

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 6, 2023

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

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

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

Duane Sellers stated that prior to this meeting, the Board of Supervisors held an executive session to consult with the Township's attorney regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation that the Township anticipates will be filed relating to the construction contract for the Enola Low Grade Trail Improvements & SR 324 Crossing Improvements.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Carl Drexel, as the primary, and Duane Sellers, as secondary, be designated as the Township's litigation liaisons to facilitate communications between the Township and the Township solicitor regarding any potential litigation over the SR-324 Crossing project, and that as such, they are authorized to make decisions on behalf of the Board of Supervisors that cannot wait until a public meeting or executive session. The motion passed 5-0.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to transfer Ginnie Mae General funds, \$103,222.19 to the PLGIT General Fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to transfer Ginnie Mae Capital funds, \$11,881.67 to the PLGIT Capital fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to transfer Ginnie Mae State funds, \$4,262.81 to the PLGIT State fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to transfer Ginnie Mae Trestle funds, \$2,360.15 to the PLGIT Trestle fund. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall commented on the previously approved direct deposit of payroll checks. Bank of Bird-in Hand offers the service for free, however she is now having issues with Quick Books and they charge additional fees to process. She will keep the Board up to date as to any progress she is making.

Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$50,721.45. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road.

SUPERVISORS REVIEW:

49 Tucquan Glen Road- Lot Add-on Plan presented by Tim Trostle with Strausser Engineering. After discussion, Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Lot Add-On Plan for 49 Tucquan Glen Road, owner Steven T Stewart., prepared by Strausser Surveying & Engineering, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants address the comments and recommendations of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, township attorney and township engineer.
2. New deeds with a perimeter legal descriptions for the newly created lots 1 & 2.
3. Applicants record the final Lot Add-on plan, prepared by Strausser Surveying & Engineering, Inc. which establishes the lot lines and along with the new deeds for resultant Lots 1 & 2, within 30 days after the release of the Plan for recording.
4. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted for signatures to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

8 Fox Ridge– Stormwater Management Plan presented by Tim Trostle with Strausser Engineering. Property owner: Chad Walton. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the waiver request for Section 306 of the SALDO for Land Development. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for 8 Fox Ridge – Chad R. Walton, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant posts financial security, in the amount of \$35,239.51; and completes the Financial Security Agreement (Escrow Agreement) with the Township.
2. That the applicant addresses all comments from the Township engineer.
3. That the applicant addresses the Township attorney comments by adding, if not done so, the appropriate notes to the Plan and recording the Accessory Dwelling Unit Agreement before the Plan is released for recording.
4. That the Storm Water Management Agreement is executed and along with the Storm Water Plan, are recorded at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office within 30 days after the release of the plan by the Township and that proof of said recordings are provided to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

Lanc Co EMS annual update given by Bob May

Bob May with Lancaster EMS gave an update on the Ambulance situation in Martic Township and surrounding townships. Emergency medical services is still 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 they are dealing with civil unrest, along with mental health patients. The EMT's and paramedics are dealing with burn-out due to the nonstop nature of the job, along with post-traumatic stress. The industry is in a state of collapse. LEMS is currently staying afloat; however, the current industry, as a whole, is an unsustainable model. Martic's residents tend to wait until they are very sick, before they call for an ambulance. Martic is always very supportive of its emergency services, and he thanked the Board for their continued support and generosity. Comment was heard from Sara Crill.

Quarryville Public Library- update given by Peggy Gordon

Peggy Gordon with the library, thanked Martic for its continued support. Many fund raisers have either taken place or are planned, along with many activities. She encouraged everyone present, to come and volunteer as there is lots happening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard.

RAIL TRAIL:

Jim Hearn, Rail Trail committee chair stated that he attended an Enola Low Grade Trail meeting. Discussed was the proposed E-Bike rules. DCNR already has in place a guidance booklet. He will share this with the Supervisors. The committee would like to pass similar rules, regarding the E-Bikes along the ELGT. They discussed the possibility of sharing equipment for the maintenance of the trail. They discussed the possibility of applying for a common mini-grant, to bundle the groups needs. There is a Martic clean-up day scheduled for March 25 and could use more volunteers.

Parking Expansion/overflow issues. There is currently a bollard in place, that gets dropped if the

parking lot is full, which extends the parking. There is confusion as to who should be responsible for dropping and putting the bollard back up, along with who will monitor it. Jim Hearn proposed moving boulders further down the trail, move the bollard down the trail and placing fencing along the steep backside. Duane Sellers commented that he would like to see signs placed that says when the Lot is full, to move on to another trail parking location, whether that is in Conestoga or Providence Township. He is concerned about liability issues. Carl Drexel stated he thinks this will force people to start parking along the roadways and we do not want that to happen. Comment was heard from Bill Webber, 42 Clearview Road, who thinks Red Hill Road is already a freeway and does not want Martic to continue encouraging people to use the trail by creating more parking. Carl Drexel stated that the state and county agencies have put a lot of money into the trestle and trail project to get it up and going and we can never discourage people from using it. Jim Hearn commented that Manor Township is in the process of doubling their parking lot, because of the popularity of their trestle bridge. Duane Sellers commented on the scenic views heading west from Providence Township, which makes our portion very popular.

Additional comments were heard from Vern Wissler and Wendy Wissler, 325 Tucquan Glen Road. After a long discussion, a motion was made by Jay Kreider, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to leave the bollard up. The motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for February.

Week of February 5th

Road check. Meet with Conservation Office to look at pipe inlet concerns on Nissley and Pencroft North. 2 days opening pipe inlets and outlets on multiple roads. 2 days cutting trees with tree cutter on Douts Hill and Tucquan Glen.

Week of February 12th

Pick up trash along New Village and Pencroft North. Wash T-05. Patch pipe crossing on Creamery. Pick up parts for and repair backhoe. Get T-07 ready to sell. Meet with resident concerning visibility issue at Loop and Frogtown. Meet with contractor to inspect sealcoat project. Meet with contractor to inspect paving project.

Week of February 19th

2 employees off for President's Day. Take pressure washer to shop for repair. Service T-05. Put new tires on front of backhoe. Meet with residents about tree cutting on multiple roads. Follow-up meeting with resident at Loop and Frogtown. Road check after high wind. Meet with contractor to inspect paving project. 2 days cutting trees with tree cutter on Tucquan Glen and Steinman Farm.

Week of February 26th

Road check. Get cold patch. Patch potholes on multiple roads. Pick up pressure washer from shop. Change knives in chipper. Perform routine maintenance on chipper. Meet with 2 contractors to inspect paving project. Meet with contractor to inspect sealcoat project. Pick up new rope and supplies for tree cutting. Clean gutters on Steinman Farm. Take delivery of new Rail Trail benches. Wash T-90 and T-05. Repair spreader on T-90. Repair brakes on T-05. Cut trees on House Rock

Proposed 2023 Road work: Bid packets received were opened and read on Thursday, March 2, 2023.
Paving:

Dave Williams wanted to remind the Board that we bid only for Paving (in-place) and, like last year, the Township will be purchasing the asphalt. We may purchase the asphalt tax free, which is a savings. Long's Asphalt: \$107,411.52 E.K. Services, Inc.: \$146,739.36 Construction Master Services: \$100,645.44. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to award the 2023 Paving project to Construction Masters Services for \$100,645.44. The motion passed 5-0.

Oil & Chip: After discussion, bids received were from from Asphalt Industries, Inc. \$60,315.36, and Russell Standard \$64,372.29. After discussion a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Jay Kreider to award the 2023 Oil & Chip contract to Asphalt Industries, Inc. for \$60,315.36. The motion passed 5-0.

2000 Int'l 2554 4x2 truck: Sealed bids received were opened earlier in the day, per the advertisement. Wissler Farms: \$5,000 Bill Webber: \$3,250 Charles Fulmer: \$2,565. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the bid amount from Wissler Farms for \$5,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer Report: 1 building, 1 zoning permits were issued.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 3 permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard

NEW BUSINESS

Sewage Enforcement Officer: submitted his resignation effective March 1, 2023. Rettew has an SEO on staff and previously we had received Solanco Engineering new fee schedule, which included SEO services. It was discussed that we just switched engineering firms to Rettew and they have employees that live locally. Another SEO was highly recommended by the Township attorney, but we have not heard back from him, as of the time of the meeting. Comment was heard from Bill Webber and Vern Wissler. As the situation regarding our SEO happened suddenly, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Charles Stouff to have Rettew handle our SEO for the time being. The motion passed 5-0.

Lanc Co Assoc. of Twp. Supervisors – Spring meeting/dinner will be held March 30th at no cost. All supervisors, except Charles Stouff will plan on attending, along with the manager.

Rawlinsville Fire Company Police: they have been asked to help at the Robert Fulton Fire Company Mud Sale on April 1, 2023. The Township recognizes this event for the worker's comp insurance.

Additions to the agenda:

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda 330 Hilldale Road tenant house. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall stated that our tenants have moved out. As it was discussed at an earlier meeting, that the Board is not interested in having new tenants, since this house has been the costliest to maintain. She asked what the intentions are for the house, should it be demolished? Duane Sellers commented that he feels it is a bit premature to make that decision. It is the oldest rental that the Township has. Comment was heard from Wendy Wissler 325 Tucquan Glen Rd that the Amish might demo it for nothing. Scott Sellers, 306 Steinman Farm Road on the trash that was left behind. The Township will notify the rental company.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to add to the agenda employee health care. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel stated that employees came to him with a complaint about the Township's current health insurance. He said the current process is to go to Gunn-Mowery, the Township's MERP administrator, do an online application and wait for GM to authorize payment and then to apply to Aetna for reimbursement is taking months to get paid. Dave Williams explained the correct process. Aetna, the Township's health insurance company must issue an EOB, Explanation of Benefits and once this is done, the employee submits the EOB to Gunn-Mowery to reimburse the out of pocket money for anything over the \$500 deductible. The issue he has had in the past is that Aetna, sometimes takes too long to issue the EOB, which then delayed him being reimbursed through Gunn-Mowery. The Township's health insurance administrator is PSATS. After discussion, the manager will contact PSATS and let them know that Aetna sometimes takes too long to issue the EOB so that we can be reimbursed and to see if they can do anything about it. Comment was heard from Bill Webber.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager