

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: January 3, 2023

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

SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Jay Kreider were present. Absent was Charles Stouff

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 and a prayer.

REORGANIZATION

Temporary Chairman: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Beth Birchall as Temporary Chairman. The motion passed 3-0 with Beth Birchall abstaining.

Temporary Secretary: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Karen Sellers as Temporary Secretary. The motion passed 3-0 with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Chairman: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Duane Sellers as Chairman. The motion passed 3-0 with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Vice Chairman: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Carl Drexel as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed 3-0 with Carl Drexel abstaining.

Treasurer: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to appoint Beth Birchall as Treasurer. The motion passed 3-0 with Beth Birchall abstaining.

Manager/Secretary: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to appoint Karen Sellers as Manager/Secretary. The motion passed 3-0 with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Road Foreman: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Dave Williams as Road Foreman. The motion passed 4-0.

Zoning Officer & Building Code Official: Jay Kreider made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Dennis Shenk as Zoning Officer and Building Code Official. The motion passed 4-0.

Construction Code Officials: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to appoint Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc as the Construction Code Officials. The motion passed 4-0.

SEO Officer: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint Marvin Stoner as the SEO Officer. The motion passed 4-0. Comment was heard from Cindi Foster, 7 Windy Drive on Mr. Stoner's age.

Chairman of the Vacancy Board: Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to appoint Ryan Fisher as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. The motion passed 4-0.

Mileage reimbursement: Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to reimburse mileage at .65 ½ cents/mile as per the IRS notification. The motion passed 4-0.

Municipal Mowing: Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to have DWD Landscaping do the municipal mowing. The motion passed 4-0.

SLCIMC Meeting Representatives: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to appoint Duane Sellers as SLCIMC Meeting Representative and to appoint Jay Kreider as the alternate representative. The motion passed 4-0.

Point of Contact list: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider to keep the same supervisors as point of contact, with one change, Charles Stouff will be the primary contact for resident concerns and Carl Drexel will be the back-up. The motion passed 4-0.

Rail Trail Committee: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel to appoint Jim Hearn as the Committee Chair. The motion passed 4-0.

Township Fire Company: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel to acknowledge and recognize as the Township's fire company, Rawlinsville Volunteer Fire Company. The motion passed 4-0.

Fire Companies Activity List: Jay Kreider made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve Rawlinsville Volunteer Fire Company's 2023 activities list as submitted to the Board. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel which was seconded by Jay Kreider to declare English as the official language for all township business. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Short-Term Rentals discussion: Duane Sellers began by stating that Short-Term Rentals are everywhere, whether we want them or not. He explained that in 2018, it was highly recommended that the Board should consider doing something, before they became a problem. The choice was to either ignore them or regulate them. After conferring with the Township's attorney, Martic's Short-Term Rental ordinance was passed in February 2019. The Board of Supervisor's wrote the ordinance, and the job of the Zoning Hearing Board is to regulate the ordinance. This is what took place at the December Zoning Hearing for a Short-Term Rental applicant.

Comments were heard from these concerned residents:

Sherry Reifsnyder, 672 Bridge Valley Road, Paul Heisey, 28 Lake Aldred Terrace, Sheila Smith, 662 Bridge Valley Road, Laura Witmer, 660 Bridge Valley Road, Kathleen Trevino, 17 Harbor View Drive Alex Smith, 662 Bridge Valley Road, Simone Heisey, 28 Lake Aldred Terrace, George Trevino, 17 Harbor View Drive

Comment was also heard from:

Keith Kauffman, 215 Frogtown Road on the process, Kevin Boyer, 10 Ridge View Drive and Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods

Keith Kauffman is the Republican committee person and he asked if Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel are rerunning for Supervisors. Both have decided that this will be their last year to serve. They both believe in term-limits and 2023 is the last year of their second terms. If anyone is interested in running for Supervisor, Duane Sellers stated he would be happy to sit down and discuss the job.

Cindi Foster, 7 Wendy Lane, asked when Martic Township will be getting a new building. She stated that the current building needed replaced many years ago. She commented that she had told a previous Supervisor, that the building is not ADA compliant. She stated that the Township must build for the future. Duane Sellers explained that the Township is currently in the process of having testing done, so that a budgetary number can be established.

Elam Miller, 300 Douts Hill Road, commented on a recent issue with an ambulance call.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0.

Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 27,177.77. The motion passed 4-0. The invoice from Professional Design will be paid with ARPA funds.

Regarding the 324 Crossover work, the outstanding CriLon invoice and 2 Wilson Consulting Group invoices. The CriLon invoice needs to be reviewed and only a portion of it paid, showing good faith. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to pay up to 50% of the CriLon invoice, but only after it is reviewed by line item and to still withhold the Wilson invoices. The motion passed 4-0.

SUPERVISORS PLAN REVIEW:

Holtwood, LLC – Solar Development- Lot Add-On plan has been tabled, per the request of the applicant, Rettew, Jim Caldwell.

TRESTLE BRIDGE/324 CROSSING update:

Jim Hearn commented that the Penn Manor Honor Society has contacted him about doing work on the trail, such as planting wildflowers. There has been some parking issues with people bringing bike trailers to the parking lot.

Carl Drexel and Dave Williams commented that JD Eckman has some finalization work to be done.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for December.

Week of December 4th

Road check. Service New Holland Skidsteer. Pressure wash skidsteer. Repair outside flag at office. Pick up sharpened chain saw chains from shop. Cut trees on Pinnacle. Open pipe at Bradys Hill and Hilldale. Repair tire chains. Put snowplow on T-07 and check for proper operation. Clean garage. Clean burn pit. Haul junk to landfill. Patch dirt section of Tucquan Glen. Clean gutters on Bradys Hill. Wash T-84 and T-05. Install new Hidden Driveway sign on Pinnacle.

Week of December 11th

Clean out rain gutters on all buildings. Repair snowplow on T-04. Take T-05 to shop. Clean gutters on Ridge, Fox Hollow, Maple Springs, Martic Forge Loop and Hilldale. Engine oil change on T-90. Put snowplows, chains and spreaders on all trucks. Salting for minor ice event.

Week of December 18th

Road check. Take T-04 to shop. Clean gutters on Nissley. Repair sinkhole on Pennsy. Dig and backfill soil probe pits for new building. Install new flashing light on stop sign at 324 and Red Hill. Build new ramps for installing tire chains. Put large rocks and stone in pipe outlet on Steinman Farm. Grease backhoe. Pick up T-04 from shop and reinstall tire chains. Dig and backfill sewage test pits for new building. Salting for two ice events. Cut trees off of multiple roads during high wind event. Call out for tree on Raven Crest. Salting icy spots where storm water was running on roads. Observe Christmas Eve holiday.

Week of December 25th

Observe Christmas Day holiday. Salt leftover ice spots. Scrape ice off multiple roads. Push fallen trees off Oak Glen and Loop Rd. Mix salt and anti-skid. Take delivery of two loads of salt. Cut trees on Horse Hollow and Park Lane. Wash all trucks. Clean gutters on House Rock.

Horse Hollow Rd update: plans are to start the project 1-5-2023, weather permitting. It is anticipated to take 4-5 days.

Tractor purchase update: He has received quotes from both Messick's, for a New Holland tractor as a comparative quote and follow up to last months meeting. Duane Sellers time is prudent as noted

previously that supplies are limited and take a long time to come in, once ordered. Comment was heard from Cindi Foster, Bill Birchall, 303 Tucquan Glen Rd and Dennis Shenk, Zoning Officer.

Pesticide Classes: Continuing Education for Dave Williams. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to allow Dave Williams to register for the two webinars with a \$20/per class fee. The motion passed 4-0.

Zoning Officer Report: 2 building, 1 zoning permit was issued

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 0 permits issued

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Martic Township Park arborist – a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to ask the arborist to give a presentation to the Board. The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was heard.

The Board of Auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building for their Organizational meeting.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager