

# MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** July 6, 2020

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

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

## **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 Carl Drexel to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2020. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 3-0. Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to move the Ginnie Mae Money Market Pass for the General Fund and the Ginnie Mae Money Market Pass for the State Fund to their PLIGIT accounts. The motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to create a separate PLGIT account for when the Trestle grant funds come in. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall stated that an invoice payment for \$2,971.71 for the PA Twp Health Ins Co-op, needed to be received by July 1, 2020. Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$97,973.39. The motion passed 3-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Victor Ressler, RVFC President gave a financial update on the fire company. No mud sale this year, due to COVID, which is 1/3 of their budget. Chicken Bar-b-ques have done well, and the fund drive donations are up. No breakfasts due to social distancing and not a money-maker. Comment was heard from Charlie Braught, Lancaster. Carl Drexel commented that he has had two residents verbally agree to allow the installation of dry hydrants at their ponds and the Township does budget for them. Mr. Ressler will look into setting up a meeting with the residents.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Road Department:**

Duane Sellers introduced the new Road Foreman, Dave Williams, who began with the Township on July 1, 2020.

Duane Sellers read the report for June:

Wk 6/1-6/6/2020 – Replaced speed sign on McKelvey Rd, checked roads, mowed road banks, cleaned inlets

Wk 6/8-6/13/2020 – Mowed road banks, removed deer on Pennsy Rd., replaced stop sign at Old Holtwood & New Village Rds., cut down tree on Raven Crest, picked up truck from shop.

Wk 6/15-6/20/2020 – Mowed road banks, cleaned gutters & pipe outlet on Creamery Rd, picked up new cylinder for flail mower, replaced cylinder on flail mower, flushed pipes, cut down tree on Ridge Rd, boom mowed Pinnacle Rd. & end of Clearview, flushed pipe on Creamery & fixed recoil on pump.

Wk 6/22-6/27/2020 – Mowed road banks, got loader fixed, sprayed around shop, worked on mower, repainted road to get ready for base repairs, helped Providence Twp. haul side gutter material, met with LTAP at Pinnacle to review signage due to multiple accidents at that location, swept Creamery Rd, helped Providence Twp. haul dirt, swept Creamery & Martic Heights due to spilled dirt.

6/29-6/30/2020 – Installed signs at Pinnacle Rd, cut down tree on Horse Hollow Rd, trimmed trees on House Rock Rd, filled potholes on River & Tucquan Rds. cleaned gutter on Old Holtwood & River, took tractor to shop.

Carl Drexel commented on the accidents that have happened recently on Pinnacle Road W. There have been many visitors to the Pinnacle Overlook since the LC Conservancy has shut-down Tucquan Glen. New signage has been installed but he thinks a PA State Police presence might be helpful to discourage speeding issues. The Manager will contact the PSP. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall, Tucquan Glen and Charlie Braught.

The end of Tucquan Glen Road, where it meets River Road, needs to be paved due to the many loose stones which have washed. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to ask Long's, while they are out paving, to pave the end of Tucquan Glen Road. The motion passed 3-0. This would not be paid with Liquid Fuels funds, as it was not part of the original paving bid.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 6 building permits and 4 zoning permits were issued; along with 5 Use and Occupancy and 5 Certificate of Use permits.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 2 septic permits, 2 perc and probe and 1 violation inspection was done.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Henry Kauffman 175-177 Pencroft Drive – Requested release of his posted Financial Security for his Stormwater Management project. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to release the Financial Security in the amount of \$17,545.00. The motion passed 3-0.

Route 324 Rail Trail Crossing update: Carl Drexel explained that he, along with John Ulaky and Jim Hearn have been part of meetings being held with LCPC and Michael Baker International. MBI have been conducting an extensive road study of the rail trail crossing situation at Route 324 and River Road. The Township would like to see a pedestrian bridge be put in place to keep trail visitors off the roadway. Carl Drexel is not sure that the funds are available for a bridge, but he is not sure what other options would be available to keep pedestrians safe. Duane Sellers commented that whatever is done, the Township must not assume liability, as this crossing is on two PennDOT roadways. PennDOT has not been part of the meetings yet, however they will be. At some point, they hope to be holding a public meeting to discuss options. Comment was heard from, Bill Birchall, Charlie Braught and John Strosser of Den Mar Drive.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Frank Stoltzfoos – 284-290 Bridge Valley Road – Enforcement: renovated a barn into a residence without permission or approvals. Mr. Stoltzfoos has until July 22 to remedy his violations. If Mr. Stoltzfoos submits an appeal and a variance request to the Zoning Hearing Board, to allow for the placement of another trailer on the property, the Supervisors may be made party to the proceedings if they choose to. The Township has had issues over the past several years regarding trash and animal complaints, from neighbors, against this property. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to oppose any new dwellings on this property if he goes before the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed 3-0.

## **ADDITION TO THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda:

1. Discussion of Beth Birchall's notary commission.
2. Trailer parked in front of dry hydrant, place No Parking signs.

The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall's notary commission will be expiring later this year. It has been used as a 'back-up' for the manager. It is expensive to renew a commission and there are others around to notarize documents if needed. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to let it expire. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall received a notice from the fire company that someone had parked a camper in front of the dry hydrant. She is wondering if No Parking signs should be posted. It has not been an issue and Carl Drexel said he will talk to the owner of the camper to not park anything there, even for a short time. At this time, they will table the discussion until a later time, to see if it happens again.

Denny Shenk, Zoning Officer, commented that he did have a meeting with the LC Conservation representative and Mr. Steven Fisher on Creamery Road. The Rep will meet with an engineer and will let the Township know what they come up with for Mr. Fisher, regarding his eroding away the soil and roadway with his team, while entering his field. There are funds available for Mr. Fisher to use to help correct the problem. Also, Mr. King, 75 Creamery Road, has been moving a lot of dirt from his property for his wall and shed addition. Unfortunately, a lot of the dirt was on the roadway. Mr. Shenk commented that he has the front yard grass seeded and it is coming up.

The Township manager will contact Wilson Consulting Group to get an update on the pipe permits.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager