

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

**DATE** April 7, 2025

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

### **SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE**

Beth Birchall, Jay Kreider, Charles Stouff, Kevin Boyer, and Ryan Fisher were present.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Jay Kreider called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Kevin Boyer made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2025, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2025. A motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Kevin Boyer to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

PLGIT Savings transfer to PLGIT Capital – tabled until the May meeting

Charles Stouff made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$45,489.50. The motion passed 5-0.

### **2024 AUDITORS REPORT**

Teresa Grieshaber and Robert Hostetter presented the auditors' report to the Township for 2024. Absent was Judy Duke. Robert Hostetter began by stating their appreciation for the help Judy Duke gave this year, as she was appointed to fill the vacancy in the auditor position. Teresa Grieshaber read the Auditor's letter to the Supervisors. She commented that all revenues and expenses were reviewed and confirmed for all fund balances. Procedural recommendations were made, and they encouraged the Township to continue to use the strong audit controls that are in place. Jay Kreider commented that the Board appreciated the time and effort that the Auditors made to conduct the annual audit.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW**

300 Douts Hill Road – Stormwater Management plan, Elam B. & Elizabeth B. Miller, have requested the release of their Letter of Credit. After a final inspection from Rettew, who has recommended release of the Letter of Credit with the condition that all disturbed soils are seeded, mulched, and managed by erosion and sedimentation controls until stabilized. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher to release the Letter of Credit with the stated conditions. The motion passed 5-0.

18 Red Hill Rd – Lot Line Change Haines N. Henry and Sandra Henry, RAV Associates, Inc. Robert Visniski, P.E. As no one was present for the plan, a motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Kevin Boyer to table the discussion until the May meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

### **LANCASTER CONSERVANCY**

Fritz Schroeder, President and CEO for the Conservancy, introduced who he brought with him. Brandon Tennis, SR VP of Stewardship, Keith Williams, VP of Engagement and Education, and Bed Craddock with Lancaster Civil Engineering. It was mentioned that they are constantly managing the preserves they have, such as combating invasive weeds, etc. Clark Hill Nature Preserve has a universal access trail for handicapped visitors. Tucquan Glen and Kelly's Run are more challenging trails. Climbers Run is having school groups, mostly from the southern end, and they hold interpretive events. With regards to our fire company, they hold 1<sup>st</sup> aid classes and had a building at another location, which was to be demolished. They invited the fire company to come and train in it, and from that building, they had an HVAC system they donated to RVFC. Wind Cave has been a challenge for them. The cave has had visitors for longer than they have owned the property, unfortunately, the Conestoga Trail runs right by the entrance. Comment was heard from Victor Ressler, RVFC

president, who recommended that if someone wants to go in the cave, go in with an experienced guide. With regards to Climbers Run, Ryan Fisher asked about the steep slopes and how they proposed to deal with that aspect with regards to the Zoning regulations. Ben Craddock stated that they were planning to go back before the ZHB in May to address those issues and asked for a Special Exception. After much discussion with comments being heard from: Bill Birchall, 303 Tucquan Glen Rd, Frank Peiffer, 59 Creamery Rd, and Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Dr. Jay Kreider thanked everyone who came and gave the update on the properties.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Victor Ressler – RVFC President stated that their Mud Sale is on April 11-12, 2025.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Dave Williams read the report for March.

Week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Road check. Install weight limit sign on Rail Trail. Take T-84 to shop for an estimate on painting the dump body. Put up a board in the meeting room. Move big rock from roadway on Old Holtwood. Cut trees on Tucquan Glen, Pencroft South, and Sellers. Clean up stone that had been pushed by snowplow on Hilldale. Picked up stone for under pavilion on Rail Trail and placed stone. Study for pesticide applicator exam. Conduct traffic count on Wendy Drive. Clean salt residue out of cabs on T-91, T-84, and T-90. Equipment maintenance. Attend Lancaster County Conservation Meeting concerning Wendy Drive Project. Call-out for trees down on Hilldale and Tucquan Glen. Road Check after high winds. Repair low shoulders on Hilldale. Pesticide Applicator exam.

Week of March 9<sup>th</sup>

Install picnic table under pavilion. Repair low shoulder on Old Holtwood. Cut trees on Nissley and Rail Trail. Drag Rail Trail. Blow loose stones off of crossing and handicapped parking spots at Rail Trail. Repair door on shop. Place large stones around pipe inlets on Stump and Nissley. Open pipes on multiple roads. Take T-97 to shop. Blow leaves on Horse Hollow.

Week of March 16<sup>th</sup>

Call-out for trees on Frogtown and House Rock. Road check after high winds. Cut trees on Old Holtwood and Street. Push fallen trees off of House Rock, Hilldale and Frogtown. Open pipe inlet on Frogtown. Meet with multiple contractors to look at road projects for bidding. Install new blade disc on boom mower. Clean gutters on Pencroft South. Open pipes on Old Holtwood. Cut trees with loader on Pencroft North, Hollow Woods and Rail Trail. Take spreader off of T-90. Repair loader. Pressure wash, lubricate and store spreaders from T-90 and T-84.

Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Road Check. Cut trees with loader on Clearview. Pick up T-97 from shop. Meet with Gemmills at Rail Trail crossing. Take the spreader off of T-97 and pressure wash, lubricate and store spreader. Clean up leftover storm damage on Ridge. Cleaned gutters on Steinman Farm and Bradys Hill. Meet with contractors to look at road projects for bidding. Equipment maintenance. Clean up shop,

Week of March 30<sup>th</sup>

Repair tailgate on T-90. Put stone in low shoulders on Hilldale and New Village. Clean gutter on Westview. Repair the yard area damaged by the snowplow on Park Lane. Cut trees with tree cutter on Bethesda Church Road West, Street, and Nissley. Repair washout on Nissley and Douts Hill. Clean gutters on Tucquan Glen, Douts Hill, and Creamery. Spread 2-A on Tucquan Glen. Pick up parts. Replace all pins and change blades on the flail mower. Put the snowplow from T-90 in storage. Remove spreader control box and snowplow cylinder from T-97 to take to shop for repair.

2025 Road Bid Awards:

Seal Coat – A motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Beth Birchall to award the Seal Coat bid to Russell Standard for \$34,711.83. The motion passed 5-0.

Paving Bid – A motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Jay Kreider to award the Paving project to Long's Asphalt for \$59,272.80. The motion passed 5-0. The Township will also be buying the asphalt.

House Rock Road – speed study options to lower the speed limit were discussed. Dave Williams explained that he has received information from PennDOT's Local Tech Assistance Program (LTAP) and the process we would go through. After review of the road, it was determined that only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the road could be lowered, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  would need a road study. Then, an ordinance would need to be created to change the speed limit signs. After the discussion, it was determined that lowering the speed limit and signs would not make drivers slow down. At this time, we will leave the speed limit alone.

Drytown Road – speed study results from PennDOT to lower the speed. A resident made a request to Rep. Bryan Cutler's office to have the speed limit lowered on Drytown Road, specifically around the Rawlinsville intersection. Upon the results of the study, PennDOT can not justify lowering the speeds from the existing (35) MPH.

Wendy Drive – Low Volume Grant Award has been granted and a motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Beth Birchall to move forward with the road work on Wendy Drive and sign the agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Old Pinnacle Road – Community Development Block Grant, Dave Williams is currently working on the survey of the houses, which is a requirement of the grant. He will need to file a letter of intent by the next day, and a quote received shows the project might cost \$147,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Beth Birchall to pursue the grant to get the work done. The motion passed 5-0.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 2 building and 8 zoning permits were issued.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

364 Steinman Farm Road rental – mitigation and restoration services. Ryan Fisher explained that the Township has received 3 quotes for the repair work. Unfortunately, they all have come in higher than our insurance will pay. The quotes were sent to our adjuster for review, and we are still waiting to hear back from them. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

306 Steinman Farm Rd – granting and release of Drainage Easement Agreement. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to approve for signing of the Drainage Easement Agreement with Scott and Gail Sellers at 306 Steinman Farm Road and pay them \$5,000, once the agreement is returned to Martic Township. The motion passed 5-0.

631 Martic Heights Drive rental – A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to authorize the perc and probe to be done at 631 Martic Heights Drive, obtain a septic permit, and solicit a quote for the installation of a new septic system, as the current one is failing. The motion passed 5-0.

Rail Trail Crossover markings – Unfortunately, the current marking for the Rail Trail, crossing over Red Hill Road and Rt. 324, are failing and peeling. Dave Williams has contacted two different companies to get quotes to replace them. Jay Kreider asked if we were allowed to use reflective paint instead of the heat-applied applications. Dave will have to check the PennDOT permit to see if it specifies what type of application it may be. Further discussion was tabled until May.

Jim Hearn announced that the Rail Trail Spring Clean-up day will be on April 12, 2025, and the Penn Manor Honor Society will be helping to spread stones in the area of the pavilion and where weeds were a problem last year.

Rawlinsville Fire Company Police

The RVFC Police have been asked to help at the Robert Fulton Mud Sale. Martic Township acknowledges this notification for insurance.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by a motion from Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer. The motion passed 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager