

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: May 6, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE: Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall, Ted Irwin, Carl Drexel and Richard Drumm, Jr. were present.

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

Duane Sellers announced that Executive Sessions were held on April 22 & 29, 2013 to discuss employee matters.

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2013 Work Session. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 1, 2013. With no questions, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Resh, 1153 Marticville Road asked if the draft minutes could be posted to the website prior to approval at the board meeting. Duane Sellers explained that the draft minutes are not a public document until they are approved, therefore they will continue to be posted after approval. Mr. Resh also suggested that the Board plant trees on the Township property to help with dust control.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lehman Civil enforcement: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ted Irwin that the Township Solicitor be authorized to file a civil enforcement action against Stephen Lehman and Mary Lehman for the on-going violation of the Zoning Ordinance relating to the erection of greenhouses without permits on the property on Douts Hill Road seeking recovery of daily civil penalties and all attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the enforcement proceedings. The motion passed (5-0).

The Planning Commission met on April 18th to approve and sign the Metzler subdivision mylars.

CNA subdivision: A waiver request was made by Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Assoc., which was forgotten when the previous waivers were made. This waiver is for Section 602.08 – Street Centerline Radius. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the added waiver request. The motion passed (5-0). Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, 888B Hilldale Rd. and Brian Resh

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Mike Rankin gave the Road Master's report:

For the month of April they were finishing getting ready to blacktop the roads. They received a call from Pennsy Supply that they were able to move up paving by 2 weeks. All of the contracted paving for the year is done. With the money that was saved from the paving, they will get the salt shed improved, along with the area around it, so that will be finished by next winter. For the month of May they are expecting to tar and chip. They have to finish backfilling the roads that were just paved. The mowing has also begun and they will continue to work on that as they are able. The plan is to start on pipe replacement, at various locations throughout the township. With that being said, they still have all the normal upkeep, signs, etc to maintain. Comment was heard from Doug McClung, 312 Hilldale Road.

Personnel Policy update: After discussion a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to adopt and insert the recommendations of the Township solicitor into the personnel policy. The motion passed (5-0).

Sherri Seachrist, 311 Hilldale Road commented on the Board's decision on not allowing horses on the Rail-Trail. Ms. Seachrist asked if the Board would reconsider their decision to not allow horses. Duane Sellers commented that in light of the Route 324 realignment project, which is the only access point to the trail in Martic Township and keeping in mind safety reasons, there would be no place to park a horse trailer. The trail is already closed to everyone going west, towards the Trestle Bridge. Ms. Seachrist asked once the construction is completed will the trail remain closed? Duane Sellers stated that at that point the Board, in conjunction with the 6 townships in the intermunicipal agreement, still have a lot of decisions to make regarding the trail i.e. what type of surface to lay down, signage, where to begin the mile markers, etc. All of the townships are currently in the gathering information stage, so no decisions are going to take place quickly. The intermunicipal agreement states that each township may move at their own pace as their funds allow. Ms. Seachrist asked again that the Board reverse their previous decision on allowing horses. Ted Irwin commented that at this point the Board still has too many decisions to make regarding the trail and it is too difficult to reverse a bad decision in the future. He stated that the final engineering of the trail might be the determining factor as to whether horses will be allowed or not. Ms. Seachrist commented on other trails in the area which do allow horses and the surfaces they use. She also commented on the large area along the Martic Trail, which has been cleared back. Comment was heard from Mary Glazier, Manor Township who is an advocate for allowing horses. She submitted to the Board signatures of 324 people, from all over PA, not just Martic, who would like to see horses be allowed on the trail. She feels walkers, bikers and horseback riders should all have access to the trails. Duane Sellers commented that Manor Township has an annual income from their landfill, along with a municipal tax. Martic has no annual income coming in, along with no municipal tax. Martic wants to keep it that way, therefore Martic must fund the trail from its general fund. Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel both commented that Martic has begun collecting data from different sources, primarily the entities that must maintain these trails. They are collecting information on the different percentages of who is actually utilizing these trails. Whether it is bikers, walkers, joggers, horseback riders, etc. they must collect this data to decide how to best provide for the most people in the public and for the least amount of cost. Comment was also heard from Doug McClung, 312 Hilldale Rd., Penn Glazier of Manor Township and David Hill of Manor Township.

Sherry Seachrist and Doug McClung commented on the collection of vehicles and junk located at 324 Hilldale Road. Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel both commented that the Township Zoning Officer has been checking into the problem and is dealing with it. There is a legal process that must be adhered to and followed.

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 5 zoning permits, 8 building permits, 1 renewal permit, 2 driveway permits and 3 Use & Occupancy permits were issued in April.

The SEO Report shows: 1 complaint was investigated and 2 perc & probe tests were conducted in April.

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NEW BUSINESS

April 2013 invoices: Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$ 33.18 and Pa One Call for \$ 31.34 which brings the total to: \$ 223,973.04. 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. Beth Birchall commented that this month's invoices also includes the contracted invoice for paving. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes as to whether State Funds would be used to pay for this. Beth Birchall said yes.

RVFC Police has been asked to help Quarryville Borough Police Department with the Lanc. Co. Firemen's Convention parade on June 1, 2013. They will be sworn in as Special Officers for this event

Beth Birchall commented that since the April 17, 2013 meeting, there have been Ginnie Mae investment purchases totaling \$526,990. She expects more to be purchased in May.

Ted Irwin also announced that the Township secretary will be taking vacation on May 13 & 14, 2013 and therefore the Township office will be closed.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township