

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 6, 2022

PLACE: Township Building, 370 Steinman Farm Road, Pequea, Pa. 17565

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, and Charles Stouff were present. Jay Kreider was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer was said.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$90,076.90. The motion passed 3-0 with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noted that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office. Beth Birchall commented that payments included were for Fire & Rescue Products that is being paid from the ARPA funds.

Liquid Fuels for 2022 Paving: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Charles Stouff to pay \$206,176.17, out of the state account for the completed paving project. The motion passed 4-0.

Bank of Bird-in-Hand – Ken Wu, Deposit Growth Officer, gave a presentation to the Board explaining what the Bank of Bird-in-Hand has to offer regarding the township's finances. He explained that through FDIC, all our funds are protected through Insured Cash Sweep (ICS). They spread out the finances through other insured banks which allows all the money to be protected. We would continue to have access to the funds. Beth Birchall commented that she likes the check scanner, which would eliminate her need to drive to the bank to make deposits. Also, unlike other banks, Bank of Bird-in-Hand offers direct deposit for our employees with no monthly or transaction fees. Martic still issues paper pay checks to its employees.

RAIL TRAIL / TRESTLE BRIDGE:

Jenn Leibig w/ JD Eckman gave the Trestle Bridge update. Panels are being sealed. There is one surface crack and they are monitoring it. They plan to use a penetrating sealer on the crack. She asked about the gates that were placed after the fire. Part of their job is to regrade the westerly portion of the trail, leading up to the bridge. They will not be able to grade the area with the gates in place. After discussion, it was decided to remove the gates and give them to the Township for future use. Comment was heard from Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive and Rail Trail Committee Chair who stated they could possibly leave just the poles up. Jenn Leibig also commented on the expansion plates. The Safe Harbor Trestle has a noticeable bump if you are riding a bike, Jim Hearn does not recommend doing what was done at the Safe Harbor bridge. Jenn Leibig recommended a product that would work; however, the cost would be \$2,000. Carl Drexel stated that a discussion with Conestoga Township would need to take place, as they would be splitting the fee with Martic. They are also trying to match up the stone mix, that was originally placed on the trail.

324 CROSSING / HOP UPDATE:

Carl Drexel commented that Martic finally received the HOP from PennDOT. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to issue the Notice to Proceed to CriLon. The motion passed 4-0. Carl Drexel also asked if we want Wilson Consulting Group to oversee and do the inspections? At this point, it would not make sense not to have them do it. An estimate was received

for \$7,590.00, which Wilson stated was on the higher end, but does not anticipate a lot of oversight since there will be very little construction work. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to except the proposed estimate, but not to exceed that amount. The motion passed 4-0.

Crossing and Trestle Bridge opening event: Jim Hearn commented on the opening ceremonies. The event is expected to have 50-60 people attend. The date of the event is still unknown but will be towards the end of October. He is also planning a community trail clean-up day. Once he has the flyer, it will be placed on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jorge Trevino, 17 Harbor View – commented on the tree, currently resting on lines, along Martic Heights Drive. Dave Williams commented that this is a state road but has contacted the utilities. The issue is Frontier and he has reported it to the supervisor at Frontier.

Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale road, commented on the Township's solicitor during a Zoning Hearing. She commented on her aggressive nature and was appalled. Comment was also heard from Ryan Anastasio, 44 Creamery Road.

SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW:

1035 River Road / Wilmer Johnson: requested release of his Stormwater Management Financial Security. The Township has heard from Brian Gilbert w/ Solanco Engineering that he has received everything he needs and recommended the release. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to release the remaining \$1,357.81 of the posted Financial Security. The motion passed 4-0.

65 Raven Crest / Stephen Dellinger: requested release of his Stormwater Management Financial Security. The Township has heard from Brian Gilbert w/ Solanco Engineering that he has received everything he needs and recommended the release. A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Carl Drexel to release the remaining \$2,354.79 of the posted Financial Security. The motion passed 4-0.

Holding Tank Agreement: 4 Trolley Road / Fern Hill Properties, LLC (owner): has submitted a Holding Tank Agreement to the Township. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to sign the agreement. The motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for August.

Week of July 31st

Call out for tree on Stump. Pick up rented pump. 3 days changing pipe on Pennsy. Road check. Mowing on multiple roads.

Week of August 7th

3 days changing second pipe on Pennsy. Return rented pump. Remove all signs and barricades from Pennsy. Cut tree with tree cutter on Tucquan Glen in paving project area.

Week of August 14th

Mill and prep work for paving project. Clean loose stone off of Tucquan Glen and Street. Push fallen tree off of road on Bradys Hill. Cut trees on Tucquan Glen, Street and Bethesda W. Pave portions of Tucquan Glen, Street and Douts Hill. Clean gutters on Pencroft N. Mow closed section of Rail Trail. Repair mower. Clean up shop. Spray weeds around Township buildings. Wash T-90 and T-05. Measure roads for line painting. Set up road closed notification signs on McKelvey. Put stone in pipe crossings on Pennsy and Creamery.

Week of August 21st

Road check. Mowing on multiple roads. Clean loose stone off of Pencroft N. and Magnolia. Push trees off of road on Old Pinnacle and Magnolia. Open pipe on Crystal. Call out for storm damage. Put stone

in washed out gutter on Magnolia and Pencroft N. Push tree off of Loop. Sweep loose stone off of multiple roads. Cut tree off of Kiosk on Rail Trail. Mark roads for line painting. Cut low tree limbs on House Rock. Add modified to pipe crossings on Pennsy and Creamery. Paint lines on multiple roads.

Week of August 28th

Pick up rented pump. 3 days changing pipe on McKelvey. Return rented pump. Remove all signs and barricades from McKelvey. Pick up parts for mower. Take T-05 to shop. Sweep loose stone off of Creamery, Fox Hollow and Steinman Farm. Mortar inlets and outlets of new pipes.

Creamery Road pipe is the last pipe permit we are waiting for. It has been at least 2 years. If he could determine the pipe size, he would go ahead and order it. Carl Drexel asked if we have the plans that John Lahr gave us, to see if it shows the pipe size PennDOT is intending to use.

The Amish school on Martic Heights Drive has been approved for safety signage by PennDOT. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to order the signs and put them up. The motion passed 4-0.

Zoning Officer Report: 3 building, and 7 zoning permits were issued.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 2 inspections, 1 perc and probes and 2 permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 09-06-22A: Rezoning of 1741 Rawlinsville Road into the AG District. A roll call vote was taken to approve the rezoning of 1741 Rawlinsville Road into the AG District for the purpose of being placed in Ag Preserve. The Roll Call passed 4-0.

Ordinance 09-06-22B: No Parking amendment: to add additional coverage along River Road, by Martic Forge. Comment was heard from Tina & Gary Virgil 178 Fox Hollow Road regarding the issue of cars parking along River Road on roadway. She read an email statement from PennDOT when she contacted them about the issue along their roadway. Duane Sellers explained that this issue was addressed at the August meeting, which is why the Board is at this point to approve the amendment to Martic's No Parking Ordinance. When she first contacted the Township regarding the issue in July, the Road Foreman emailed Mrs. Virgil and left her a voice message to please contact him to discuss the matter and he had not heard back from her. After further discussion, a roll call vote was taken to adopt the amended No Parking Ordinance, The Roll Call passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-06-22 Trick or Treat policy: This policy follows the Lanc Co Intermunicipal Counsel's new policy to establish Trick or Treat on October 31st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, rain or shine, no matter what day it falls on. A Roll Call vote was taken to adopt the new policy. The Roll Call passed 4-0.

2023 Non-Uniform Pension Minimal Municipal Obligation: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve, for the employees, the Martic 2023 MMO of \$14,252. The motion passed 4-0.

Rawlinsville Fire Company: Fireman's Relief Audit came back with some findings. Victor Ressler, RVFC President explained that the Auditor General's auditor wants to see a list of their inventory on the spreadsheet that they provided to the fire company. He is working on getting that accomplished. Comment was heard from Tina Virgil.

Lancaster EMS – annual municipal support request. With the documentation that was provided, Martic was they only Township to provide the requested amount, plus some. There is several municipalities that do not give anything, and the majority only give a portion of what is requested.

ServPro provided a quote for a mold remediation, which was found in one spot in the garage. The area has a leak and is damp. They provided a proposal for a Non-Intrusive Surface Remediation, where they would scrub the wall with antimicrobial. The area was minor and just barely registered for Cladosporium, which is not black mold. After discussion it was decided to have the road crew clean up

the area and buy a fan to keep the air moving in this bay of the garage.

Carl Drexel requested permission to allow the Mt. Nebo UMC to use the Township's parking lot on October 27th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, just for parking. They hold Trunk or Treat in their parking lot, which creates an unsafe location, if people are trying to leave in their vehicles. They will be busing people to the church and back to their cars. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to allow the church the use of the parking lot. The motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for September 13, 2022, for a Budget Workshop and October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm, by Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager