

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: August 1, 2022

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

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

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 was said.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$149,256.60. The motion passed 5-0. Beth Birchall commented that included with the payments is the Tar & Chip payment, along with the annual insurance premium.

Beth Birchall commented on a meeting both she and the Township's manager had with representatives from the Bank of Bird-in-Hand. After discussion, it was decided to table further discussion until the September meeting to get information in writing so that the rest of the board could look it over.

A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Beth Birchall to recess the Supervisors meeting and to open the Public Hearing for 1741 Rawlinsville Road. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING for a rezoning request for 1741 Rawlinsville Road. Matthew K. and Kelly L.

Wiker:

Township manager, Karen Sellers read:

- A petition was received on May 24, 2022, to Re-zone a portion of 1741 Rawlinsville Road, Pequea, PA from Residential Low Density and Rural Conservation to Agriculture.
- The property is owned by Matthew K. and Kelly L. Wiker
- The acreage of the property is: 59 acres, more or less, located on the east and west sides of Rawlinsville Road.
- The Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt of the petition at their June 6, 2022, meeting.
- The Martic Township Planning Commission met on June 16, 2022, and made a motion that the proposed action was in accordance with the objectives of the formally adopted comprehensive plan and recommended to the Supervisors to accept the proposed rezoning request. The Lanc Co Planning Commission will be meeting on August 8, 2022, to consider the proposed rezoning request.
- The proof of advertisement has been received from Lanc News Papers.
- The property was conspicuously posted on July 22, 2022, by Dennis Shenk, Zoning Officer.
- The proposed ordinance has been recorded with the Lanc. Co Law Library, in accordance with Section 610 (a)(2) of the Municipal Planning Code.
- A letter was sent to the Wiker's regarding the public hearing and the proposed enactment of the ordinance which would amend the Zoning Map, as required by the Municipal Planning Code, Sec 609 (b)(2)(i).

Comment was heard from Matthew Wiker regarding his petition, who is planning on having this property preserved with the Lancaster Co AG Preservation.

No public comment was heard.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to close the Public Hearing and to reopen the Supervisors meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 08-01-22 – Rezoning 1741 Rawlinsville Road into AG district:

Due to the fact that the Lanc Co Planning Commission had not met, as of the time of this meeting, the Ordinance adoption was tabled until the September Supervisor’s meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard.

RAIL TRAIL / TRESTLE BRIDGE:

Jenn Leibig w/ JD Eckman was unable to attend the meeting, therefore Carl Drexel read the Trestle Bridge update that she submitted.

1. Panels on Martic side are set except for the last panel. The abutment cap needs to be approved and constructed prior to last panel placement.
We provided a cost for the abutment caps. Each one will be 1.5 days of work.
2. The posts for the safety railing have been arriving. We will start installing them soon.
3. We are moving the crane and setting panels on Conestoga side this week and for next three weeks.
4. We will be closing a portion of River RD directly under the bridge when we work on the associated spans next week. We got concurrence from Conestoga and message boards are out. Emergency personnel will still be able to get by the barricades. Closure only when we are working over the road.
5. September 30 is the proposed completion date.
 - a. Additional days are from added steel repair, rust remediation, wind bracing design change, removal of extraneous steel members, and three weeks of AMTRAK delays for the beam erection.

Comment was heard from Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive and Rail Trail Committee Chair stated that the additional cost for the backwall abutment proposal, he feels the engineers should have caught that and this should not be a surprise. The recommendation is capping each backwall to ensure even loading and support for the end panels. After comment, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to authorize JD Eckman to proceed with the repair and to authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Township Manager to present Martic Township’s position that they feel the engineer should bear the responsibility for the cost. The motion passed 5-0.

Shumaker Event Services: Jim Hearn commented on the Trestle Bridge opening day celebration, date as yet to be determined. He explained that Shumaker provides everything from chairs, tent, post cards (save the date), equipment rental, i.e. audio system, generator, lectern ribbon, lg scissors, porta potty, etc. Eschbach, has stated they will donate a shuttle bus and driver for the celebration. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve Shumaker Event Services to handle the celebration activities and to pay the estimated \$2,000. The motion passed 5-0. Jim Hearn also discussed new and additional signage for the trail and Trestle Bridge. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff to approve the new signage. The motion passed 5-0.

Rail Trail benches for the western portion of the trail. Jim Hearn explained there is no benches on the western portion. He stated that we do have money, which was donated, that he intends to use toward purchasing benches. He will plan on ordering 2 benches as the last one took several weeks to come in.

324 Crossover: Carl Drexel commented that the bid packets were opened earlier in the day. We are still waiting for the HOP approval from PennDOT. PennDOT required Martic to become a business partner, as part of the HOP and that was finally approved earlier today. The bid packet was advertised stating that the project was contingent on obtaining a PennDOT HOP.

Three bids came it for the 324 Crossover project.

1. CriLon Corp. \$152,347.54
2. J.D. Eckman, Inc. \$177,777.00

3. JVI Group Inc. \$271,216,50

Carl Drexel also commented that Martic Township was awarded \$119,500 from the Lanc Co Commissioners from their ARPA funds. This money will be used for the 324 Crossover. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the CriLon Corp bid amount of \$152,347.54. Comment was heard from Scott Sellers 306 Steinman Farm Road and Jim Hearn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for July.

Week of July 3rd-Observe July 4th holiday. Road check. Clean loose stone off of roadway on Maple Springs and Pencroft North. Repair sinkhole on McKelvey. Pick up walk behind saw and water tank. Saw cut pipe crossings in areas where pipes are to be replaced. Take delivery of 6 loads of stone. Install road closure notification signs on Creamery Rd. Prep pump needed for pipe replacement. Pick up water filter bags. Cut tree on Magnolia. Mow multiple roads. Call out for tree down on Pennsy. Make additional repairs to McKelvey sinkhole.

Week of July 10th-Road check due to storm over the weekend. Clean loose stone off of Pencroft North and South, House Rock and Maple Springs. Cut tree on Wendy. Mow multiple roads. Service backhoe. Load pipe and equipment needed for pipe replacement on Creamery. Replace pipe. Call out for tree on Old Holtwood.

Week of July 17th-Check pipe replacement area on Creamery. Check McKelvey sinkhole. Cut trees on Old Holtwood and Pencroft North. Cut bamboo on Bethesda West and Pencroft North. Install new bench on Rail Trail. Pick up road closure notification signs from Creamery and install on Pennsy. Grade and place stone in inlet and outlet areas of new pipe on Creamery. Take delivery of 4 loads of stone. Pick up supplies needed for upcoming Pennsy pipe replacement. Replace bristles on broom. Install broom on tractor. Mow multiple roads. Put up signs for chip sealing. Chip seal two portions of Hilldale and all of Short.

Week of July 24th-Road check. Repair and replace signs vandalized on Tucquan Glen and Douts Hill. Cut trees with loader in paving area on Tucquan Glen. Cut tree on Pennsy. Broom loose chips at intersection of Hilldale and 324. Mow Rail Trail. Weed whack around parking bumpers, signs, benches and electric towers on Rail Trail. Pick up parts for backhoe. Wash T-07, T-84 and T-91. Close Pencroft North due to tree down and wires on roadway. Call out for tree down on Sellers. Clean gutters on Sellers and Horse Hollow. Repair tailgate on T-84. Meet tree cutter to look at tree needing to be removed on Tucquan Glen. Broom loose chips off Short Road. Mow multiple roads.

Duane Sellers stated that he feels they should look at having DWD add the entrance areas of the Rail Trail to their mowing duties for next year.

NO PARKING signage – River Road (Martic Forge) a complaint was received from Tina Virgil of 178 Fox Hollow Road, who was not in attendance, regarding the number of vehicles that park along the bridge on Route 324 and on both sides of River Road. She checked with PennDOT who stated that it is the Township's job to post NO PARKING signage. There are signs on the bridge and according to PennDOT no one may park within 30 feet of the approach to any Stop Sign. No restriction signs are required for enforcement. Duane Sellers did meet with LC Conservancy regarding the area beyond the 30' mark, where they realize there is a problem. They are looking to donate the area of concern to the Game Commission or the PA Fish and Boat. The neighboring property is owned by the owners of Sickman's Mill where they can launch for tubing and kayaks. Comment was heard from Scott Sellers. To add NO PARKING signage, Martic must amend their current No Parking Ordinance. A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Beth Birchall to have the Road Foreman take the measurements and send the information to the Township's solicitor to update the Ordinance and advertise the amendment. The motion passed 5-0.

Paving update: Dave Williams checked with the asphalt plant to check on the prices of blacktop. The prices have gone up since the Paving package was put out to bid in March. The anticipated increase will be \$14,123.00. This is due to the oil index increase. He was also told that the estimated date to begin the paving will be the week of August 15.

Zoning Officer Report: 3 building, and 5 zoning permits were issued.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 2 inspections, 2 perc and probes and 2 permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Road Foreman Dave Williams asked permission to attend continuing education classed for his pesticide education credits. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider, to allow the Road Foreman to attend 2 classes on September 6 & 7, 2022 for his continuing ed credits at a cost of \$85/each class. The motion passed 5-0.

PennDOT Winter maintenance agreement for 2022-2023. The Township would be responsible for plowing and salting, as needed, on Martic Heights Drive. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the 2022-2023 Winter Maintenance agreement with PennDOT. The motion passed 5-0.

Rawlinsville Fire Company:

Public Safety Committee resident representative. Victor Ressler, RVFC President, commented that they are looking for a resident committee member to meet approximately twice a year. He would like someone who is not currently involved with the Township in an elected or appointed position. Comment was heard from Scott Sellers to maybe add the request to their fund drive letter.

RVFC fire police have been asked by the Quarryville Borough to help on September 14, 2022, with a rain date of September 15, 2022, with the Solanco Fair Parade. The Board recognizes this activity for the Worker's Comp insurance.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm, by Charles Stouff.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager