

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: November 3, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, and Don Snyder were present. John Ulaky was absent.

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

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Budget Workshop. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2020. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to move \$54,527.93 from the general fund into the PLGIT account. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to move \$16,608.52 from the state fund into the PLGIT State account. The motion passed 4-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$56,722.40. The motion passed 4-0.

Lancaster EMS – Bob May:

Bob May with Lancaster EMS gave an update on the Ambulance situation in Martic Township and surrounding townships. They cover 22 Townships. EMS is in a national crisis. Low pay, no retirement and little or no new recruits who are looking to make this service a career. It is a high-risk job because you are dealing with civil unrest, along with the mental health patients that sometimes assault the crews. Covid has cost Lanc EMS over 1000 hours of employee time-off. Volume is down because people who need an ambulance are afraid to go to the hospital. Ambulance associations received no COVID hazard pay. It is an underappreciated job. Also, when a patient's insurance is billed for their services, the law states that the insurance company must submit payment to the patient, who is then to forward that payment onto the ambulance that provided those services. Unfortunately, most patients do not understand this and keep the payment. Because of the lack of reimbursement and lack of municipal support their organization is in dire straits. Carl Drexel stated that if Martic Township were to give more contribution and the ambulance association would guarantee that the ambulance would stay only in Martic, he would have no problem giving more. However, as the Lanc EMS is a for profit company, they are required to go where they are sent; and it could be outside of Martic. It would appear to Martic's residents that we are subsidizing other township's residents for the use of the service. Other Township's should pay for their citizens. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall, Tucquan Glen Rd, that most people feel the government pays for ambulance services. Keith Kauffman, Frogtown Rd agreed with Carl Drexel. Steven Fisher, Creamery Road asked about Medicare and Medicaid. Further discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department:

Dave Williams provided and read the October Report:

Week of October 5th: Installed spreaders, took truck to garage. Met with Long's Asphalt to look at possible projects for 2021. Horse Hollow patched. Oak Glen, opened pipe outlet. Looked at possible site for another dry hydrant. Worked with eagle scout on project for rail trail.

Week of October 12th: Tree work on Hilldale Rd. Serviced equipment, picked up equipment from garage, gutter work on Steinman Farm Rd. Pennsy Road sign work, Tree work on Brady's Hill. Continued work with scout on trail project.

Week of October 19th: installed spreader, repaired equipment, mowed rail trail, sink hole repair on trail, Helped Providence Twp. Mower and tractor serviced, gutter work on Creamery Rd. Sign work on Martic Heights & River Road.

Week of October 26th: Equipment sent to garage, guide rail repair on Fox Hollow, trip to New Castle to look at a truck on sale through Municibid, Helped Providence Twp. Checked roads and pipes for expected rain event, swept Deer Lane. Fixed washouts on Fox Hollow Rd. and Pennsy Rd. replaced brook on tractor with plow. Installed Stop sign on Hilldale & Bethesda Church W.

Dave Williams explained that the township did receive a quote from Pennsy Supply to repair Oak Glen for \$27,231.05. We also received some suggestions from the Township's engineer, Brian Gilbert, as a possible fix, that stays within the Township's right-of-way, and for less of a cost to the Township. After discussion, the Road Department will talk with the property owner on Oak Glen and explain that the Township will do the work the engineer recommended.

Zoning Officer Report: 4 building permits and 2 zoning permits were issued; along with 4 Use and Occupancy and 1 Certificate of Use permit.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 0 permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

130 Creamery Road – Dolphin Georgetown LLC, SWM plan has requested release of a portion of his posted Financial Security in the amount of \$11,998. The Township has received approval from Wilson Consulting Group, after having conducted inspections at the property. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to release a portion of the Financial Security for Dolphin Georgetown, LLC at 130 Creamery Road in the amount of \$11,998. The motion passed 4-0.

284-290 Bridge Valley Rd. – Frank Stoltzfoos, Consent Agreement violations and trespassing complaint. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to authorize the Township Solicitor to defend the Zoning Officer concerning the trespassing complaint. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Don Snyder to authorize the filing an action before the MDJ seeking to collect daily penalties if Mr. Stoltzfoos does not pay penalties for the time that the Zoning Officer could not inspect the property. Also, to authorize filing an action before the MDJ seeking penalties for failure to comply with the Consent Agreement. The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to advertise that the draft General Budget for 2021, along with the draft Liquid Fuels Budget for 2021 are available for public review. The motion passed 4-0.

The Lancaster County Commissioners have requested the use of the Martic Township meeting room, to hold a county meeting on September 14, 2021. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to allow them the use of the building. The motion passed 4-0.

96 Creamery Rd. – Steven Fisher: violations of the Greenspace Ordinance. Lanc Co Conservation District, along with the Zoning Officer and a supervisor have met with Mr. Fisher regarding the issue of the road bank deteriorating and the continued debris and mud being brought onto the roadway by his wagon and team. The Township is still waiting for feedback from the LCCD. Ultimately, Mr. Fisher must reseed and establish a 6' vegetation between his field and the roadway. The Board would like to have the feedback from the LCCD before moving forward. This discussion was tabled until the December Supervisor's meeting.

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Don Snyder to add to the agenda a rail trail crossing update. The motion passed 4-0.

Carl Drexel gave an update regarding the crossing issues for the rail trail at Red Hill Road and Route 324. PennDOT has given an okay for a 4-way Stop at this intersection. This would most likely be a long-term, temporary fix. There is another meeting scheduled for November 18th and at that time he will have more information. He does know that for the use of the intersection for the rail trail, PennDOT will require a Shared Use Path Crossing Agreement, be signed by the Township. It is encouraging that PennDOT even wants to work with the Township. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Don Snyder to forward onto the Township's Solicitor, the Shared Use Path Crossing Agreement "SUP" for him to review. The motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager