

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 5, 2021

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder, and John Ulaky 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 Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2021. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by John Ulaky, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by John Ulaky, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$27,979.73. The motion passed 5-0.

2020 AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Present were Barb Stokes, Judy Duke and Lori Eshleman. Barb Stokes read the Auditor's letter to the Supervisors. She commented that they reviewed all revenues and expenses, confirmed fund balances. Some procedural recommendations were made, and they encouraged the Supervisors, Manager and Treasurer to continue to consistently use the strong audit controls that are in place. Mrs. Stokes commented that this was her last and final duty as an elected Auditor, as she served in this capacity for 12 years. Prior to that she was an elected Supervisor, where she held office for 12 years, as well. Duane Sellers stated on behalf of the Supervisors, his appreciation to the Auditors commitment to conduct a thorough review of the Townships records and thanked Barb Stokes for her many years of service to the community.

SUPERVISOR'S PLAN REVIEW:

Roger Leaman, 1068 & 1034 Marticville Road and Barbara Hess, 1076 Marticville Road, Pequea, Lot Line Change plan. Tim Trostle with Strausser Engineering presented the plan.

The Planning Commission met on March 18, 2021 and recommended conditional approval of the plan. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Lot line change plan, For Roger D. Leaman, 1068 & 1034 Marticville Road & Barbara Hess, 1076 Marticville Road, prepared by Strausser Surveying and Engineering, Inc. subject to the following conditions:

1. To grant the waiver requested for Section 401.C.3 Existing Features (SALDO). As this Lot Add-On plan is not proposing any improvements and is adjusting lot lines.
2. That the applicant provides proof to the Township that new deeds with perimeter legal descriptions for Lots 1, 2 and 3 as enlarged by the addition of Parcel A and Parcel B respectively and have been recorded within 30 days after release of the Plan for recording.
3. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted for signature to the Township. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victor Ressler, RVFC, President, brought to the Township's attention that their #2 engine is

experiencing mechanical issues. They intended to begin working on Engine #1, however that has been pushed back a couple of weeks, depending on what they may find with #2. Also, they plan on holding an Amish food event, April 10, in place of the Mud Sale. Besides many different food options, they are also selling gun raffle tickets.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for March.

Week of Feb. 28th:

Cut trees on Pencroft N., Crystal, Street and Loop Roads. Salted icy spots on multiple days. Scraped ice on Magnolia, Martic Heights Dr and Nissley Roads. Delivery of Anti-skid. Opened drain on Martic Heights Drive to eliminate ice problem. Opened pipe on Douts Hill Road. Checked roads for trees, after high winds. Repaired tire chains. Moved logs from intersection on Douts Hill. Repaired hydraulic line on backhoe. Repaired road surface on Clark Hill. Picked up part for John Deere tractor. Checked roads for the need for tree cutting.

Week of March 7th:

Salt icy spots. Cleaned gutters on Street Road. Washed equipment. Prepped chipper for tree cutting. Cut trees on Pennsy Road.

Week of March 14:

Called out to secure Rail Trail after brush fire. Checked roads. Picked up garbage on Nissley Road. Dug out stumps on Nissley Rd. Patched dirt section of Tucquan Glen Rd. Cleaned up Rail Trail, parking lot from snow plowing. Picked up tire and tube for Tiger mowing tractor and took to Roadstar old tire and rim, for mounting. Open grates and pipe inlets for expected heavy rain. Cut tree on Fox Hollow Road. Picked up tire and remounted on tractor. Cleaned up yard area around office from snow plowing. Serviced Tiger tractor.

Week of March 21:

Took T-90 to Hondru Ford for warranty work and recalls. Picked up T-07 from Susquehanna Truck. Washed equipment. Repaired tire chains. Dragged Rail Trail. Measured roads for upcoming projects. Cleaned shop. Checked roads during a rain event. Washed backhoe, loader. Fixed washout on Hilldale.

Week of March 28:

State Police called out for a tree along Pennsy Road. Checked roads for trees due to high wind. Picked up cold patch. Checked Rail Trail due to report of vehicle traffic. Patched potholes on all roads. Put up new Stop sign on Nissley at Drytown Road. Cut tree on Clark Hill. Checked on reported abandoned vehicles on Township section of Marticville Road. Repaired road shoulders at multiple locations on McKelvey and Magnolia Drive.

Proposed 2021 road work:

After the March meeting, the Supervisors were encouraged to drive around and see the proposed road work for 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by John Ulaky to only pave this year, Hilldale Road portions, 324 – Martic Heights Drive and Tucquan Glen Rd – McKelvey Land, along with Short Road and Ridge Road, which will also have base repair done on it. The motion passed 5-0.

2022 Peterbilt dump truck: Discussion continued on the purchase of a 2022 Peterbilt dump truck. Since the information and pricing was received for the March meeting, the Township received notification from the company outfitting the truck for municipal work, that the cost of supplies has gone up. The quoted cost of the truck, from Hunter Keystone Peterbilt, L.P. is \$92,992.00 and the quoted cost to outfit the truck, from E.M. Kutz, Inc. is now \$64,007.00. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Don Snyder to purchase the truck and have it outfitted. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Joy Kreider, 22 Quayle Run regarding the rising cost of all supplies. Comment was also heard from Victor Ressler.

Dave Williams commented on the condition of our 2000 Int'l 2554 4x2 Single Axle Dump truck, which was purchased from PennDOT in June 2012. This truck's frame is failing, due to rust, from years of salt use. It is a danger to drive. Discussion was had to sell it on Municibid. As it is not ready to be placed for sale yet, further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

Magnolia Drive / Route 372 intersection:

Dave Williams reported that there is stormwater runoff from Magnolia Drive, onto 372, during heavy rain and melting events. He explained that we would need to apply for a pipe permit and our engineer is who applies for that. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to pursue getting a pipe permit for stormwater on Magnolia Dr. The motion passed 5-0. In the meantime, Dave Williams will look at a temporary fix using millings.

Zoning Officer Report: 7 building, 3 zoning permits were issued; along with 2 Use and Occupancy permits and 4 Certificate of Use permits.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 2 Perc and Probe tests and 1 inspection was done.

RAIL TRAIL

Carl Drexel commented that we are still waiting to hear back from PennDOT regarding the Shared Use Agreement, which was sent to them in February, for the Route 324 / Red Hill Road pedestrian crossing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Eye and Dental insurance: PSATS offers both Eye and Dental insurance. Beth Birchall suggested that the Board consider adding these benefits for the employees. Comment was heard from Lori Eshleman, 120 Steinman Farm Road, most employers offer both eye and dental, as it is difficult to keep and maintain good help. Barb Stokes, 888b Hilldale Road, asked if any employee asked for this coverage, they did not. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to pay for Eye and Dental insurance for the employees, spouse, and children. The motion passed 4-0, with Duane Sellers abstaining, due to a conflict of interest.

Township lease – 364 Steinman Farm Road rent increase. The Township's management company contacted us about considering raising the rent at 364 Steinman Farm Road. After discussion, a motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Duane Sellers to not raise the rent at this property. The motion passed 5-0. Our tenant at 631 Martic Heights Drive has been evicted. The Township manager will check with the management company to find out how much she still owes us.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager