

## **MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** December 7, 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 7:03 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Duane Sellers gave notice that the Board held an Executive Session on November 12, 2015 to discuss employee matters.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Ted Irwin, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 1, 2015. With no questions, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Lancaster County Drug Task Force / Dist Attorney Craig Stedman presented to the Board information on the drug activity in Lancaster County. PA is the 3<sup>rd</sup> worst state for heroin usage. He expressed his appreciation to Martic for being a supporter of the drug task force. Meth is more of a problem in the rural communities because it is easier to set up the labs, than in the city. Synthetic drugs are something new. Marijuana is the gateway drug for other drug abuse. Carl Drexel asked what the root of the problem could be. DA Stedman stated there were a couple of reasons; in the 80's was when the stronger pain killers were developed and when doctors wouldn't keep filling the pain prescriptions, people then began looking for something else to take its place. Another big problem is that drugs like marijuana are politicized that they aren't that harmful, which leads people to think they can then try it. Bill Birchall of Tucquan Glen Road asked how is it possible to keep ahead of the synthetic drugs. DA Stedman commented that no one can because they are ever changing. He stated that spice and K2 puts people out of their minds. Narcan resuscitates people who have over dosed. Lydia Martin w/ the LC Conservancy stated that she heard that the marijuana plant may be taken off the noxious plant list. DA Stedman commented that another problem with marijuana is the second hand smoke effect. Innocent children will be affected and feels that marijuana needs to be a controlled substance. The danger with DUI's while under the influence of a drug is very real. Duane Sellers asked what % of gun shootings in Lancaster County were drug related? DA Stedman commented that he doesn't have that info but feels that this is the worst time to be talking about gun control and legalizing marijuana. He has committed all resources to the SWAT team, to be certified and they have whatever equipment they may need. Charley Braught 40 Raven Crest asked why PA is number 3. PA is part of the 222 corridor and 95, therefore lots of access. Richard Drumm commented that if there weren't any guns, they would still find a way. Don Snyder of 68 Hollow Wood Dr asked DA Stedman's opinion of gun free zones. He doesn't think too highly of them. They are set for good intentions; however the criminals don't abide by them. Beth Birchall asked what more townships can do to help support the Drug Task Force. Financial support is necessary, they ask for \$1/per resident based on the last census. He recommended contacting him if anyone has a tip and he will get it to the Drug Task Force.

## **OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment heard.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Duane Sellers commented that the 2016 Budget was advertised. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ted Irwin to adopt the 2016 Budget as advertised. The motion passed 5-0.

Floodplain Ordinance: After receiving further clarification from the Township's solicitor, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the solicitor update our current Zoning Ordinance with the required floodplain regulations. The motion passed 5-0. The solicitor has stated that since she is doing this for several townships, she will spread the cost out amongst all the townships.

Use, Disturbance, and Obstruction of Township Roads (Greenway buffer) ordinance: After asking the solicitor to draft this ordinance, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the Solicitor advertise for the adoption of this ordinance. The motion passed 5-0. Also, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to have the solicitor prepare a form for a notice of violation. The motion passed 5-0. David Stoltzfus of Tucquan Glen Road asked what this ordinance is for. Duane Sellers stated that this would prevent people from planting or growing trees, shrubs, crops, etc in the road right-of-way. John Strosser of 123 Den Mar Drive asked if this will effect state roads? Duane Sellers answered that this is only for township roads. Lydia Martin asked what the road right-of-way is. 16 ½' from the center of the road.

Rail Trail grant update: Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel attended a rail-trail meeting at Providence Township on November 24, 2015. At that time, it was discussed and asked for input from each township regarding the possibility of applying for another DCNR grant in 2016 and leveraging the TAP funds as the townships 50% match. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve requesting additional DCNR funding in 2016. The motion passed 5-0. A request was also made that if our township so desired to make that request, then the Board should approve writing a letter of support for the application. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the writing of a support letter and submit it to Providence Township. The motion passed 5-0.

Charlie Braught, Martic's Planning Commission member highlighted their November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Harnish petition to add 95.1 acres to the Township's established AG Security Area was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to approve the petition. Also the first draft of the Martic Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was reviewed. They plan on meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>, to continue with the review of that draft ordinance.

Road Department: Duane Sellers began by introducing Tim Kiehl as the Township's new Road Foreman. Tim than gave the road report:

- The week of 11/1 – 11/7: Removed old sign, RD checked signage, equipment repairs took place, stone was cleaned up along House Rock Road
- The week of 11/8 – 11/14: prepared trucks for winter events, maintenance was done on equipment, tree removal on Hilldale road after a rain event.
- The week of 11/15 – 11/21: Tree trimming took place and various locations throughout the township, mowed the rail trail access point.
- The week of 11/22 – 11/28: Tree trimming continued on Fox Hollow Rd and Pennsy Road, stone cleanup on Hilldale Road and equipment maintenance.

Discussion took place as to providing a cell phone for the new road foreman. Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to have Karen Sellers research and if the following parameters are met, to have her purchase for Tim a cell phone. 1) Try and find a plan for approximately \$60/month, 2) determine the policy for a lost, damaged and the maintenance of a phone, 3) determine the program is a viable company. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer Report for November shows: 1 building, 1 stormwater, 1 road occupancy, 4 building U&O's and 3 zoning U&O's were issued.

The SEO Report for November shows: 1 inspection was done.

November 2015 bills: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 19,696.96. 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**

Public Hearing: A motion was made by Richard Drumm and seconded by Ted Irwin to pause the meeting and enter into the advertised public hearing at 8:20 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Karen Sellers read a statement:

- A petition was received on September 16, 2015 to add land to the Township's established Area.
- The property is located at 417 Frogtown Road and the owners are Bryan & Julene Harnish.
- The acreage of the property is 95.1 acres.
- Acknowledgement of the receipt was made public at the October 5, 2015 BOS meeting
- Notice of the application and of the public hearing was published and the property was also posted.
- The Planning Commission met on November 19<sup>th</sup> where the petition was discussed and a recommendation was made to the BOS that they approve the petition.

Comment was heard from Carl Drexel that to be added to the established security area, you must have a minimum of 10 acres. Charlie Braught commented that the property owners will also received a 1% rate reduction on any loans they may apply for.

A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to close the hearing at 8:28 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 12-07-05 Addition to the AG Security Area – this resolution accepts the addition of the acreage into the AG Security Area. The resolution passed by roll-call vote 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Richard Drumm to appoint Ryan Strohecker (Manor Twn) and as alternate Ed Arnold (Millersville Boro) as the Lancaster Co. Tax Collection Committee Representatives. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to set the 2016 Tax Rate (millage) as in past years, "0". The motion passed 5-0.

The Supervisors acknowledged that the employee New Year's Day holiday (2016) will be observed on Thursday, December 31, 2015.

Point to Point wireless connection: Karen Sellers explained that while Pete Rush with PNTR was connecting the garage internet to the laptop, he suggested and highly recommended a wireless system that would eliminate the need for a second hardwired cable line from Comcast, thus eliminating the need to be paying for internet in the garage. The township receives internet in the office for free, per the Cable Franchise Agreement already in place, however it does not extend out to the garage area. By installing the Point to Point wireless connection, the service the office receives would then be extended outward to the garage area. The township currently pays \$59.95/month for the second internet connection for the garage. The Point to Point system would cost a onetime fee of \$250.00 plus installation cost. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to purchase the Point to Point system. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall stated that the Treasurer's bond is up for renewal and asked the Board's permission to pay it for 2016. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Richard Drumm to pay the bond.

The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall also commented that she needs to contact PPL to check on how they want to handle the billing for winter maintenance, since PPL is now Talon.

Duane Sellers, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, expressed his appreciation in recognizing both Ted Irwin and Richard Drumm, Jr. for their many years of service to Martic Township. Their terms as supervisors will be concluding at the end of 2015. Ted Irwin thanked the Board and highlighted some things that were memorable to him throughout his tenure. Richard Drumm also thanked the Board and he too shared some memorable moments.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building for the Organizational meeting.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager