

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: January 2, 2024

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

SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Jay Kreider, Charles Stouff, Kevin Boyer and Ryan Fisher were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Beth Birchall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

REORGANIZATION

Temporary Chairman: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Ryan Fisher to appoint Beth Birchall as Temporary Chairman. The motion passed 4-0 with Beth Birchall abstaining.

Temporary Secretary: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to appoint Karen Sellers as Temporary Secretary. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman: Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Jay Kreider as Chairman. The motion passed 4-0 with Jay Kreider abstaining.

Vice Chairman: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Ryan Fisher as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed 4-0 with Ryan Fisher abstaining.

Treasurer: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Beth Birchall as Treasurer. The motion passed 4-0 with Beth Birchall abstaining.

Manager/Secretary: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to appoint Karen Sellers as Manager/Secretary. The motion passed 5-0.

Road Foreman: Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Dave Williams as Road Foreman. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer & Building Code Official: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Dennis Shenk as Zoning Officer and Building Code Official. The motion passed 5-0.

Construction Code Officials: Charles Stouff made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc as the Construction Code Officials. The motion passed 5-0.

Chairman of the Vacancy Board: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Barb Stokes as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. The motion passed 5-0.

Mileage reimbursement: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to reimburse mileage at .67 cents/mile as per the IRS notification. The motion passed 5-0.

SLCIMC Meeting Representatives: Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to appoint Jay Kreider as SLCIMC Meeting Representative and to appoint Ryan Fisher as the alternate representative. The motion passed 5-0.

Municipal Building meeting representatives: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to appoint Jay Kreider and Ryan Fisher as the Supervisor representatives. The motion passed 5-0.

Point of Contact list:

Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Ryan Fisher to appoint Kevin Boyer and Beth Birchall as the Point of Contact for the fire company. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Jay Kreider and Beth Birchall as the Employee/Employer contacts. The motion passed 5-0.

Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Ryan Fisher and Charles Stouff as the Rail Trail contacts. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to appoint Ryan Fisher and Charles Stouff as the contact for Resident Concerns. The motion passed 5-0.

Rail Trail Committee: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to appoint Jim Hearn as the Committee Chair. The motion passed 5-0.

Municipal Building Project Liaison: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Ryan Fisher to appoint Duane Sellers as the Township's Municipal Building Liaison. The motion passed 5-0.

Martic Township Grant writers: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Lydia Martin as our grant writer and have Jim Hearn assist her. The motion passed 5-0.

Township Fire Company: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to acknowledge and recognize as the Township's fire company, Rawlinsville Volunteer Fire Company. The motion passed 5-0.

Fire Companies Activity List: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to approve Rawlinsville Volunteer Fire Company's 2024 activities list as submitted to the Township. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Duane Sellers, 161 Hilldale Road.

A motion was made by Jay Kreider which was seconded by Kevin Boyer to declare English as the official language for all township business. The motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2023. A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 24,392.75. The motion passed 4-0 with Ryan Fisher abstaining as he was paid for his tenure as a Zoning Hearing Board member in 2023. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, 888b Hilldale Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ruth Fisher, 203 River Road commented on 1146 Marticville Road / Don Hess' property. The trailer and junk brought onto his property has been dumped into and along the stream and it now altering the stream. Who should she be contacting to complain. The Lancaster County Conservation District, PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA DEP have all been contacted, unfortunately no one knows where Don Hess is to serve him. It was suggested that she contact the same agencies to see what can be done. Comment was heard from Carl Drexel, 725 Martic Heights Dr.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for December.

Week of December 3rd

Road check. Get cold patch. Patch Creamery and Bethesda Church W. Install new speed limit sign on Hilldale. Clean gutters on Fox Hollow, Loop and Tucquan Glen. Pick up Mack from welding shop. Replace tire on Mack and prep for inspection. Flagger certification training for

crew at Providence Township. Took Mack to shop for inspection. Salting. Wash T-90. Clean gutter and open pipe on Frogtown.

Week of December 10th

Plowing and salting. Repair hydraulic hose on T-91. Cut fallen trees off of Ridge and Tucquan Glen. Wash trucks. Check roads for icy spots. Clean gutters on New Village. Install wheels and power cord on new pressure washer. Pick up Mack from shop. Put snow equipment on Mack and T-84 and check for proper operation. Open pipes and drains in Lakewood. Clean gutters on Creamery, Covered Bridge, Hilldale, Maple Springs, Sellers and Clark Hill. Pull broken limb overhanging road out of tree on Magnolia. Repair block heater on Mack.

Week of December 17th

Close Covered Bridge Rd. due to flooding. Check roads for damage following heavy rain. Cut tree blocking Hollow Woods. Close Douts Hill and Ridge roads due to trees blocking roads on power lines. Salt icy spots from water runoff. Clean mud off of Horse Hollow due to flooding. Clean up tree left behind by power company on Ridge. Remove signs and open Douts Hill and Ridge, Clean gutters on Nissley. Install new Stop sign at Pencroft S. and 372 and at Ridge and Bridge Valley. Salt icy spots due to water runoff. Clean gutter on Martic Heights to prevent ongoing ice problem. Cut fallen tree blocking waterway on Oak Glen. Patch Hole at Trail Crossing. Observe Christmas Eve holiday.

Week of December 24th

Observe Christmas Day holiday. Check and open all pipes and grates in anticipation of heavy rain. Check roads during heavy rain. Clean shop. Call out for tree blocking Street Rd. Call out for tree blocking Brady's Hill.

Zoning Officer Report: 10 building, 5 zoning permit was issued

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road Department – Uniform company follow up information. Unfortunately due to the holidays the requested information was not received, therefore the continued discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

Municipal Building project – grant update / Lanc Co ARPA. Duane Sellers stated that he attended the County Commissioners meeting, along with Lydia Martin and Jim Hearn. Unfortunately, Martic's request for Lanc Co ARPA funds was eliminated from consideration. The qualifying applicants were for sewer and water facility upgrades which falls under the new County Comprehensive plan which is targeting growth areas for the County. Carl Drexel stated that a couple of other grants that we have submitted for is the DCED grant for \$1 million, along with the Federal Grant RCAP, for \$3.5 million. We are still waiting for those award notifications. These are grants that can be reapplied for each year. The Rail Trail Parking Lot expansion project was awarded a matching grant. That work will begin in the spring. Also, the Historical Trestle sign has been installed by the road crew.

364 Steinman Farm rental: The Township's rental company recommended replacing the carpets at 364 Steinman Farm Road and quoted the cost at \$4,800. After discussion, as this property will be sold, a motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Kevin Boyer to not replace the carpets at this property. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission: Terry McDonald tendered his resignation as the Planning Commission's alternate member. After discussion, a motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Ethan Smith as the PC alternate member. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board of Auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building for their Organizational meeting.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager