

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 6, 2017

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Charley Braught, Jr. and Don Snyder 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.

Duane Sellers announced that there will be an Executive Session after the Supervisor's meeting to discuss legal matters.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Drexel made a motion and was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 1, 2017. With no questions asked, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Charley Braught, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry McDonald of 688 Martic Heights Drive commented on the continuing issues he and his neighbors are having with the Green N Grow composting operation.

Barb Stokes 888B Hilldale Road, on behalf of the Bethesda UMC, commented that the church would like to put up a sign at the corner of Hilldale Road and Rt 372. The proposed sign would require a Special Exception from the Zoning Hearing Board. She asked if the Supervisors could just vote on it instead of the ZHB? The Township will check with the Solicitor and get back to her.

Kelly Shoff of 245 Douts Hill Road commented on the continuing issues they too are having from the trash and odors at 266 Douts Hill Road/GreenNGrow. The amount of wild life has increased.

Thomas Jones 27 Camelia Lane asked Duane Sellers to read a comment he had written regarding the 2018 reassessment that the County had recently sent out. He feels the values are excessively high and would like the Supervisors to send a letter to the County Commissioner's on behalf of Martic, protesting the reassessment. Comment was also heard from Wayne Murray 63 Bethesda Church Rd East who was concerned as well. Duane Sellers said he only just heard of the reassessment and will look into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don Hess 1146 Marticville Road commented on the enforcement notice he was issued in October 2016. He also commented that the Lanc County Conservation was out to visit him, investigating a complaint they received. The Township did not notify the Conservation district. Duane Sellers read the timeline regarding the Enforcement notice at 1146 Marticville Road.

Enforcement sent	Oct. 4, 2016
Civil Action	Nov. 2016
Notice of Judgment (from Judge Mylin's office)	Dec. 2016
Judgment awarded \$ 12,045	
Don Hess initiated and filed an appeal with the County	Jan. 2017

Meeting was recessed at 7:32 pm, due to disruption. Meeting resumed at 7:38 pm

Ambulance Coverage- Carl Drexel explained that the Township had contacted LC 911 for information on ambulance coverage in Martic Township in 2016. Two ambulance services cover Martic. Lancaster Emergency Management Services (LEMSA) and Susquehanna Valley Emergency Management (SVEMS). Conestoga Township a couple of years ago chose to contract with SVEMS, which in turn affects Martic's northern residents. LEMSAs covers the southern portion of the Township and runs from Buck Iron. Residents are confused by who they should donate to. To date, Martic only contributes to LEMSAs, but moving forward they will need to look into the percentage of coverage and consider sending a portion to SVEMS. Submitted were many reports and statistics for the Supervisors perusal. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, Wayne Murray and Cathy David 370 House Rock Road and Todd Simone of 184 Fox Hollow Road regarding ambulance coverage.

Road Report: Todd Simone read the road report for February 2017 as submitted to the Supervisors.

2017 proposed road work:

Paving: Pinnacle Road, Street and Crystal Drive portions.

Tar & Chip (Seal Coating): Pennsy Road, Creamery Road and McKelvey Lane portions.

Assorted Stone

A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Beth Birchall to advertise the 2017 bid packets for review by the Supervisors at the April 3rd meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Zoning Officer Report shows: 4 building permits, 3 zoning permits, 3 stormwater permits issued, 4 building use and occupancy and 1 zoning certificate of use permits were issued in February.

The SEO Report showed there was nothing in February.

February 2017 bills: Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 26,088.27. Barb Stokes asked about Streetwise Consulting, it is the person the Board approved at a previous meeting, to help with the bid packets for 2017. 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 on file in the township office.

NEW BUSINESS

Recess called at 7:55 pm and resumed again at 8:02 pm by Carl Drexel.

Cathy David 370 House Rock Road complained that the residents are continuing to have parking issues with visitors to the LC Conservancy property, located on House Rock Road, when it warms up. Last year the Road Department placed delineators along the road in front of her property to keep people from parking along the road instead of in the designated parking area. She asked if the Township could either put up more delineators or signage. Duane Sellers will contact PA State Police Corp. Pratt and alert him to the problems we are having along this stretch of roadway. Brandon Tennis with the LC Conservancy stated that there is not anything they can do when people park along the road that is a township problem. However the LCC will be hiring someone again, to patrol and monitor their properties. After more discussion, Todd Simone will take a look at the area and see what more the Township can do to help prevent illegal parking. LCC was represented at the meeting by Phil Wenger, CEO, Brandon Tennis, Stewardship director and Lydia Martin Education director.

Cathy David also commented on the PA State police coverage which has gained attention by the Governor. She said she would be willing to pay \$25/person to get more PSP coverage. Duane Sellers commented that she misunderstood the proposal. That in fact, if a fee were imposed, it would be for the same coverage we currently have. For the Township to incur such an unbudgeted amount, the Township would have to impose a tax. He also stated that Les Houck with Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors and Sadsbury Township went on record that the last graduating

cadets were primarily assigned to the Philadelphia area. Comment was also heard from Wayne Murray

Martic Township Park: Duane Sellers commented that he would like permission to begin looking into having a forester give an estimate on having the wood harvested. The Red Oaks are dying and this is a valuable, renewable resource that the Township could possibly use toward the cost of a new facility. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to have Duane solicit suggestions and proposals for the Martic Township park lumber. The motion passed 5-0.

Lancaster County Assoc of Township Supervisors' spring meeting and dinner will be held on March 29th. Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Beth Birchall, Charley Braught, Don Snyder and Karen Sellers will plan on attending. There is no cost involved.

Barb Stokes read another comment from Thomas Jones, who stated that he plans on protesting the assessment to Bryan Cutler, the Commissioners and LNP. Duane Sellers stated that the Township could also write a letter to the Commissioners. Comment was heard from Phil Wenger with LC Conservancy that everyone should check the percentage of their increase, because if it is at 30% or lower, there is a possibility that their taxes may go down. Cathy David also commented on the possibility of the School Taxes being lowered.

Dave Walter with Rawlinsville Fire Company stated that RVFC will be having their annual mud sale on April 8, 2017. They will be accepting donations.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager