

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 3, 2013

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then led with the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 1, 2013. Barb Stokes, of 888B Hilldale inquired about Ginnie Mae investments. Carl Drexel said we have purchased some in the past few months and our Wells Fargo rep is constantly keeping his eyes out for more. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (4-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment was heard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yvonne Long of 1233 Pennsy Road mentioned that she found a stray dog on July 14th. She contacted the Humane League, dog warden and the SPCA as to what to do with this dog. She was wondering if the Township could implement and tack onto our spring taxes \$0.80 per resident, to help pay for the SPCA dues. Duane Sellers explained to her that the spring taxes she receives are her school taxes and that Martic Township does not have a tax in our municipality. She thought this was tax money for our roads, at which Duane explained that our roads are reimbursed by the state with the liquid fuels funds. In checking the township records, to date this year only 4 phone calls have come into the Township about dogs being found and 1 call was received that a dog was lost. Ted Irwin commented that he doesn't feel that this justifies the Township contracting with the SPCA or the Humane League for the annual fee amounts that they are asking for. Carl Drexel commented that the way revenues are received by the SPCA have changed in the past year. Ms. Long commented that the Lancaster newspapers just began June 1st, running a free ad for 3 days, if a dog is found. Duane Sellers stated that this is good information to have and we can add the information to our next newsletter. Comment was also heard from Justin Doutrich, Lanc. Newspapers and Barb Stokes 888B Hilldale Rd.

Planning Commission met on August 15th to discuss the CNA final subdivision plans and the ACT 167 Stormwater Ordinance.

Strausser Surveying presented:

Resolution 09-03-13 A - CNA subdivision, amendment to the DEP Sewage module, which would allow the removal of the required Orenco AdvanTex treatment system agreement which is currently being required for Lot's 5 & 8. The resolution passed by roll call vote (4-0).

Resolution 09-03-13 B - Keith Dussinger subdivision, amendment to the DEP Sewage module, which would allow the removal of the required Orenco AdvanTex treatment system agreement which is

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currently being required. The resolution passed by roll call vote (4-0).

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin to approve the final subdivision for CNA Construction, LLC at 109 Hilldale Road, conditional upon compliance with the Township engineer's review letter and all documentary requirements of the township solicitor. Also to act on Resolution 09-03-13 C which authorizes the execution of Appendix 27. The motion passed (4-0).

Resolution 09-03-13 C, Execution of Appendix 27 for the CNA subdivision; was passed by roll call vote (4-0).

ACT 167 Stormwater Ordinance update by Randy Shearer of Wilson Consulting Group. Duane Sellers commented the County has done a lot of the upfront work on this mandated ordinance and each Township has been asked to accept the model ordinance, amend the model or draft their own ordinance, by November 21st. Martic has decided to amend the model ordinance and Wilson Consulting, along with our solicitor, is working through amending that model to be Martic specific. ACT 167 is intended to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay, which has been mandated by the DEP. It has been determined that it is the 2 year storm events or less, that are carrying the pollutants into the bay. Applicants of new permits will be asked to capture the difference in the post development water run-off volume from the predevelopment. Applicant's are going to be asked to take that water and keep it on site somehow and either infiltrate it back into the ground or reuse it as irrigation. The theory behind this is that some of the pollutants will be reclaimed and filtered out of the water, instead of going into the Chesapeake Bay. Martic's Planning Commission raised some concerns regarding small projects. The model ordinance does not take into consideration small projects, under 1000 sq. ft and if this ordinance passes, all new projects would be required to possibly have an engineer's review. Carl Drexel raised the same concern as our PC, that if someone wants to put a shed on their property, the engineer's cost might be more than the cost of the shed. Randy commented that LCATS has asked DEP to exempt small projects, under 1000 sq. ft., from these strict guidelines. However until DEP approves such an amendment, the Township must move ahead, as is. Duane commented that DEP has stipulated a mandate with a timeline and everything will not be worked out, in the first go round. More than likely amendments will be written for this ordinance. Carl Drexel asked if Martic could write it into our own ordinance and Randy stated that at this point it would be a violation to do so. Comment was heard from Ray Scott, Providence Twp, John Strosser, 123 Den Mar and Barb Stokes.

2013 auditing proposals. After discussion, it was decided to not accept the two proposals, due to cost and to begin to search for two appointed auditors, who would conduct the 2013 township audit with our 1 elected auditor.

The Township has received a sewage/well exception request from property owner Elizabeth Joa Haas for her property at 968 Susquehannock Drive, which is a small mobile home park. The park's new tank location would be 32 feet from the well and the first trench bed would be 45 feet from the well. The Township has also received a letter from our SEO Marv Stoner, who stated that either the granting of the special exception or the placement of a holding tank, are Ms. Haas' only options. After discussing the fact that this puts all of the residents of this small community, at risk, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ted Irwin to not grant this special exception request. The motion passed (4-0).

Scott Smith gave the road report for August:

- They cleaned various drain grates and road gutters on the township roads
- Mid August brought a 5" rain, which they cleaned up after
- Mowed various road banks
- Sprayed herbicide
- Replaced pipe at 350 Steinman Farm Road
- Replaced pipe on McKelvey Road
- Finished pipe replacement at Hilldale Road and Tucquan Glen Road
- Removed tree stumps for site distance at Hilldale Road and Brady Hill Road

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- Cleaned and organized the shop yard
- Hauled scrap metal to the recyclers
- Routine maintenance on equipment

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 6 building, 6 zoning, 2 Building Use and Occupancy and 5 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in August 2013.

SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe and 1 inspection was done in August 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

August 2013 invoices: Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$ 70.46, Susquehanna Truck Service for \$1,361.77, Reliable Office for \$69.37, Marv Stoner for \$333.33, Messick's for \$332.62, Jim Montgomery for \$280.00 and Comcast for \$36.27 which brings the total to: \$ 60,405.50. The motion passed (4-0)

A tree planting plan was received from Kristen Kyler who is with Penn State, to plant trees and shrubs along the northern terrace of the Township property, which would create a forested wind break. The plants would not cost the Township anything, since they are part of a grant program. After discussion a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to go with the recommended trees. The motion passed (4-0).

2014 Pension funds Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) was tabled until the Sept. 25th meeting.

Quarryville Lions Club has made a request for support for their monument restoration project, which would help to support veterans. After discussion, to determine the estimated cost of the project, the secretary should send a letter requesting more details on the project.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the signing of the authorization to use PennDOT's e-Permitting site. The motion passed (4-0).

RVFC – gave notice that they participated in a 'live fire' training, in St. Mary's MD on August 24th.

RVFC Auxiliary – gave notice that they will be doing a food sale on September 28th.

Duane Sellers commented that Walt Eckert is the contact person with PennDOT, regarding the Route 324 realignment project. The contract completion date is scheduled for November 22, with the paving to be completed by October 15th.

Beth Birchall commented that the updated Employee handbook is completed. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to make it effective September 1, 2013. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall commented that she still needs to talk to a live person at PLGIT for us to begin using the e-card.

Carl Drexel commented on the need to have the Township sign lit all night and wondered if we could have the sign placed on a timer. The secretary will contact Jim Montgomery.

Beth Birchall asked Dennis Shenk, ZO why logs are now barricading a property at the corner of Pencroft Drive S and Route 372? Mr. Shenk commented that he's not sure why the owner has done that. A camper/trailer had been set up on the property earlier, however the property owner has since had it removed and the neighbor across the road is keeping an eye on the property.

Dennis Shenk said that he was contacted by Bill Webber that the Wissler Stormwater is complete and

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that we are waiting on inspections to take place.

Beth Birchall commented that she has heard from Matt Crème, the attorney who is handling the Pequea/Rawlinsville Fire Companies merger. At this point we are waiting for the judge to get back to Matt Crème with his decision.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is a Work Session scheduled for September 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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