

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 1, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Ted Irwin and Richard Drumm, Jr. were present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Ted Irwin, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 1, 2015. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was heard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Porterfield/Fox Ridge – Letter of Credit: The Township has received a letter from the Township engineer that 2 grit separators have now been installed and inspected on Lots 6 and 8 of the Fox Ridge Development. Therefore a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to take no further action to prevent the termination of the Letter of Credit by Susquehanna Bank on October 5, 2015. The motion passed (5-0). Comment was heard from Bob Porterfield who thanked the Board for working through this with him.

Metzler subdivision – Letter of Credit: The Township has received notice from Mr. Metzler that the spray irrigation system has been decommissioned effective August 20, 2015 and a standard septic system has been installed and inspected by Martic's Sewage Enforcement Officer Marv Stoner, thus he is requesting release from his Letter of Credit which is being held for the spray irrigation system. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be authorized to execute the Authorization for Release of Letter of Credit in the form presented at this meeting pertaining to the property of J. Douglas Metzler and Jonelle L. Metzler designated as Lot No. 1 Block "A" on the Subdivision Plan recorded as Document #2013-0085-J in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lancaster County. The motion passed (5-0).

Road Department: Duane Sellers read the road report for August.

- The week of August 3: mowed rail trail, placed hardware on approach fence to Trestle Bridge, road widening Bethesda Church Rd, installed chipper box.
- The week of August 10: mowed, worked on and fixed mowers, patched roadway on various township roads, finished edge work on Street Road.
- The week of August 17: mowed, tree and shrubs removed at rental, boom mowed roadways, serviced numerous pieces of equipment
- The week of August 24: mowed roadways, sprayed guard rails and trail, placed millings on Tucquan Glen, sealed cracks on House Rock Rd, tree removal on Covered Bridge Rd and limbs removed from tree at rental.

Zoning Officer Report for August shows: 2 Building permit, 2 Zoning Permit, 2 Stormwater Management, 8 Use and Occupancy permits were issued.

The SEO Report for August shows: 2 perc and probe, 1 sewage permits and 1 inspection was done.

August 2015 bills: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 246,258.85. The motion passed (4-0) with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noting that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 09-01-15 Fee Schedule: In light of the procedural change made at the August meeting regarding the Stormwater applications and how the township now requires applicants to pay at the time of submittal. And along with the addition of requiring Road Occupancy permits, it was deemed necessary to update the township's fee schedule. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Beth Birchall to accept Resolution 09-01-15 Fee Schedule. The motion passed via a roll call vote. (5-0).

Quarryville Library presentation: Catherine Mundy of 64 Raven Crest and a library board member, made a presentation to the Supervisors on the library. She thanked the board for their continued support. She noted that Martic's residents ranked as the 3rd highest to borrow from the library. A person's income and education level doesn't matter, since the library is free to everyone. They offer many different programs, including but not limited to early childhood learning opportunities. They had to cut their hours and some of their programs, due to the financial cuts from the government. They need more support and volunteers. She requested that the Board consider a possible increase to its giving, but at the bare minimum to maintain the level it established last year.

Right-of-Way sample ordinance review: Duane Sellers commented that at the Southern Lanc Co Intermunicipal Council meetings, it was brought to his attention that several of Martic's neighboring townships have in place a Right-of-Way ordinance which addresses several issues such as field planting up to the roads edge, plants and shrubs which are planted within the right-of-way, all of which cause site distance issues and stormwater run-off issues. The Zoning Officer and the Road Department would work together to enforce it. Ted Irwin suggested that if we do adopt such an ordinance, that we communicate to the general public that we have something in place. Duane Sellers commented that this is a good time to do this, it won't affect plantings for this year and something would be in place prior to next year's planting season. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to pass along to our solicitor the sample ordinance we received, for review. The motion passed (5-0).

Fire Company policy update: Beth Birchall commented that Ted Irwin, Karen Sellers and herself attended the program at Providence Twp with Dist Attorney Stedman; where he has indicated that the drug traffic in Lanc Co is continually expanding. Carl Strickler, RVFC chief stated that in light of these facts, since the township pays for the fire company's workers comp and auto insurance, their by-laws don't currently address any kind of drug testing. He also stated that they have a steady turnover of volunteers who though they may have no issues with a criminal background check, they may be coming with other unknown issues, such as drug or alcohol abuse. Duane Sellers feels it may be in the fire company's best interest to have something in place, to help maintain the safety of the other volunteers and public. Ted Irwin commented that we should check with the insurance company to see if a substance abuse testing would be implemented, could it possibly lower our premiums. Carl Drexel asked if there is any way to try and find other fire companies who might have already implemented these requirements in their by-laws. Duane Sellers stated that an attorney's name has already been obtained and it is someone who has expertise knowledge regarding volunteer fire companies and he is a volunteer fire fighter himself. He also said that even though the township pays for their insurance, they are a separate entity from the township. The township does support the intent of the fire company to find a solution to this potential problem. A motion was made by Beth Birchall, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to assist RVFC with their legal reviews in association with the proposed changes to their by-laws. Regarding expenditures, future discussions would be required once they know what the attorney's fees would be. The motion passed (5-0).

Liquid Fuels fund: Beth Birchall commented that \$277,973.78 has been paid, so far, out of the general fund for our paving and tar and chip. The budgeted amount for tar & chip, paving and line painting is \$290,000. In our state/liquid fuels account we currently have \$662,000 and of that \$258,000 is cash; the rest is Ginnie Maes. Duane Sellers commented that we must leave 20% in the state/liquid fuels account, by law. Ted Irwin made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to pull \$222,000 from the state fund to pay the two invoices from Long's for paving. The motion passed (5-0).

Trestle Bridge opening: Duane Sellers commented that the Trestle bridge has not yet been officially opened and is still closed to the public. Conestoga Township is planning on opening their portion of the bridge at their meeting. A motion was made by Beth Birchall to open the west portion of the rail trail and the trestle bridge. The motion died for a lack of a second. Numerous concerns were raised regarding the trail access which crosses Route 324 from the parking area. Carl Drexel commented that the designated crossing location that PennDOT put in place when their realignment project took place is a hazard to pedestrians. It is only a matter of time until a serious accident is going to happen at this location. Ted Irwin commented that at a meeting for the realignment project, concerns were raised as to the placement of the pedestrian crossing and at that time PennDOT's engineers said that was the best design they could come up with. After much discussion and comments being heard from Carl Strickler and Bill Birchall 303 Tucquan Glen Road, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to contact PennDOT and Mike Domin from the County, regarding the safety concerns for the designated trail crossing and request that they look into a better solution for the public's safety. The motion passed (5-0). Because the public was already prematurely notified via the Lancaster Newspapers (LNP) that the bridge was open, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to open the Trestle Bridge, with access only from the Conestoga Twp side. And to have the road department place a Trail Closed sign on our side of the bridge. The motion passed (5-0). It was noted that there is currently a Trail Closed sign in place from Rt 324.

Heisey Mechanical has contacted the Township that when the Township has benches made for the bridge, they would like to purchase one with a plaque on it indicating they donated it.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager