

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: October 1, 2012

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Duane Sellers noted that an Executive Session was held on September 19, 2012 to discuss an employee matter.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes from the Sept. 19, 2012 Work Session Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 1, 2012. With no questions, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jed Kensinger with the Lancaster Newspapers commented on the Supervisors gathering before the meeting. Duane Sellers stated that the Board members arrive at different times to review what is in their meeting packets. Also, the Road Master brings the board up to speed as to what has been happening with the Road Dept. He stated that no decisions are made; therefore there is no violation of the Sunshine Act. Mr. Kensinger recommended that we contact our solicitor to verify that this is something that the Sunshine Act permits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Rankin gave the Road Master's report:

September was a little different. It seems all kinds of curve balls were thrown at them. The trucks are finished and they have been using them, and he believes they hit it out of the park with these purchases. In September, they changed a lot of road signs. They have been continuing to clean shoulders, this is so important for proper drainage and to keep the roads in shape.

They did have a blow out on Stump Rd. He had Steve Long, from Longs Paving and Dennis Martin from Pennsy Supply down to look at it and they met to try to figure out what happened. The conclusion is, they believe that diesel fuel was sprayed in the beds of 2 trucks, which caused the tac-coat to break down and not stick to the old surface. There is no way to test for this, so the township will have to mill up and re-pave the 2 loads that have failed.

In the month of October, he would like to replace 4 pipes. They have some base repair that needs done along with clearing and grubbing and shoulder cleaning. They also plan on doing some roadway spraying along with spraying under the Railroad Trestle. They will continue mowing and getting everything laid back and cut short. They also have chains that still need to be made up for this winter, on trucks T-06 and T-07.

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The Planning Commission met on September 20, 2012 to discuss the vacating of a portion of Tucquan Glen Road and to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors that the proposed vacation of the portion of Tucquan Glen Road is in accordance with the objectives of the formally adopted Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to continue with the process of vacating this portion of Tucquan Glen Road. The motion passed (5-0).

364 Steinman Farm Rd.: Ted Irwin noted that work has begun and that he has placed a call to David Stokes for an update and he is still awaiting a call back. As soon as he knows anything, he'll let the Board know.

Fox Ridge Development, Bob Porterfield's leach pits and letter of credit reduction request: Duane Sellers commented that the township engineer has reviewed the request and has done inspections at the Fox Ridge Development. He has submitted a letter to the Supervisors recommending that Martic Township retain all remaining financial security until such time as earthwork is substantially complete, all incoming piping is in place, and all other requirements are met in accordance with the PA Municipalities Planning Code, The Martic Township Storm Water Management Ordinance, and the Lancaster County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Beth Birchall made a motion, based on the recommendation of the Township Engineer, dated September 13, 2012, that the Board of Supervisors not authorize at this time a reduction of the outstanding amount available under the Letter of Credit issued by Susquehanna Bank for the Fox Ridge Development. Ted Irwin seconded. The motion passed (5-0).

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 4 new construction, 2 demo, 2 other permits, 7 site inspections and 3 U & O's were issued in October 2012.

The SEO Report shows: 1 perc & probe, 1 inspection and 1 permit was issued in October 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

September 2012 invoices: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$31.65, which brings the total to: \$30,717.06. The motion passed (4-0) 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.

Resolution No. 10-01-12: Establishing a policy for No Smoking on the Township property. The resolution passed by roll-call vote (5-0).

Road Bonding: Duane Sellers and Mike Rankin sat in on a seminar at the PSAT convention which addressed issues of road bonding. And in light of the PPL dam project and the Walsh Construction trucks running heavy trucks and equipment on Old Holtwood, Old Pinnacle and New Village Roads, Mike Rankin asked the Board if anything was in writing regarding the damage being done to the roads and are they going to be repaired by PPL and/or Walsh? The Township roads were not built and designed to take this kind of traffic. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, a former Supervisor, who commented that the previous Road Master stated that the roads would be left in better condition than they were before the work began. Beth Birchall recommended that Mike should get in contact Chris Porse with PPL to see if we could get a copy of any agreement that would have been done prior to the work beginning. Mike Rankin suggested that for any future work, which would include the use of heavy equipment and trucks, that the Township include road bonding to insure the roads are kept in repair and not at the township expense.

Portions of Old Pinnacle Road and Bethesda Church Road West – Mike Rankin commented that he and the Road crew were made aware of certain sections of these roads that are no longer being used as roads. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes that the section of Bethesda Church Road West, in question, from Hilldale Rd. at the Bethesda Church to Rt. 372, she believes was vacated prior to her being on the Board. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to email the

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plot plans and pictures to the township solicitor to have him check into the matter. The motion passed (5-0).

F & M has requested permission to include the Martic Township park in a new phase of research specifically aimed at understanding how climate effects forest growth and how carbon storage differs among bedrock types. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to allow the F&M Ecology project at the Martic Township Park. The motion passed (5-0) Richard Drumm asked if F&M can notify the township when they plan on being in the park.

Rawlinsville Fire Company has notified the township of their annual Martic Elementary Fire Prevention on Oct. 19th. They also had 10 members participate in a memorial stair climb at Clipper Stadium on Sept. 16th.

Rawlinsville Auxiliary has notified the township of a dinner at the fire hall scheduled for Oct. 13th and is planning to use the food wagon at a sale on Oct. 20th.

Ted Irwin thanked the Board for the remembrance planter he and his family received on the passing of his mother. Beth Birchall also thanked the Board for the planter she and her husband received on the passing of her mother as well.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building for a Work Session.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm by a motion from Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township