

MARTIC TOWNSHIP  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

**DATE:** February 3, 2014

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Beth Birchall, Ted Irwin 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 January 6, 2014 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 1, 2014. 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:**

No comment was heard

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trestle Bridge bid results: Duane Sellers and Ted Irwin attended the bid opening for the proposed Trestle Bridge work in regards to our portion of the grant with Conestoga and Providence Township. Duane Sellers explained that they are looking to modify the bid to allow the Township's to do some of the work and to lower the bid amount to \$425,000, which would then be split between Conestoga Township and Martic. It was noted that our solicitor was going to be in contact with Providence's solicitor to discuss the issue of accepting a proposed bid but then changing it to allow the Township's to perform some of the work. His thoughts were that the safest and most legal approach would be to reject all bids and to rebid the work. He was also thinking that DCNR might be very particular about any changes to accepted bids. Duane Sellers explained that Mark Wilson was keeping in touch with DCNR and didn't think this would be an issue. After discussion and comments being heard from John Strosser of 123 Den Mar Drive and Justin Doutrich with the Lanc. Newspapers, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to accept the bid from J.D. Eckman and coordinate with Conestoga Twp to do some of the work to lower the bid amount to around \$425,000. The motion passed (5-0).

The Capital Improvement account, which was approved at the January meeting, Beth Birchall stated that approximately \$142,000 was the dollar amount that the Township was under budget for in 2013. Beth asked the Board if it should be placed in Ginnie Mae account. She will check to see if the dollar amount can be allocated specifically from this new account or if the money can be pulled from other Ginnie Maes when it is needed. This discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Duane Sellers gave the Road Department report for January since our RD were currently out plowing and salting:

- In January there were 8 winter events
- Equipment maintenance, fixing lights, welding plows and brackets, etc.
- Opening drains and pipes
- Clearing and grubbing Fern Trail and Deer Lane

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- Shop Maintenance: Servicing the grader, loader, air compressor and chain saws.

2003 Chevy Dump truck- after discussion a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to try and sell the damaged vehicle on Municibid and put a reserve of \$2500 on it. The motion passed (5-0).

Hilldale Road subdivision road issue: The Township sent Mr. Natale a letter explaining the Township's displeasure in the work which was done on Hilldale Road in association with the subdivision project. The Township did receive an email reply back which noted his disappointment in the road work. He has asked the Board to help to make a recommendation for a corrective solution to this problem. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to ask Mike Rankin to take a look at the road's condition and to help with a the design of the fix of this issue. The motion passed (5-0).

Emergency Management agreement update: Duane Sellers and Beth Birchall attended a meeting with Pequea Twp's Harry Lehman, regarding the still incomplete agreement. Mr. Lehman didn't feel that a formal agreement needs to be in place and that an MOU is all that is needed. Duane Sellers commented that if Martic's Board is in agreement, than he will send Providence Township an email stating that Martic and Pequea are proceeding to finalize this with an MOU. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin to move ahead with Pequea and let Providence know that they may join with them if they want to. The motion passed (5-0).

Dave Walters commented that the Attorney General's office has signed off on the merger between Pequea and Rawlinsville Fire Companies. No hearing was needed and according to Matt Crème, everything should be finalized in the next 2-4 weeks.

Code Enforcement Officer's Report shows: 3 building permits, 2 zoning permits and 2 driveway permits, 2 Building Use and Occupancy and 3 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in January 2014.

SEO Report shows: no inspections or permits were issued in January 2014.

January 2014 invoices: Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the bills with the addition of Comcast for \$38.17, Drexel's Auto for \$185.35 and Oceanport for \$6,922.33, which brings the total to: \$ 47,357.86. Also, 3 checks were paid prior to this meeting, Shenk Builders for \$1,660.00, Solanco Propane for \$1,376.23 and the Postmaster for \$276.00. 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lanc. Co. Conservancy is offering a DCNR grant. A township resident from their office dropped off the paperwork with the suggestion that the Township might consider applying for the grant money to fix the entrance and parking area of the Township park. Beth Birchall commented that the Letter of Intent time frame is too close and no plan has even been established. She wasn't in favor of it. Duane Sellers commented that due to the lack of support that the Conservancy has showed to our local fire companies, he feels they have walked away from their obligations to help support the communities they affect by opening up these properties to everyone and leaving the locals to deal with the problems that arise, such as parking, emergency rescues and fires; that he too is not in favor of the grant. Comment was heard from Denny Shenk on his displeasure of the Conservancy and how they don't support the local fire company monetarily. Comment was also heard from John Strosser. After discussion, the Board decided that due to the time constrain of the grant's Letter of Intent and that the work involved can be done by our Road Crew, they are not in favor of pursuing this grant.

Fox Ridge- unpaid engineer's invoices. Mr. Porterfield was sent the Township's engineer's invoices for reimbursement. This was for the Fox Ridge Development in which he is the developer of record. These invoices are for inspections which were done in 2013. He is questioning these invoices, like he did in

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2012. He, once again is requesting proof and verification on these inspections. Proof was sent for his 2012 inspections and those invoices still remain unpaid. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to have the secretary contact Judge Mylin to see if they can pursue reimbursement through his office. The motion passed (5-0). Comment was heard from John Strosser

There was discussion regarding the old township copier and what to do with it. It is no longer used but still works and probably needs to be cleaned. It was suggested the secretary contact the Solanco Food bank or the Quarryville Library to see if they would have a need for this donated item.

Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel met with the Road Crew to see what could be done in the shop area to help with productivity. It was decided a designated office area would be beneficial. Duane has drawn up a sketch to wall off a section of the garage. This would give them a spot to be able to use the phone. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Beth Birchall to move forward with the building renovation. The motion passed (5-0).

Additional to the agenda:

Kim Harris has asked to attend the Professional Pest Manager's School to obtain his recertification credits on March 4, 2014. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to send Kim to these classes. The motion passed (5-0).

330 Hilldale Road rental: Ted Irwin commented that Dennis Shenk will soon begin the asbestos removal at this rental. He will also draw up a list of work that needs to be done at this property before it can be rented.

631 Martic Heights Drive rental: Ted Irwin commented that this property was advertised for rent and there is an interested party filling out an application.

Ted Irwin commented on the Employee Pension. He has a phone conference planned for Tuesday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to talk to PSATS' Diane Calhoun and the gentleman from Nationwide. He does know that after some items are worked out, a future meeting will be scheduled with the employees to discuss the new pension program and to answer any questions they may have. He believes that a bit of the confusion is in the definition of a Defined Benefit plan, which is the new program, vs the Defined Contribution plan, which is what, was formerly used.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors  
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