

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** March 1, 2021

**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 February 1, 2021 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2021. 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 Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$39,282.25. The motion passed 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Donald Wissler, 421 Drytown Road, commented on the amount of trash he is seeing along the roadways.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Dave Williams read the report for February.

Week of Jan. 31:

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, plowing and salting for major storm. 2/3, pushed back drifts, repaired tire chains, worked on unmounting a flat truck tires and mounted spare tires. 2/4, plowed Rail Trail and parking lot, pushed back drifting snow, salted icy spots. 2/5 pre-salted roads for ice event. Salt delivery during the week.

Week of Feb. 7:

Plowing and salting, 2/8, pushed snow piles out of intersections and cul-de-sacs, repair truck, repaired tire chains, fixed lights on truck. 2/9 checked roads for icy spots, pushed snow piles out of intersections, minor routine maintenance to trucks and plows. 2/10 and 2/11 plowing and salting for large storm. 2/13 salt roads for ice event. Salt delivery.

Week of Feb. 14:

2/15 checked roads for ice. Pushed snow piles out of intersections and cul-de-sacs. 2/16 washed trucks, repaired plow, spread anti-skid on dirt portion of Tucquan Glen and Horse Hollow Roads. 2/18 and 2/18 plowing and salting for large storm. 2/20 pushed drifts back.

Week of Feb. 21:

2/22 plowing and salting, 2/23 checked roads and salted icy spots, pushed drifts back, pushed snow back to widen roadways. 2/24 checked roads and salted icy spots, pushed snow backs out of intersections and cul-de-sacs, washed vehicles and equipment, repaired tire chains. 2/25 salt delivery, changed oil and grease on equipment, washed equipment and repaired plow on tractor.

Proposed 2021 road work: tabled until the April meeting

2022 Peterbuilt dump truck: tabled until the April meeting

At the February meeting Dave Williams was honored by the House of Representatives and Ross Township, Luzerne County for his 28 years of exemplary service as the Road Supervisor. This month Duane Sellers presented a Senate certification honoring him as well. Duane Sellers again stated that Martic Township is honored to have him working here.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 4 building, 6 zoning permits were issued; along with 2 Use and Occupancy permits.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** No inspections and septic permits were issued.

### **RAIL TRAIL**

Jim Hearn – Rail Trail chairperson, presented handouts to the Board for the possible Long Range Plans for the Trestle bridge repair and the 324 crossing plan. He explained we are on hold waiting on whether the Township has been awarded two additional grants. Once we have this information, the Trestle repair will be going out for bid. Once that is complete, we will need to make repairs to that portion of the trail. As discussed in the past several meetings, the Township has returned a Shared Use Agreement to PennDOT, which would allow PennDOT to temporarily place 4-way Stop signs at Route 324 and Red Hill Rd. The Township will then need to reconfigure the pedestrian crossing for trail users. The hope is that when the Trestle is complete, that portion of the trail has been repaired, the 4-way Stop signs are in place and new places to cross are marked, it can open simultaneously. As the 4-way Stops are considered a temporary fix for pedestrian crossing, the long term goal is a pedestrian bridge. This is a few years out, due to funding.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None was heard.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

RETTEW/PD&C Design-Build program – Jim Caldwell with Rettew Associates, along with Glenn Frill, Mike Esterly and Larry Prescott with Professional Design & Construction (PD&C) explained the Design-Build program. This program is part of Sourcewell, which is a nationally recognized co-op, which is like the CoStars program we have used in the past to purchase equipment. Sourcewell vets Vendors before they are approved to participate. It combines the benefits of a purchasing co-op with a fully integrated design-build approach, from concept to completion. This program allows a single point of contact, which makes a build process much more streamlined from start to finish. They will provide a reference list, of who they have worked with in the past. Duane Sellers commented that he likes to use local contractors. There was a note passed around, which questioned whether our current building was ADA compliant. Mr. Frill stated that ADA compliancy is a federal law and if a building is found to not be compliant, then the property owner could be held liable for more than the cost of a building. No other questions were asked.

Road Foreman, Dave Williams, would like to take his Pesticide Core test on April 2, 2021 at a cost of \$50. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to pay for Dave Williams to take this required test. The motion passed 5-0.

Rawlinsville Fire Company update: Victor Ressler, RVFC President and Carl Strickler, Chief, commented on the financial status of the fire company, beginning in 2019, pre-Covid. They netted \$11,381.88, after paying off a tanker project loan. 2020, their mud sale was cancelled, held a gun raffle, boot drive and received COVID grants funds, also their annual fund drive increased, which netted them \$70,824.11. This year's mud sale was cancelled again, and they are planning 2 boot drives and another gun raffle. They are not expecting relief grants from the state this year. The prediction is that funding levels will fall to or below pre-covid levels, due to the economy. They are planning to refurbish their Seagrave Engine, at an estimated cost of \$150,000, verses replacing with a new engine with similar attributes and capabilities at a cost of \$750,000+. They had over 400 incidents in 2020, and volunteers are on the decline. They need CDL drivers. They have also added a certified Dive Team to their enrollment.

Rawlinsville Fire Company Notice:

The Martic Supervisors recognizes for Worker's Comp, that RVFC plans to hold Boot Drives at the intersection of Route 272 and Truce Road, on July 10 and September 11, 2021.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager