

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 1, 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 May 4, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (4-0).

Carl Drexel made a motion and was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015 Special Meeting. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 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). Comment was heard from Barry Finberg 142 Deerfield Dr. with a question about Ginnie Mae.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Walter with the Quarryville Library thanked the Board for their increased donation. She introduced Catherine Mundy 64 Raven Crest as a new library board member. Duane Sellers explained that the Board begins reviewing the next year's budget in September. He asked for future reference if they might make their annual presentations before September meeting.

Matt Flood 651 Martic Heights Dr commented on a pit bull attack that took place a couple of weeks ago. The dog attacked a passing horse and buggy. State police were called. Carl Drexel commented that the horse is doing fine. We will follow up with the PA State police.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

330 Hilldale Road rental update: The abandoned items in the house have been removed. The garbage has been thrown out. The house still has repairs that must be done to make it rentable. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm to have Shenk Builders clean the house, replace a floor board in the front room, repair plumbing under the kitchen sink, opened up clogged drains, clean the floors throughout the house, scrub the bathroom, clean kitchen floor and refrigerator for \$675.00. The motion passed (4-0).

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

- The week of May 4: mowed, sprayed guard rails, replaced pipes, showed PennDOT rep roads to be paved.
- The week of May 11: mowed, cleaned gutters, tree removal in right-of-way, mowed rail trail entrance.
- The week of May 18: mowed, swept roadways, equipment maintenance, tree removal in Pencroft S., chip sealed cracks in Lakewood development
- The week of May 26: chip sealed spots along Hilldale Road, boom mowed, road equipment maintenance, swept roadways.

Comment was heard from Claudia Sellers 18 Delta Road who gave an update on PennDOT's River Road work at Tucquan Glen. She contacted Bryan Cutler's office and found out that once all of the property owners have been contacted, work should begin.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 1 Building permit, 1 SWM, 1 Zoning Permit, 2 Building Use and Occupancy and 3 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in May.

The SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe was done in May.

May 2015 bills: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the bills for payment totaling \$52,455.75. 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. Comment: Barb Stokes 888b Hilldale Rd asked what the Stratix Systems invoice was for. Beth Birchall said that is the copier maintenance agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Drone ordinance discussion: Duane Sellers commented that the Board had received a request to look into what the Township can do to regulate drones. Justin Doutrich w/ LNP asked who made the request. Troy Hatfield 50 Den Mar Dr. commented that he made the request. He stated with the availability of drones, anyone can invade and spy on you and your property. Duane Sellers stated that air ports have issues with them and feels it is a valid concern. Carl Drexel commented that maybe more federal regulations need to be in place before the township can write something. Conoy Township has added to their nuisance ordinance a statement regarding remote controlled aircraft, however it is vague. Have the manager contact the PSATS forum to see what other townships have put in place.

Carl Drexel commented that there was a Trestle bridge meeting with Heisey Mechanical's Len LeChene, Conestoga's reps, Les Null and himself earlier in the day. Heisey is about 2 weeks from finishing their contracted portion of the work. The median would still need to be completed along with the curbing. Originally it was thought that Conestoga and Martic would supply the manpower to complete the work, however after learning at the meeting how much work was yet to be done, it was determined that Martic's road crew are not prepared to do this kind of work. Conestoga agreed. Heisey stated that if we want them to do the work while they still have all of the equipment on site, they need to know before they pull out. There was also discussion of only having 3 access hatches instead of the designed 5. This would have to be determined by Wilson Consulting. Per an email received before the meeting from Len LeChene, if they need to place 3 hatches the total would be \$14,886 but if they must still go with the 5 hatches the total would be \$17,886. The only concern is that Conestoga had said they currently don't have the money. Barb Stokes made the statement and asked couldn't Martic pay for everything and then have Conestoga reimburse Martic. It was also noted that the approach work on both sides would still need to be done and this doesn't include that work. Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel to have the work done, Martic will pay for it and we will then work out a payment plan with Conestoga. After much discussion the motion failed (1-3) with Richard Drumm voting in favor. Malinda Clatterbuck 550 Tucquan Glen Rd asked what happens to the Trestle money if any is left. Duane Sellers stated that it has to stay in the Trestle account and can only be used for Trestle repairs and work on the bridge. Additional comments were heard from Bill Webber 42 Clearview Rd, Victor Ressler 68 Drytown Rd, and Claudia Sellers. Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to have Heisey finish everything on the bridge deck, except the approach, with as many hatches as possible. Contingent on Conestoga also approving and if they don't approve to only do 50% of the work. After much discussion the motion failed (0-4). More comments were heard from Barb Stokes, Barb Spiegelberg 240 Steinman Farm Rd., Charley Braught 40 Raven Crest. Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to contract with Heisey to complete everything except the approach work. Contingent on Conestoga agreeing to reimburse Martic for ½ of the funds in either cash or in kind services that is agreeable to both Conestoga and Martic townships. This motion failed (0-4) after more discussion. Additional comment was heard from Barry Finberg 142 Deerfield Dr, Matt Flood, Charley Braught, Claudia Sellers, Ann Norton of 788 Hilldale Rd. and Barb Spiegelberg. Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel to contract with Heisey Mechanical to complete everything on the bridge deck, per the proposal dated 6/1/15, except the approach railings. And we will request that Conestoga Twp reimburse 50% of the cost in cash or in kind services at a later date. The motion passed (4-0).

Carl Drexel commented on Dry Hydrants and whether the township and Fire Company want to pursue this? Duane Sellers has already spoken to the owner of the pond below the township buildings and he is agreeable. Need to look for other locations around the township. Conestoga Twp has 9 in their community. Claudia Sellers suggested Muddy Run. Kevin Boyer of 10 Ridge View Dr commented that the fire company currently uses the boat ramp at Pequea. He also feels a dry hydrant can't be in the way of the public.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager