

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: November 4, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE: Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall, Ted Irwin, Carl Drexel and Richard Drumm, Jr. were present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2013 Supervisors Work Session Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 1, 2013. With no questions, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was heard from Mary Glazier of Manor Township regarding the 2nd grant opportunity for the rail-trail. She questioned what it would be for. Duane Sellers explained it would be another opportunity to receive grant money, this time from Lanc County, to put towards the rail trail work that is yet to be done. He commented that Providence Township has more information since they would be heading it up. He also added that discussion on this grant is in the very preliminary stages. He explained again that there is an intermunicipal agreement between several townships along the rail-trail; Manor however, is not one of them. Comment was also heard from Sherry Siecrest of 311 Hilldale Road for the Board to once again, reconsider allowing horses on the trail.

Steve Zercher of 321 Hilldale Road asked the Board about the Esther Steele property which is across the road from his. He feels that her property has caused his property value to decline. Duane Sellers commented that Dennis Shenk, the Township Zoning Officer, along with our attorney and Judge Mylin are working with Ms. Steele to clean up her property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Budget: A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to approve the 2014 Budget for advertising and to post a copy at the Township office. The motion passed (5-0)

Farm ground lease: Carl Drexel did some research and the average rental fee in the Rawlinsville area is \$200/acre. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to have a 3 year lease drawn up, based on \$200/acre. Give the current farmer the 1st right of refusal, if he chooses to not take the lease, than to make the land available to the farming community for lease. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, 888 Hilldale Rd., Doug McClung 312 Hilldale Rd and Sherry Seachrist.

Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to contact local contractors about giving estimates to repair the bulging floor in the back office. The motion passed (5-0).

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Scott Smith commented on the quotes he has received on the new F-550 dump truck. After much discussion he stated that this vehicle is very versatile and would come in handy. He commented that if the Board chooses to order a vehicle, than they have say over where the controls are located. Also, if the proposal from Levan of Fleetwood, a Co-Stars affiliate, is chosen than any required warranty work they will come down to pick it up and then deliver it back to us. Comment was heard from Doug McClung and Steve Zercher. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Beth Birchall to order the 2014 Ford F-550 Chasses ZL from Levan Whitmoyer Auto Group for \$39,350 and to add on the power package with heated windows and manual telescoping mirrors. The motion passed (5-0).

Scott Smith gave the Road Master's report:

- They had a lot of storm cleanup after the heavy rains.
- Tree trimming
- Sewer pipe cleanout
- Shoulder cleaning
- Planted the trees which were provided by Penn State along the lower part of the township property to create a natural wind break.
- Hilldale Road – storm water project at the site of the CNA construction project. Installed a storm sewer inlet and pipe.
- Continued work on Bethesda Church Rd. – preparing the road for next year's paving.
- Maintenance on equipment; installed new brushes on the rotating broom, welding repairs on equipment, etc.
- Prepping snow plows for upcoming winter season.

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 5 building, 1 driveway, 7 zoning, 5 Building Use and Occupancy and 1 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in October 2013.

SEO Report shows: 2 inspections, 2 perc and probe and 2 septic permits were issued in October 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

October 2013 invoices: Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$ 35.23, Drexel's Auto for \$171.36, Comcast for \$204.64 and Messick's for \$ 5,409.37 which brings the total to: \$ 28,278.58. The motion passed (4-0) with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noting that his public disclosure memorandum will be kept on file in the township office.

Penn Manor School district has requested a School Bus Stop Ahead sign, to be placed on Susquehannock Drive, which is a state road, just north of the Rt. 372 intersection. Per PennDOT publication 212, this falls under the Township's signage responsibility on state roads. A motion was made by Richard Drumm and seconded by Beth Birchall to send a letter to PennDOT asking for approval to place this sign. The motion passed (5-0).

Based on the information that the Township has received from the Lanc. Co. SPCA on their proposed contract prices for 2014 year, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to not contract with the SPCA. The motion passed (5-0). Duane Sellers commented that anyone could theoretically take a dog into the SPCA, say they picked it up in Martic Township and then the SPCA would bill the Township the \$250/per dog. There would be no way to verify where the dog came from.

Rental Lease Agreements:

- 330 Hilldale Road – Ted Irwin commented that since our tenant has given notice that she will be moving out by the end of the year, he would propose walking through the property after it is vacant and if needed, make sure anything that needs fixed is fixed. He recommended that after any work is done to then discuss the lease amount. Comment was heard from Sherry Siecrest who asked why the Township has rental properties. Duane Sellers commented that the investment has a better return on the Township money. Also, our renters are able to keep

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an eye out on the Township office and shop area. They also are aware and understand the need for our trucks to be coming and going during late and early hours, during bad weather.

- 364 Steinman Farm Road – A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to hold the current rent for this property, since the tenants only just moved in during the past year. The motion passed (5-0).
- 631 Martic Heights Drive – A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Richard Drumm to hold to the current rent, but to switch it back to an annual lease. The motion passed (5-0).

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve for release the stormwater funds, being held for the Wissler project, based on the satisfactory review by the township engineer. The motion passed (5-0).

2013 annual Township donations: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the annual donations for Rawlinsville Fire Company @ \$38,717.42, LEMSA @ \$1,000, Conestoga Historical Society @ \$400 and the Quarryville Library @ \$5,000. The motion passed (5-0).

Fire proof safe, for Township use. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to purchase a fire proof safe, to store important Township documents in. The safe must have a minimum fire rating of 1 hour, with a \$1000 price limit. The motion passed (5-0). Comment was heard from Sherry Siecrest.

RVFC Auxiliary – gave notice of a food sale on November 8, 2013

RVFC Fire Company and Police – gave notice that they assisted at a funeral on October 26, 2013.

Beth Birchall commented on Election Day being the next day and for everyone to vote.

Dave Walters commented on the fire company merger and that he had sent an email to Bryan Cutler asking for him to intervene. He had heard back from Rep. Cutler and his email stated that he has been discussing the situation with Matt Crème, the solicitor involved with the merger. Beth Birchall suggested that Duane Sellers send Rep. Cutler and email to ask for an update. Kevin Miller commented that as the Pequea Fire Company President, he is still not receiving any email correspondence. He also asked if all of the matching funds only went to RVFC. Beth Birchall commented that it did.

Carl Strickler, RVFC Chief, asked if Matt Crème is involved with the PPL land transfer to the Township where the Pequea Fire Company is now situated. Beth Birchall commented that she wasn't sure.

Duane Sellers asked Mr. Strickler if the Lanc. Co. Conservancy has made a donation to the RVFC this year? Mr. Strickler would need to check on that.

Richard Drumm commented that Edna Wissler passed away and since her grandson is a member of our Planning Commission did the Board want to send flowers or make a donation in her name? A \$50 donation, like the Board typically makes, was agreed upon.

Denny Shenk, Zoning Officer, asked the Board's permission to begin using a formal complaint form when receiving complaints from our residents. This would allow for proper follow-up and a paper trail. Duane Sellers commented that he feels that this would be a great idea and if someone feels strongly enough about something, they won't have a problem documenting it.

Duane Sellers commented on the upcoming Salute to Veterans program, this upcoming Saturday morning at the Marticville Middle School. This event is being hosted by Martic MOST and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Barb Stokes commented on the change that the Board of Elections has made to Martic's voting district beginning on January 1, 2014. Instead of one location, Martic will be divided and half will now go to the RVFC to vote and the other half will still go to the Mt. Nebo UMC to vote.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township