determine that.
The conversation continued from residents on what he has done to the property.
If Malcolm did not send a letter about the dangerous driveway they would not have done anything.
And if Steve Armillay did not call they would not have moved on this.
Dave Jennings asked if we could have a special meeting and bring in DEP, Lackawanna Conservation and Penn Dot in. Also State Rep from Sid Michaels Kavulich office and Senator Blake's Office.
Dr. Woodley asked why the Glenburn ordinances do not help them.
Malcolm said they will once he submits a plan.
Dr. Woodley asked about the destruction of his property does he have a right to go after him.
Malcolm told him he can pursue legal help.
Dr. Samuelson feels Glenburn should be represented by the supervisors and protected.
Lynn Stansky spoke to everyone regarding how long it takes to make things happen in the state.
Bill Wicks said it is not easy to get things done. We can move when it is under our jurisdiction and then it can takes years.

Old Business:

David Druck asked about the legal proceeding on the Little League. He thought there was 60 days to respond.
Malcolm explained it was the two parties that had 60 days. Judge Gibbon needs to render his decision. Bill Blaum has checked with the judge's chambers and it is under advisement.

New Business:

Fords Pond Road work to commence around May 28, 2018 and complete in 45 day. (July 12, 2018)

The supervisors meet with the Engineer and went over the road work that needs to be done.

Bill Wicks

Made a motion to have Zack Smith of BCM to get a grant for design and cost estimate for the following roads.

Glenview

Chapin to Old Trial

Old Trail from Glenview to Rout 6.

Mike Savitsky 2nd. All in favor.

We can be successful 2019 if we secure the grants.

Announcements:

Chapin Road Paving project-

Letter from BCM met with American Asphalt regarding pulling and cracking.

Compliments from Mike Roth and saying thank you to the Township for approving the road project paving. An **AMAZING** improvement. Thank You Very Much!

New website is almost done. Waiting to get the pictures downloaded and the minutes transferred over.

A request to donate the picture hangers to the Abington Senior center was requested by Ed Ims. Would like to deliver them to the center directly from the Glenburn Township as a donation towards the art work that the seniors are doing there so it can be displayed for them to keep at the Senior Center. A decision was made to loan half of the picture hanger to the center and keep the remaining here in case we have a need for them.

Mr. Paul Ewasko came in today (May 21, 2018) still unhappy with the water. Mark placed soil and grass seed on the curb area where salt from the road killed grass. Then it rain and some was washed down. It was a very heavy rain. He submitted pictures to the supervisors and wants some help. Dave Jennings gave Mr. Ewasko his phone number and asked him to call when there is a heavy rain. If he is close by he will come right away. Bill Wicks told him that he was here last year with Engineer during a downpour. The rain crosses over and water runs downhill. They did not see any problems.

Supervisor Savitsky motioned to adjourn at 9:15 PM and Supervisor Jennings 2nd. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernadette R Menendez

Secretary/Treasurer