

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 1, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder were present, and John Ulaky attended via Facetime.

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 May 4, 2020 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2020. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$14,213.86. The motion passed 4-0 with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noted that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office.

2019 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Present were Barb Stokes and Judy Duke, absent was 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. Duane Sellers stated on behalf of the Supervisors, his appreciation to their commitment to conduct a thorough review of the Townships records.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met on May 21, 2020 to review the R. Spencer and Dhari Glass, Storm Water Management plan and recommended conditional approval of the plan to the Board of Supervisors.

SUPERVISOR'S PLAN REVIEWS:

Craig Williams, Strausser Engineering presented the R. Spencer and Dhari Glass, 1485 Holtwood Road, Holtwood, PA, Storm Water Management plan. Mr. Williams explained that the terrain of this parcel of property is extremely steep. Mr. and Mrs. Glass did receive the Zoning Hearing Board's permission to proceed with plans to put a driveway and a house on the property. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to grants the waiver requests for 302.A.2.c – Loading Ratio, 402.D – Plan Scale and 403.5 – Existing Features. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to grant approval of the Storm Water Management plan for R. Spencer and Dhari Glass at 1485 Holtwood Road, Holtwood, conditioned on: Wilson Consulting Group's letter, dated February 12, 2020, be met. Also, approval is received for the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. That the applicants enter into a SWM Agreement with the Township, prepared by the Township's attorney and post Financial Security for \$75,592.53. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Dr. and Rail Trail Chairman commented. The Rail Trail has received two checks, one from Lanc Co Conservancy and the second from the Lanc Co Bike Club. Route 324 crossing issues – Lanc Co Planning Commission has begun an independent study and along with the plan that Wilson Consulting Group had done for the Township a few years ago, he feels that something can be done to safely get pedestrians across 324. The PA State Police have made an arrest in the Trestle Bridge fire. Also, Martic was told the Providence Township has approved horses on their portion of the trail. As all the Township's use to meet to discuss the rail trail, it was cohesively decided to work together to maintain the same rules and regulations for the trail and no horses was one of the rules. This may be problematic for Martic as we boarder Providence's trail

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Duane Sellers read the report for May

Wk 5/4/2020 – Storm clean up, filled stone around pipe on Pennsy, swept roads, cleared wood off right-of-way on Magnolia, cleaned up plywood on Rail Trail, swept Nissley Rd & Clearview Rd. Cleared gutters on House Rock Rd, checked out flail mower, mowed road banks, checked out 6610 flail mower, boom mowed.

Wk 5/11/2020 – Mowed road banks, checked roads, got equipment ready for paving, pushed off fill for Providence Twp., spent some time with Dave Williams who stopped to meet road guys, paved patch on Hilldale Rd.

Wk 5/18/2020 – Mowed all week, worked on mower.

Wk 5/25/2020 – Monday - Memorial Day holiday, mowed, fixed 25 MPH sign on Pinnacle Rd, cut vine & tree overhang on Tucquan Glen Rd.

The Road Department provided pictures of the issue the Township has continually had with the farmer, Steve Fisher at 96 Creamery Road. To enter his field, he is eroding the side of the road and during rain events is washing debris onto the roadway. Dennis Shenk will schedule an onsite visit with Mr. Fisher, Duane Sellers, and the Road Department, to discuss the repairs that must be done and find another entrance for him to use.

Zoning Officer Report: 3 building permits and 3 zoning permits were issued; along with 4 Use and Occupancy permits.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 3 septic permits, 3 perc and probe and 1 violation inspection was done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Patricia Henry – 1164 Marticville Road sent emails to the Township concerning visitors to the creek, in the vicinity of 8 River Road and traffic along Route 324. The parcels of ground where visitors are entering the creek are owned by the Lanc Co Conservancy and a private individual. The manager will forward Mrs. Henry's emails onto the LCC for review. The parcel of ground where people are parking is private and there are no 'No Parking' signs posted. Issues on Route 324 may be directed to PennDOT and any illegal activity must be reported to 911.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to add to the agenda:

1. Rescinding the Declaration of Emergency
2. Number of Trucks on Old Pinnacle Road, New Village Road and Crystal Drive for the Holtwood Ash Basin/Talen Energy.
3. Dave Williams, Martic's new Road Foreman.

The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to rescind the Declaration of Emergency, effective June 1, 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

Talon Energy has contacted the Township that they have contracted to have rocks brought into the Holtwood Ash Basin in the vicinity of Old Pinnacle Road and New Village Road. A former Road Foreman had previously stated that no more than 10-15 dump trucks may use the roads on any given day. As Talon would like to get this project completed, they are expecting as many as 10 – 12 trucks making 6 to 8 trips per day M-F during normal business hours. After discussion a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to not put a truck limit on the contractor or Talon but we will have the Road Department take video/pictures of the three Twp roads that they will be using before the project begins and then upon completion to re-video/pictures of the roadways. If any damage is determined, then Talon must agree beforehand, to fix the roads to the preconstruction condition or better. Beth Birchall will contact Talon and let them know the conditions the Township has set and she will also send them a letter, which if they agree to the terms, they must sign, date and return the letter to the Township. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Williams, the gentleman who the Township has offered the position of Road Foreman to, has been having problems finding a place to live. Either to rent or to buy. Many obstacles have happened during the pandemic and it has prevented Mr. Williams from relocating to the area. After discussion, Carl Drexel stated he would like a firm commitment date of July 1, 2020 as his start date as we need a Road Foreman for the road department. Beth Birchall will contact him. Comment was heard from Barbara Stokes 888b Hilldale Road.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager