

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 1, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, and John Ulaky were present. Don Snyder arrived a bit later.

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 John Ulaky, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2020. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by John Ulaky to move some money from Ginnie Mae accounts to the PLGIT accounts. The motion passed 4-0.

General Fund: John Ulaky made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$19,800.61. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Waite w/ Quarryville Library provided the Township with their 2020 Municipal Report. He thanked the Township for its continued support. The library is not yet open to the public, due to COVID, however they are still offering virtual programs. The volunteers are not allowed in the building, so with the limited staff, they are struggling to keep up.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department:

Dave Williams provided the August Report, which was read by Duane Sellers.

Week of August 3rd – checked all road culvers and pipes in anticipation of storm. Built berm to force water into grate on Fern Trail. Cut tree on Deer Lane. Fixed flat tire on truck. Checked roads for flooding. Removed logs from roadside on Old Holtwood and Ridge Drive. Repaired brush cutter. Patched Horse Hollow. Mowed roadways. Cleanup and repair washouts and thunderstorm.

Week of August 10th – cleaned up various locations covered with mud. Fixed washouts on Douts Hill, Clark Hill and Clearview. Open pipes on Pennsy. Removed tree from Clearview. Clean debris off McKelvey, Pinnacle, Old Pinnacle and Hilldale. Cut up tree on Stump Road. Mowed roadways. Repaired mowers. Backhoe to be repaired. Met with Conservation officer along Horse Hollow. Called out to clean up a tree from Short Road.

Week of August 17th – Mowed roadways. Open drains in Lakewood. Repaired washout on Old Holtwood. Marked Pennsy Road for pipe work. Picked up fresh oil signs from the oil and chip roads. Met with Dirt and Gravel Road representatives on Horse Hollow. Opened pipes on multiple roads. Reviewed and discussed with engineer the McKelvey pipe to be replaced. Called out for a stop sign that had been run-over. Serviced equipment. Checked Hilldale Rd for damage after accident.

Week of August 24th – Mowed roadways and rail trail. Cut trees and fixed washouts on rail trail. Washed equipment. Met engineer to discuss repair for Horse Hollow washout. Installed road closure signs on Pennsy Road. Called out for a tree down on Stump Road.

Dave Williams explained that what is being suggested by the LC Conservation District is soil pinning. He is getting more information on it and plans to apply for a Dirt and Gravel Road grant, when they become available, which will not be until January 2021, to help offset the cost.

Zoning Officer Report: 5 building permits and 3 zoning permits were issued; along with 2 Use and Occupancy and 2 Certificate of Use permits.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 1 septic permit was issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rail Trail crossing update: Carl Drexel commented that the meetings that both he and John Ulaky are attending virtually, along with Jim Hearn, Rail Trail Chairman are continuing. Of the 7 solution possibilities that Michael Baker International have come up with, only 2 offer the safest solution for pedestrians to cross. Either 4-way stop signage and a pedestrian bridge. PennDOT has the final say, however they have stated in the past that they are not in favor of a 4-way stop signs. Unfortunately, a bridge build could be several years out, due to the funding. After discussion, Carl Drexel will take back to the committee that the Township would be in favor of a 4-way stop signs, as a temporary short-term solution, until a bridge could be built. It must be noted, that ultimately PennDOT has the final say on the 4-way stop signs. John Ulaky stated that they are looking for a way to have the public's input. It was suggested that posters be posted at the Trail and the Township office, directing people how to take a survey. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall, Tucquan Glen Road and Adam Gill, 107 Oak Glen Drive, who suggested a QR code/bar code be created and posted which allows people to take the survey on their phones. Both Carl Drexel and John Ulaky would bring up these suggestions at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Adam Gill & Janet Reimer: 107 Oak Glen Drive – Storm Water issues. Mr. Gill made a statement that ever since Lakewood Development was paved last year, they have had ongoing rainwater issues. He has contacted an excavator about cleaning out the culvert. He was wondering about the possibility of installing a curb. Dave Williams stated that the pipe is in the road right-of-way and the Township will work to clean it out, however some of the problem is that the swale through the woods is well onto the property owner. Dave Williams will also contact Pennsy and ask them to meet with him to look at the roadway. He has seen the road, when it rains, and it needs a bit of a crown in the middle to help sheet off the rain.

C.N.A. subdivision, Craig Natale request for partial release of the remaining Financial Security for the Joann Lane/Hilldale Road plan. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to release the full Letter of Credit for the C.N.A. subdivision on Hilldale Road, conditioned on the Township receives the remaining \$1,800, which will cover the last remaining item of the subdivision plan. The motion passed 5-0.

2021 Pension Minimal Municipal Obligation: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to approve for the employees, the Martic 2021 MMO of \$7,500. The motion passed 5-0.

Trick or Treat: October 31, 2020 Martic Township does not set Trick or Treat policy however anticipates that it will take place unless the state recommends not having it or prohibits it. Ultimately it is the parent's decision to allow their children to Trick or Treat; or property owners to turn on or leave off their porch lights which invites guests.

Lancaster Road Runners Club gave notice that there will be a run along the Conestoga Trail from

Pequea Creek Campground to the Holtwood Recreation Area, on September 27, 2020.

FIRE COMPANY NOTICE:

Rawlinsville Fire Company is planning a Boot Drive on October 3, 2020 at the Route 272 and Truce Road intersection. They are awaiting approvals from both Providence Township and PennDOT.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, to begin discussion on the budget. The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager