

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 4, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel and Richard Drumm, Jr. were present. Absent was Ted Irwin.

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 and was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 1, 2015. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (4-0).

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Finberg 142 Deerfield Dr commented on Home Rule and the reasons he feels it should be passed, he feels it will help to protect the community.

Don Snyder 68 Hollow Woods Dr commented on the proposed timeline by Martic SOUL to have the charter finished by and to a vote in November.

Kevin Boyer 10 Ridge View Dr asked what was broken with the current form of government. There are several committees within the township, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, etc. The Supervisors aren't the only ones making decisions.

Barb Spiegelberg 240 Steinman Farm Rd – commented on keeping the audio tapes indefinitely. Duane Sellers explained that there is already a resolution in place on how to handle them. They are not the official record of the meetings; they are only to be used to help type up the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Home Rule forum meeting: A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall for the Board of Supervisors to ratify and confirm the scheduling and holding of a special meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marticville Middle School Auditorium for the purpose of holding an educational forum regarding the home rule form of government and its implications for Martic Township and the Martic Township residents. The motion passed (4-0). Malinda Clatterbuck 550 Tucquan Glen Road asked as to who was on the committee for the special meeting. Duane Sellers explained that he would cover that later in the meeting. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve and adopt the rules and regulations for the conduct of the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to be held on May 6, 2015, in the form and content presented at the meeting. The motion passed (4-0). Barry Finberg asked that the rules be read and Duane Sellers read them. Barb Spiegelberg 240 Steinman Farm Road expressed appreciation for the Board allowing public comment, if time allows.

Dave Walters, RVFC President, presented the Township with an award for appreciation in helping with the past year's merger between Pequea Fire Company and Rawlinsville.

330 Hilldale Road rental: Karen Sellers commented that the tenant has scheduled a day to move her stuff out. Don Kauffman asked if we had received a security deposit and Carl Drexel stated that we had.

Road Department: Duane Sellers read the road report for April.

- The week of April 6: Base repaired on Pennsy Road & Clearview Road, removed salt spreaders, sign replacements in various locations throughout the township. Serviced equipment. Flagger training. Patched various locations.
- The week of April 13: Base repair in Lakewood. Sink hole repair, equipment maintenance
- The week of April 20: swept roadways, sign maintenance, road cleanup, planted trees by the Route 324 underpass, replanted trees below the shop. Backhoe maintenance, boom mowing various roads
- The week of April: mowed various roadways, base repair on Old Pinnacle Road, road sweeping still continues, helped Conestoga Twp by grading a road for them, provided traffic control for Turkey Hill commercial crew. Sprayed rail trail and guard rails.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 2 Building permits, 4 SWM, 4 Zoning Permit, 1 Building Use and Occupancy and 4 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in April.

The SEO Report shows: no permits or inspections were done in April.

April 2015 bills: Richard Drumm made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills for payment totaling \$61,138.59. The motion passed (3-0) 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.

Malinda Clatterbuck asked again who would be on the Special Meeting panel. Duane Sellers commented that Elam Herr with PSATS and Sam Mecum have been asked to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

Duane Sellers comment on the new law which was passed and will take effect June 1st, regarding carbon monoxide detectors in rental units. Carl Strickler, RVFC Chief suggested First Alerts but stated that they typically only last about 3 years. Karen Sellers checked with our building inspector Pete Kingsley who said that typically you have one located in the vicinity of the sleeping areas, i.e. hall way. We will purchase some for all three rentals.

Special newsletters: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, with the assistance of the Township Solicitor, to submit to the media and disseminate to the residents of Martic Township, responses to various statements and publications which have been made, regarding the home rule form of government, community rights ordinances and the proposed pipeline. The motion passed (4-0). Malinda Clatterbuck asked if something was going to be read. Duane Sellers stated that nothings been written yet. Barry Finberg asked if the township would solicit residents to contribute. Duane Sellers said that they are looking into what has already been put out there and is public knowledge and disseminating what is correct information and what has been merely emotion and misspoken.

Rt. 324 underpass- PennDOT request: A request has been received from PennDOT requesting a letter from the Township as to the future maintenance and responsibility regarding the underpass and the barricades already in place. After discussion it was decided that we will have to go back through our files and try to decipher if this information was ever addressed in the past.

Health Insurance co-op: Beth Birchall commented that many years ago Martic broached this subject, however at the time there were a lot of unknowns and that Board decided to keep things the way it was. She noted that Providence Twp just recently joined a co-op and thought that maybe it was time for us to look into something like this again and maybe we could get a better deal. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Richard Drumm to have Beth Birchall look into this. The motion passed (4-0).

Fire Company radio: Carl Strickler spoke on the County wide system. We have received a base station and the antenna work has been complete, it has not been programmed yet, however. The Board at a previous meeting had approved the purchase of 1 radio, along with the fire company. However it has

come to light that the County already has a radio designated for Martic Township and it is already programmed. The radio that the Township agreed to purchase was miss-programmed as a fire company radio. Carl stated that his original understanding was that the Township only wanted 1 radio; therefore if the township wants only 1 radio, the County has it. If the Township still wants the radio that they ordered with the fire company, it will need to be reprogrammed. Or the fire company would be willing to keep it. It was paid for with grant money. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to allow the fire company to keep the radio that is already programmed to the fire company. The motion passed (4-0).

The RVFC Auxiliary notified the township that they had a food truck at an estate sale on April 23, 2015.

Trestle Bridge work: notice was received late in the day from Wilson Consulting, that Heisey Mechanical's work on both lanes of the deck should be completed by the end of May, weather permitting. They have all of the materials for the decking, access hatches and approach railings. The plan was to have the two townships do this work. If the townships don't feel that they will be able to do this work, Heisey said they could do it for an additional \$71,886. After discussion it was decided to have our road crew do this work as was the original plan.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager