

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** August 7, 2017

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder and John Ulaky 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**

Carl Drexel made a motion and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2017 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 1, 2017. With no questions or comments, a motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

#### **1146 Marticville Road clean-up bid/proposals opening:**

Turner's Towing & Hauling – Total ~ \$ 18,500

Temple's Salvage – No total given

Crass Hauling – Retracted bid.

After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to award the clean-up to Turner's Towing & Hauling. The motion passed 5-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Lahr 699 Martic Heights Drive commented on the excessive speed on Martic Heights Drive. After explaining several 'close-calls', he commented to everyone to be careful while driving because speeding seems to be a factor everywhere.

Lydia Martin with the Lancaster Co Conservancy commented on an upcoming event at Climbers Run, off of Frogtown Road on Sept. 13 and November 19, 2017. Studies are being conducted and everyone is welcome to attend. She handed out flyers.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

As a follow up to the PLGIT investment discussion in July, Beth Birchall explained that the Township currently uses two different types of PLGIT accounts and the one account, Plus Class is being replaced by a Prime account which earns higher interest. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the Treasurer clarify the information then to move the investments to the higher yielding interest account. The motion passed 5-0.

**Road Report:** Todd Simone read the road report for July 2017 as submitted to the Supervisors.  
Sat. 7/1/17 Storm damage tree clean up. @ West View Rd.. 2 men 2 hours

7/3-7/6-17 ROW mow. Installed motion lights at office. T69 service. Swept tar and chip roads. Sign work. Pipe clean out. Guide rail repair on Tucquan Glen Rd. Mill roads for base repair.

7/10-7/13-17 Paint tar and chip roads 2 16,738 LF DY. T04 tire repair. Base repair at Clark Hill Rd., Fox Hollow Rd and West View Rd. Gutter and rut repair on Old Holtwood Rd and Douts Hill Rd.

7/17-7/20-17 Borrowed crack sealing machine from Providence township. Crack sealed Douts Hill Rd and Fox Hollow Rd and all base repair areas. Storm cleanup 2 men. 2 hours. Tree clean up, stone clean up, Storm drain clean up. T25 repair. Finished crack sealing. Clean trucks. Shop light repair. ROW mow. Clean and returned crack sealer.

7/24-7/29-17 2 Stop Ahead signs installed on Hilldale North bound and Martic Heights eastbound at Mt. Nebo intersection. Sign work. ROW mow. Mow rail trail. Fix wash out areas throughout twp. Pick up materials for pipe project.

7/3117- Removed old pipe on Pinnacle Rd. Installed catch basin with bike safe top.

Road Count:

Clearview Rd.(Rawlinsville side)-18  
Steinman Farm Rd. (Red Hill side)-114  
Steinman Farm Rd. (by shop)- 364

Zoning Officer Report shows: 3 building permits, 4 zoning permits along with 1 use and occupancy and 2 certificate of use permits were issued in July.

The SEO Report showed 2 inspections, 2 perc/probe and 1 septic permit was issued in July.

July 2017 bills: John Ulaky made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for payment from the general fund totaling \$110,369.22. The motion passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Southern Lanc Co Intermunicipal Council: Duane Sellers gave an update regarding the decision that the SLCIMC members voted on regarding the liability insurance. At the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the members reviewed the proposals they received and voted to go with the Glatfelter Public Practice Quote. The yearly premium would be \$1,966 dollars. A letter/invoice was sent out to all participating SLCIMC members requesting a payment of \$352.00, which would replenish the operational funds (\$200) as well as the insurance premium (\$152). Martic Township just approved payment, as part of its July 2017 bills to be paid. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes 888b Hilldale Road and Wayne Murray of 63 Bethesda Church Rd East asked the purpose of the council. Duane Sellers explained more buying power, help each other out, borrow each other's equipment and additional man-power on projects if needed.

2017-2018 PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement: Martic Heights Drive is the only state road we have accepted winter maintenance of in the past. It is the main east/west roadway in the township; besides it runs past the township shed and the fire company. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to accept the 2017-2018 PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT. Barb Stokes 888b Hilldale commented as a former Supervisor, that they took into account the cost of winter maintenance on the state road, which was the determining factor in the decision to give up all the other state roadways for winter maintenance. Todd Simone commented that at this time, he has no numbers for the cost of our own roadways, but will work on it. Lydia Martin asked if there is a list of Township needs. The LCC just purchased a tractor, dump truck if the Township ever needs a piece of equipment to borrow. The motion passed 5-0.

Fire Company equipment: Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel commented on the meeting they had with representatives of Rawlinsville Fire Company. Dave Walters President of the fire company explained that several of their equipment/trucks are getting rather dated. 1992-1998. they continually do maintenance on them, however some of the replacement parts are getting rather difficult to find and the one company went out of business. They could either replace the equipment at a cost of ~ \$750,000 or refurbish what they have, which would cost ~ \$375-425,000. Funds are a continuing issue. Most people assume that the fire company raises all of their funds from the mud sale. Barb Stokes commented on other Township's helping out, along with LC Conservancy as the largest land holder in the Township and Brookfield Corp. Todd Simone and John Lahr commented on a possible fire tax, which would raise funds. Carl Strickler Fire Chief spoke on the situation, as well. Since the company who would do the

refurbish work is located in Wisconsin and they are only able to do a few a year and currently have only a couple of slots still open for 2018, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to offer the Township's help in the form of a loan, but only after the fire company has raised most of the funds. This would be to help them get to their goal to have the truck refurbished. Dave Walters commented that the fire company must still vote on it. The truck would most likely be out of service 7-10 months. Barb Stokes asked if the Township was offering a true loan or will it be forgiven? Duane Sellers stated that at this time it would be a loan; however the Board could discuss any forgiveness at a later date. Lydia Martin asked if the fire company has ever considered hiring a grant writer or have they ever checked into foundation funding. The motion passed 5-0.

Lydia Martin commented on the newly acquired Bunting property off of Clearview Road. The LCC is planning a BioBlitz on Sept. 16-17, 2017. She is wondering if the Township has any plans to clean-up, mow around the two gates, at either end of the roadway or may they do the work? They would be looking to mow back 20-30' around the gates. The one gate, on the westerly side of Clearview Road has a lock on it and no key can be found. Duane Sellers said just cut the lock off. He also commented that the center portion of Clearview Road, between the two gates, is in the works to be vacated. Todd Simone will meet with Lydia Martin at the gates to look into it.

RVFC Auxiliary gave notification that they will be having a food sale on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 Barbara Avenue in Willow Street, PA.

Beth Birchall gave the Board updated spread sheet on the current Ginnie Maes, which shows their rate of interest and maturity dates. After discussion, Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder that in the regular general fund, when a Ginnie Mae matures, to reinvest it but move it to the Capitol fund Ginnie Maes. Barb Stokes questioned why the move? Carl Drexel stated that this would just ear-mark it for any future building projects. The motion passed 5-0. Beth Birchall then asked the Board how they wanted to handle the state fund (Liquid Fuels) Ginnie Maes that has \$21,368 in it. After discussion a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to reinvest \$20,000 back into the state fund- Ginnie Mae and move the difference to an additional state fund- Ginnie Mae purchase. The motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager