

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 1, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, and Jay Kreider were present. Charles Stouff was absent.

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2023. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall stated that at last month's meeting, the Board approved transferring funds from Ginnie Mae to PLIGIT. Unfortunately, that did not happen because money crossed over in Ginnie Mae and the cash, she thought was available for transfer was not.

Also, two of the PLIGIT accounts, one is for Trestle grants and the other is for ARP funds, all money placed in those accounts must be distributed according to the grants and the ARP stipulations. The interest earned in those accounts, however, may be placed wherever the Board deems appropriate. The Trestle Grant interest earned to date is \$23,900 and the ARP interest earned to date is \$10,500. Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to transfer the total interest earned in those two accounts, beginning in 2020, from the PLIGIT Savings account to the PLIGIT Capital Project account. The motion passed 4-0. In the PLIGIT Savings account, beginning in 2022, with interest earned totaling \$53,900, Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to transfer the interest from the PLIGIT Savings account to the PLIGIT Capital Projects account. The motion passed 4-0.

Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 68,024.69. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard

324 CROSSOVER

Carl Drexel commented there is nothing new to report. We are still working through the issues with our attorney.

RAIL TRAIL

Jim Hearn reported that DCNR has adopted regulations regarding E-Bikes, and he requested that Martic's Board consider adopting the same regulations. The regulations allow for Class 1 and 2 E-Bikes only. The idea is that the regulations would be consistent with other Township's regulations. He stated that the regulations cannot be enforced as there is no Trail police but are guidelines for trail users to follow and it is a starting point. All townships along the trail are being asked to consider adopting the same regulations. Duane Sellers stated he has concerns because we have clear regulations that state no motorized vehicles, however E-Bikes have motors. Comments were heard from Keith Kauffman, 215 Frogtown Road, who agreed that signage be made clear. Bill Birchall, 303 Tucquan Glen Road, stated that the State does not allow motorized vehicles, however they do allow E-Bikes, use similar signage. Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road, asked if there could be a trial period, Ryan Anastasio, 44 Creamery Road, asked about speed limits. Manor Township has 20 mph Speed limit signs. Carl Drexel stated that

guidance should be consistent between Townships. After further discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to except DCNR Guideline regulations regarding E-Bikes but to also look into adding speed limit signs and the correct language to use with regards to No Motorized vehicles except for E-Bikes. The motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for April

Week of April 2nd

Pressure wash and store salt spreaders. Put stone in low shoulder on Old Holtwood. Open pipe on Old Holtwood. Road check. Pick up saw and cut Oak Glen and Pennsy for pipe installation. Cut trees on Pennsy and Magnolia. Cut trees with tree cutter on Nissley.

Week of April 9th

Pick up and install new battery in mowing tractor. Clean gutters on Pinnacle and Tucquan Glen. Replace pipe on Pennsy. Install sub drainpipe on Oak Glen. Service roller. Put stone in inlet and outlet of new pipe on Pennsy and install new delineators. Wash T-91 and T-05.

Week of April 16th

Road check. Relocate signs on Rail Trail. Open pipe outlet on Pennsy. Pick up spray chemicals. Prep sprayer for spray season. Move old office files into storage. Put stone in washouts on Old Holtwood, Drytown and Magnolia. Remove fallen tree from Trout Run near pipe inlet. Dig out old stump on Steinman Farm. Clean loose stone off Tucquan Glen. Meet with property owner to discuss placement of dry hydrant at Olde Forge Campground. Spray guide rails, signs and delineators on multiple roads. Clean and rearrange equipment in garage by office. Prep mowers for mowing season. Mill and pave pipe crossings on Creamery and McKelvey. Put additional modified in new pipe crossing on Pennsy. Call out for trees down on Marticville and Old Holtwood.

Week of April 23rd

Road check following high winds over the weekend. Clean up fallen trees on Old Holtwood. Clean gutter on Old Holtwood. Clean loose stone off Crystal and Steinman Farm. Repair guide rail damaged by trees on Old Holtwood. Open pipe and fix washout on Hilldale. Repair mowing tractor. Repair toilet in shop. Take tire chains off T-06. Wash T-90, T-06 and T-05. Cut Pennsy for additional pipe replacement. Check pipes and grates on all roads in anticipation of heavy rain.

Zoning Officer Report: 8 building, 6 zoning permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard

NEW BUSINESS

Duane Sellers stated that the forester, that was hired pre-Covid, will be at the June meeting, to give a presentation regarding the health of the Township Park and give recommendations. He also would like to recommend having an appraisal done of the Park, from a financial standpoint, since the Township has had surveys of the other Township properties. Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to have an appraisal done of the Township Park. The motion passed 4-0.

Additions to the agenda:

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to add to the agenda property insurance discussion. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall commented that the Ross Agency has been sold to Element Insurance and the process has begun to renew our Property, Casualty and Workers Comp insurance. Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to shop around and get quotes from other agencies. The motion passed 4-0.

Keith Kauffman, Republican committee representative stated that the Primary elections are coming up and everyone is encouraged to get out and vote.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager