

## **MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** December 7, 2020

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

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

### **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 Don Snyder, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2020 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2020. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Don Snyder made a motion, which was seconded by John Ulaky, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$84,706.11. The motion passed 5-0. Included with these payments is some of the Township's annual donations, along with some of the insurance payments.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Mahoney, 269 Frogtown Rd & Ashley Mellinger, 680 Marticville Rd, requested and proposed a 4-way Stops at the intersection of Rt.324 and Frogtown Road. They are concerned about the high-rate of speed on 324 and the danger to children getting on and off buses. As Route 324 is a PennDOT roadway, they would have to contact PennDOT to address the issue. John Ulaky commented that the more complaints that PennDOT receives, the better, as they tend to listen to residents over a Townships request. Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Dr. commented that PennDOT offers different traffic calming solutions. They will call PennDOT to alert them of their concerns. The Township will contact the PSP, to alert them to the speed issue.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Road Department:**

Dave Williams provided and read the November Report:

Week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>: cut trees and limbs during high wind event. Spread 2A on Tucquan Glen. Removed a tree from New Village. Measured roads for line painting. Blew leaves off Martic Forge Loop. Winterized sprayer. Put chains on Mack. Washed T-05 and T-90. Assembled road signs to replace old ones. PSP call out for a tree on Drytown. Cut trees on Magnolia. Lines were painted.

Week of November 9<sup>th</sup>: Put up new road signs. Checked roads that were line painted. Clean gutter on Tucquan Glen, Covered Bridge Rd, Douts Hill and Creamery Roads. Met with resident on Oak Glen. Repaired low shoulder on Stump Rd. Cleaned shop. Serviced chain saws, Attended Flagger Training at Paradise Twp.

Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>: Cut trees and limbs during a high wind event. Cleaned gutters on West View Rd and Ridge Dr. Blew leaves off multiple roads. Boom mowed New Village Rd. Opened pipes on Den Mar, Hilldale, Deer Ln. and Ridge Dr. Took T-90 for inspection. Fixed washouts on Pennsy Road and Sellers Rd. Boom mowed Clark Hill and Bethesda Church W. Put chains on T-07. Clean out salt bin.

Week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Backhoe taken for a tire fix. Checked roads. Took metal to scrap yard. Removed a large tree limb on Twp rental property. Replaced damaged road sign. Cleaned gutters on Bethesda Church W, Crystal Dr, and Hilldale Road. Returned crack sealer to Providence Twp. Opened pipe on Hilldale Rd. Serviced backhoe. Thanksgiving holiday.

Week of November 30<sup>th</sup>: Opened clogged pipes during a heavy rain event. Cut tree on Nissley Rd. and on Fox Hollow Rd. Met with engineer and resident on Oak Glen. Put chains and plow on the John Deere 6110. Took delivery of 5 loads of salt. Fire extinguishers were inspected. Wash and greased loader and T-90. Washed T-05.

Dave Williams explained that he met with the homeowner on Oak Glen, along with Brian Gilbert, Twp engineer as to how the Township will direct the water flow from the roadway, away from the property and into the woods between properties. Everyone was in agreement. Regarding the Dry Hydrants, he is still waiting on parts to arrive.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 3 building permits and 3 zoning permits were issued; along with 1 Use and Occupancy and 2 Certificate of Use permit.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 4 inspections and 2 perc and probes were done. 2 permits were issued.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Adoption of the 2021 Budgets: General Fund and Liquid Fuels. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to adopt the 2021 General Fund budget in the amount of \$1,202,650. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to adopt the 2021 Liquid Fuels/State fund in the amount of \$350,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Lancaster EMS discussion continued from last month, at which time, the Board heard the plight of the current situation that Lancaster EMS is in regarding funding and donations. Beth Birchall would like to see a meeting set up with other members of the Southern Lanc Co Inter-municipal Counsel to discuss the situation. Martic Twp alone, cannot 'bail' out the ambulance, other townships and boroughs must also do their part. Carl Drexel commented on the many different deficiencies. Duane Sellers stated that even if the ambulance was situated in Martic, there is no control over where they will be sent. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall, 303 Tucquan Glen Road and Victor Ressler, RVFC President. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to increase the 2020 LEMSA donation to \$15,000. The motion passed 5-0. Further discussion was tabled until another meeting can be scheduled with LEMSA, Bob May.

96 Creamery Road, Steven Fisher – Lanc Co. Conservation District provided an engineered plot plan for the repair of the damaged road bank. Dennis Shenk, ZO explained that the LCCD plans to work on the roadway bank and to place a swale where the current lane and Mr. Fisher access point is located. This work will be done in March, before his planting takes place. Mr. Fisher explained his understanding is that he may still enter his field, across the new swale, at the current entrance. The Board and ZO tried to explain to Mr. Fisher that by him still using this entrance, he is defeating the purpose of the repair to the damage his team and wagon have created. Duane Sellers encouraged Mr. Fisher to use the grant funding, being offered to him, to correct the situation. After discussion, Dennis Shenk will recontact the LCCD to ask for a copy of the detailed plan and let them know Mr. Fisher's intent.

Rail Trail crossing update: Jim Hearn, Rail Trail Committee Chair, updated the Board on the meetings that are being held for the situation with the Rail Trail crossing on Route 324. An extensive road study was done by Michael Baker Assoc. and several options were submitted, however after lengthy discussions, it was determined that a short-term fix will be to place Multi-Way Stop signs, along with approaching signage, alerting traffic of the new traffic patterns. The long-term fix would be a bridge over Rt. 324 for trail users. The cross-walk will have to be re-engineered and relocated. Duane Sellers asked about the new signage. John Ulaky commented that PennDOT will initially put it up, however we

will need to maintain or replace it if it becomes damaged. They have proposed a newsletter, which will go out to Martic residents explaining the proposed Multi-Way Stop. After discussion, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by John Ulaky to approve the Multi-Way Stop signs. The motion passed 5-0. Once the new signs go up, at the same time, we must install the redesigned trail approaches. As this must be engineered, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by John Ulaky to have the engineering work done, so that it is ready to be installed at the same time as the Stop signs. The motion passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gwen Newell, Senior Planner for the Lanc. Co. Planning Commission, explained that the County is wrapping up its Places 2040. As Martic's Comprehensive plan was last done in 1991, she is recommending that the Township consider a possible Southern Regional Comp plan, where Martic, along with the other southern end Townships, go together to update their own plans but to also incorporate the County's plan. She presented a possible version that takes the parts of Martic's current plan, that we want to keep and blends it into an updated version. She has already been to the SLCIMC to present her plan, but Townships would have to begin working together to get it completed. This would be a way for the Township to update its Comp plan without the expense of a fully revised individual plan.

2021 Employee Compensation: A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by John Ulaky to grant a 3% wage increase to all employees, beginning January 1, 2021. The motion passed 3-0, with Beth Birchall and Duane Sellers abstaining, due to a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by John Ulaky, to reappoint Ryan Fisher and Bill Birchall (Alt) to the Zoning Hearing Board, with terms to expire 12/31/2023. The motion passed 4-0, with Beth Birchall abstaining, due to a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the 2021 Consent Agenda items for Appointments and Township business, to take effect January 1, 2021, as presented to the Supervisors. The motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda items:

Legal Counsel – Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane

Engineering Firm – Wilson Consulting Group, PC

Depositories for Township funds – BB&T, PLGIT, Fulton Bank & Wells Fargo

All Township Monthly Meetings Times & Dates – the same as 2020

Martic Township observed Holidays

LC Earned Income Tax Bureau Reps – Ryan Strohecker/Manor Twp

Alternate: Ed Arnold/Millersville Borough

Pension Plan Administrator - PSATS

2021 Municipal Mowing – DWD Landscaping

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda another item, regarding the Rail Trail. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall has walked on Providence Township's portion of the rail trail and there is clear evidence that they are allowing horses on the trail. Victor Ressler commented that he attended the Providence Twp BOS meeting in November and no final decision was made as of then, to permit horses permanently. John Ulaky stated that the County is receiving calls against allowing horses on their trails, because of the damage and mess they leave behind. John Ulaky stated that to keep the horses off Martic's trail, you start with signs and then install a zig-zag gate that horses cannot get through. After further discussion, Beth Birchall will draft a letter to Providence Township, letting them know of Martic's disappointment in allowing horses and requesting that the meetings that used to take place among the rail trail members be reinstated.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building for the Reorganizational meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager