

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: February 1, 2021

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder was present. Absent was 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

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2021. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0. Carl Drexel commented on the LEMSA donation for 2021. As their donations, due to COVID, has been down, he recommended sending the township's donation earlier than at the end of the year. After more comments, the Treasurer will have it ready for approval as part of the March invoices.

As the township is experiencing a snow event, Dave Williams took a moment to stop in to comment on the drawn-out, event. He also commented on the invoice from Countryside Tractor and the part that was needed to fix the mower. Also, as a surprise, Dave Williams was honored by the House of Representatives and Ross Township, Luzerne County for his 28 years of exemplary service as the Road Supervisor. Duane Sellers presented the certification to him and read the honor bestowed upon him. This honor recognized his integrity and tireless devotion to maintaining 34 miles of roads and hundreds of pipes, to list just a few of the accolades. Martic Township is honored to have him working here.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 31,451.27. The motion passed 4-0. There was discussion over an invoice the Township received from Atlantic Tractor, after having the JD tractor fixed, it immediately broke down again, which required a service call. A letter was sent to Atlantic Tractor disputing the second invoice and they, in turn, responded with a letter explaining and requesting that we pay the second invoice. After discussion, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel to pay the \$281.25 invoice and to send them another letter with the payment. The motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Duane Sellers read the report for January.

Week of Jan. 3:

Salting roads for icy conditions, Wash T-90, Take delivery of 4 loads of salt and 2 loads of anti-skid, Install trail closed sign, Install handicap parking sign, Locate and order parts for mowing tractor, Clean gutters on Horse Hollow, Fox Hollow, Hilldale and Martic Forge Loop.

Week of Jan. 10:

Road check, Repair truck chains, Repair snowplows, Clean gutters on Tucquan Glen and Steinman Farm, Replace neutral switch on backhoe, Wash T-90 and T-07, Replace injector pump on

mowing tractor.

Week of Jan. 17:

Road check, Install new stop sign, Patch washout on Nissley, Clean gutters on Ridge, Lake Aldred, Loop and House Rock, Fix road shoulder on Steinman Farm, Repair throttle linkage on mowing tractor, Take Rail Trail delivery.

Week of Jan. 24:

Put plows on trucks, Salting roads for icy conditions, Clean trucks out, Visual inspection of trucks and plows with minor repairs as needed. Cleanup of garage area, Road check

Zoning Officer Report: 2 building, 3 zoning permits were issued; along with 3 Use and Occupancy permits.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 1 inspection and 2 septic permits were issued.

RAIL TRAIL

Carl Drexel stated, no new update, SUP is being reviewed by Jim Hearn and then it will be sent back to PennDOT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP):

The Auditors, after last year's audit commented that the township can no longer just reimburse employees for out of pocket medical expenses, which was previously approved to be done by the Board. As the Township has its health insurance through PSATS, they recommended contacting Gunn Mowery for MERP coverage. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to sign up with Gunn Mowery for the Township's employee MERP coverage. This includes \$500 signup fee, \$100/annual premium and \$5/per month, per employee fee. The motion passed 4-0. Also, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to state that the reimbursement would apply to In-Network only services. The motion passed 4-0. And after more discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder for a Single employee covered, employee pays for the first \$500, the Township would then pay the remaining \$6,100 (to meet the level of the \$6,600 single deductible). And for Employee/Child, Employee/Spouse & family- the township would have the employee under these tiers, pay \$1000, then the township pays the next \$12,200. The motion passed 4-0.

Municipal Building plans: Duane Sellers stated the need for an updated municipal facility, has been mentioned several times over the last few years. Our buildings are not state and federally compliant. The Township has obtained a copy of East Drumore's building plans and with a few minor changes, the design work is already complete. Jim Caldwell, with RETTEW contacted the Township about the RETTEW/PD&C Design-Build Program and would like to make a presentation to the Board at their March meeting. After discussion, it was decided to hear about this program, as it may save the Township money.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager