

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: March 7, 2016

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 7:02 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion and was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 1, 2016. With no questions asked, a motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Murray 63 Bethesda Church Rd E, commented on the icy conditions that are located on Drytown Road at the Drytown Rd and Martic Heights Dr intersection. It appears that a spring may be coming from a property. Denny Shenk ZO commented that he's had problems in past years with a resident on Truce Rd pumping water onto the roadway; however this appears to be a new problem. Duane Sellers stated that both Drytown Road and Martic Heights Dr are state roads and if PennDOT has icing issues on their roadways that they must address it. Comment was also heard from Daphne Hathaway 152 Old Holtwood Rd.

Brian Resh 1153 Marticville Road commented on the paving job that was done on Loop Rd a couple of years ago. He stated that when it rains he has water running onto his property. He feels that the township should install stormwater drains and curbing. The Road Foreman will stop out and assess the situation.

Dave Walter – RVFC president, commented on the number of brush fires due to the dry conditions. He also wanted to warn drivers who drive Martic Heights Drive, early in the morning, due to the morning sun-glare, to slow down. He also commented on drag racers racing on Martic Heights Drive, past his sister-in-laws property. He wondered if the township could ask for more of a police presence along this roadway. He did see the police had one of the vehicles pulled over at the elementary school.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 03-07-16 A Floodplain Ordinance. Duane Sellers stated that this ordinance is an updated ordinance mandated by FEMA. This ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and LC Planning Commission and duly advertised. The ordinance was enacted by roll call vote: 5-0.

Ordinance 03-07-16 B Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Duane Sellers stated that the Township was notified a year ago by the Lanc Co Planning Commission, that they were repealing their SALDO effective April 2016. Martic was then required to create and administer its own Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. This ordinance has been reviewed by both the LC Planning Commission and our Planning Commission and duly advertised. The ordinance was enacted by roll call vote: 5-0.

With the enactment of the SALDO, the solicitor recommended that a review committee be established.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to have on that review committee, the Township engineer, solicitor, Zoning Officer, Manager, Charlie Braught and Don Snyder as the Board's alternative. The motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 03-07-16 Fee Schedule, which includes the new SALDO fees. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel to accept the new Fee Schedule. The motion passed 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2015 Township audit has been completed. A report was given by Daphne Hathaway, Barb Stokes, and Judy Duke the Township's elected auditors. Per Daphne Hathaway, the audit has been completed and books are in good shape. They do have recommendations for procedural changes. Duane Sellers thanked them for conducting and reviewing the Township's books. Charlie Braught commented on how fortunate the township is to have elected auditors who have such comprehensive knowledge of accounting. He is very impressed by their thoroughness and thanked them for conducting the audit.

Wilson Consulting notified the Board prior to the February meeting and the Board tabled discussion until the March meeting so they would have time to review the paperwork, that Martic, along with Conestoga Township, did receive approval of grant money for the resurfacing of our portion of the rail trail. Carl Drexel commented on the fact that we still have issues with the 324 crossing and PennDOT must still correct this dangerous situation and maybe this will be the push that the state needs to address the safety concerns. Comment was heard from Wayne Murray and Barb Stokes. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to move forward with the grant process. The motion passed 5-0.

Road Department:

Tim Kiehl read the road report for February:

- The week of February 1: checked and cleaned storm inlets, T-06 went to the garage for work to be done. Winter event on the 2nd, spot salted, repaired flat tires, worked on FEMA snow event information, replaced signage as needed, cutting edges ordered for plows, ran generators, fire pond work continued.
- The week of February 7: equipment maintenance, winter event, plowed, worked on drifts, salted
- The week of February 14: spot salted, installed new cutting edges, welding took place on plows, PSATS seminar
- The week of February 21: began tree work on Steinman Farm Road, checked roads during rain event, storm clean up

Tim Kiehl announced that he requested rough quotes from Stephenson Equipment for the trade-in value of the grader and our Tiger boom mower, to be replaced by a new 4WD boom mower with a broom and plow attachments. The trade-in on the grader is due to lack of use and the Tiger mower was purchased with the intention to use it to knock back all areas around the township that needed it and to then trade it in for a newer model. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to pursue this and to have Tim Kiehl obtain concrete prices for the trade-in of the grader and the mower and the Board will take a look at the information at the April meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 3 zoning permits issued 3 certificate of occupancy permits were issued in February.

The SEO Report shows: 2 permits and 1 inspection were done in February.

February 2016 bills: Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Charley Braught, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 46,333.89. 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. Barb Stokes asked about the Jared's Lawn service invoice. Beth Birchall answered it was for tree removal service along Steinman Farm Road, where the proposed paving will be taking place. She also asked if the A/P report and the Treasurer's reports were run on different days. Beth Birchall stated that they were since invoices that came in today's mail were added and then the A/P report was run.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Kiehl, Martic's Road Foreman, presented the proposed 2016 road work:

Paving: Steinman Farm Road portion (Hilldale Rd – Red Hill Rd) A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Don Snyder to advertise the Paving bid packet for opening on April 4th. The motion passed 5-0.

Oil & Chip: Bethesda Church Rd W (Hilldale Rd – Muddy Run entrance) & Street Rd (Old Pinnacle Road – guardrail going East) & Hilldale Rd (Martic Heights Dr – Rt 324) Comment was heard from Wayne Murray as to where this portion of Bethesda Church Rd is located. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to advertise the Oil & Chip packets for opening on April 4th. The motion passed 5-0.

Stone: various stone sizes and quantities. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to advertise the Stone packets for opening on April 4th. The motion passed 5-0.

Lancaster County Assoc of Township Supervisors' spring meeting and dinner will be held on March 29th. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and Don Snyder to send, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Beth Birchall, Charley Braught, Don Snyder and Karen Sellers. The motion passed 5-0.

After several months of trying to obtain proposals on the gutter replacement at 364 Steinman Farm Road rental, S Smucker & Sons, Inc. provided a quote of \$1,750.00. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Beth Birchall to except the bid. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Wayne Murray.

Tim Kiehl asked the Board to reconsider the starting rate for new part-time employees. The current rate is \$17.40/per hour. These employees are utilized during winter events. Tim's concern is that he won't be able to keep new help around. After discussion, Charley Braught made a motion, which died due to a lack of a second, to keep the same rate and at the Road Foreman's recommendation; to raise it beginning January 2017. More discussion and scenarios were heard. Carl Drexel commented that the decision to move part-time employees to the regular rate should be by recommendation of the Road Foreman. Comment was heard from Wayne Murray. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder that if any more snow events happen before the end of 2016, to raise the rate for Mr. Metzler to the regular part-time rate of \$23.87/per hour and if no events happen in 2016, to raise it in 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

The PSATS Convention will be held April 17-20, 2016, in Hershey, PA. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to send Tim Kiehl. The motion passed 5-0.

Two requests were received from the LC Conservancy. The first request is a letter of support in their endeavor to obtain grant money to purchase a 43.9 acre parcel of ground. Duane Sellers commented that they are the largest land owner in Martic Township and they have eroded our tax basin due to their tax exempt classification, he is not in favor of sending a letter of support for them to gain more property. Comment was heard from Dave Walters, President of the RVFC that the Conservancy has shown very little support to the fire company. Comment was also heard from Barb Stokes and Wayne Murray. Discussion continued and a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Charlie Braught to send them a letter but stating Martic is not supporting this effort. The motion passed 5-0. A second request was received from the Conservancy, asking for a letter of support in their endeavors to receive grant money to expand and grow their Susquehanna Riverlands Research & Education Center at 226 Frogtown Road. This would allow them to increase nature awareness and build a stronger environmental connection through outreach activities by offering hands-on educational programming. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to send a letter of support for this effort. The motion passed 5-0.

The RVFC Police notified the Township that they were asked to help at Bart Fire Companies mud sales on March 5 & 19th and also at the Robert Fulton Fire Companies mud sale on April 2nd. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes that one of the auditor's recommendations was to re-notify the fire company, police and auxiliary that all notifications must be received prior to the BOS meeting for recognition or they disqualify themselves under worker's compensation insurance. Dave Walters said he would remind

everyone.

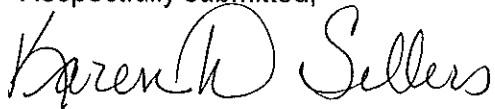
The RVFC Auxiliary also notified the Township that they will be having food sales on May 7th and May 14th.

Dave Walters commented that the RVFC's mud sale is scheduled for April 9th. If anyone is interested in dropping off items for the sale, you can on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the sale.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen D. Sellers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager