

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session

DATE: September 25, 2013

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Discussion began on the upcoming 2014 Township budget, with emphasis on the Road Department. Comment was heard from Scott Smith, Township road foreman.

Tony Williams, Martic's Emergency Management Coordinator commented on some recent happenings. The Intermunicipal draft agreement has been completed by Matt Crème, Pequea's solicitor and a meeting has been scheduled by the EM reps to go over it and discuss. He also announced that he tendered his resignation to Providence Township, as their EM Coordinator, effective October 14th. He explained that he felt that some key decisions were being made in Providence, without any input from him. Duane Sellers commented that at this point, the Intermunicipal Agreement hasn't been finalized; however he would have liked to have had a meeting with all three townships involved, to discuss any issues. Comment was heard from Carl Drexel, Beth Birchall and Ted Irwin. Duane Sellers asked Tony if he would be willing to sit down with Pequea, Providence and Martic's representatives to work out any issues there may be and he agreed. Duane will contact both Pequea and Providence representatives to let them know.

2014 Pension Funds Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO): A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the 2014 MMO, which includes 4 employees for an estimated cost of \$16,300.00 with the Township contributing \$8,200. The motion passed (4-0) Beth Birchall asked Ted Irwin if this will affect our pending pension change. He answered no. We will be funding the MMO as well as the PSATS plan. Ted Irwin commented on the status of the PSATS Pension program. He was anticipating a pension proposal and speculates that their actuaries will calculate what our employee's contributions will be, to get caught up, as if there was no break in the pension benefit. The Township has only defined accounts that the state money may be invested in and as long as the Township is in the process of making this change, the money must sit in the general fund awaiting a transfer.

Jon Kloppman, our Planning Commission member, has asked permission to attend the Lanc. Co. Housing Summit on October 22, 2013. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to grant this permission. The motion passed (4-0).

The Roadmen would like to attend a Chainsaw Safety class on October 1 at Manor Township. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to grant this permission. The motion passed (4-0).

Duane Sellers commented that Guy Campbell a former Board of Supervisor Vice-Chair, has passed away. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel, to make a \$50 memorial donation to the Mt. Nebo Church in Mr. Campbell's name. The motion passed (4-0).

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Randy Shearer with Wilson Consulting has been contacted by Craig Natale with C.N. A. builders, regarding inspections of this project. Randy told the secretary that unless the Board directs him otherwise, he would only require updates from Mr. Natale and he would make a request for certified as-built plans with pictures of this project. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ted Irwin to accept the certified as-built plans with pictures as the project proceeds and to have a final certified as-built plan with pictures, sent to the Township, for the files. The motion passed (4-0).

Duane Sellers commented that he along with Carl Drexel, Scott Smith, Bob Artis w/ DH Funk and Craig Natale, met on site to discuss the water run-off issue that has developed since they have begun cutting in the private road. Scott Smith saw the potential problem and suggested that they put an inlet along the side of the road, pipe it across the road and allow the water to discharge into the wooded area before it has time to gain more speed and volume going down the road. Carl Drexel commented that Bob Sheaffer owns the property across the road and is agreeable. CNA is helping him out with some improvements so it is a win/win for both property owners. Part of the CNA project is that they will be taking the hump out of Hilldale Road. They are planning on doing this around the end of October and while the road is shut-down, CNA will do the excavation for the inlet and pipe across Hilldale Road. The Township will provide the pipe and inlet and help with the installation of the pipe.

Duane Sellers asked that discussion of Martic's participation in the Lanc. Co. SALDO, Stormwater and Land Development Ordinance and the requirements for the developers to provide the Letter of Credits, be added to the October 7th agenda. He would like the Board to think about this requirement.

Emergency Management monitors- Beth Birchall commented on the installation of the monitors the Township has received through emergency management. Would the Board like for the electrician to place outlets behind where they will hang or just use extension cords? After discussion, it was decided that they would prefer to have the electrician install electric boxes behind the monitors.

Beth Birchall commented on the Fire Company merger. Duane and Beth have both spoken to Bryan Cutler to see if he could help to intervene and move this forward. Because Mr. Cutler is in the same law firm with Matt Crème and as a state representative, he would have to check into whether he would need to excuse himself because of a conflict of interest with the State Attorney General's office. The judge assigned to the merger has requested a hearing, so Matt Crème is going to write a letter to the Attorney General's office to ask if they have any opposition to this merger. If the Attorney General's office responds that they have no interest, then this would cancel the hearing. If the Attny General's representative doesn't show up for the hearing, then the merger is complete. Unfortunately if the Township would drop this and not recognize Pequea, Beth believes their by-laws allow them to sell their equipment. Also, Fireman's relief money is expected any day and the Board will have to decide how they want to handle this disbursement.

Ted Irwin questioned the county meeting regarding the rail trail's 2nd grant and the maintenance requirement. Duane Sellers attended this meeting. Greg Collins w/ Providence Township has been leading this application. His intent was to go for all of the grant money, but the County appears to want to divvy out the grant money to many applicants. One guy seemed to be hung up on the maintenance of the trail. Duane's response was that we have in place an intermunicipal agreement to maintain this as a linear trail, but each township will work on it as the funding allows. Each Township has unique problems affiliated with their portion of the trail, whether it is water drainage, trestle bridge, etc. Duane believes that what they wanted to hear was that some authority or entity would be created to maintain the trail

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and our townships are not at that point yet; the trail hasn't even been built. Carl Drexel asked about the Trestle Bridge. The Trestle Bridge is not out for bids yet, because Mark Wilson is currently working on the 1st grant and the water issues in Eden Township. Once those plans go to DEP for review approval, then he can work on the Trestle Bridge project

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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