

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 4, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, John Ulaky 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.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by John Ulaky to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 1, 2018. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

John Ulaky made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for the payment of the May invoices totaling \$ 19,282.73. The motion passed 5-0

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUPERVISORS:

The Martic Township Planning Commission met on May 17th but tabled the requested review until their June 21, 2018 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelly Shoff, 245 Douts Hill Road, Commented again on Green N Grow and the continued problems she is having with trash, dust and multiple health concerns.

She also commented on vehicles being broken into in the community, primarily unlocked vehicles. Her neighbors have been shooting off 'stuff' and detonating explosives in the evenings. She has called the PA State Police.

She commented on the township's rental property and the numerous vehicles that come and go. Dan Malloy, 203 Douts Hill Road commented on the health issues he is having with Green N Grow. Terry McDonald, 688 Martic Heights Drive commented Mr. Malloy needs to start documenting everything and to send it to DEP, Representative Cutler and the Township.

Chrissi Fair, 605 Tucquan Glen Road, commented on Tucquan Glen and the trespassers onto her property along with the trash. Duane Sellers explained that she should contact the LC Conservancy, since they are her neighboring property and the people are coming from the LCC property. Carl Drexel commented on a letter the Township received earlier in the day from the LCC, regarding the continuing problems at Tucquan Glen. Duane Sellers stated that this has been an ongoing issue for years and it is not getting better. Tucquan Glen used to be a pristine area, but it is ruined since LCC took ownership of the area. Comment was heard from Terry McDonald.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Short-term rentals: Information has been received from neighboring Townships along with information from Commonwealth Code. After much discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to have the Township's solicitor begin drafting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include regulations for Short Term rentals, such as AirBnB and VRBO. This amendment would include the requirement for a Special Exception by the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Chrissi Fair, Kelly Shoff and Todd Simone.

Trestle Bridge update: Duane Sellers commented that a meeting was held on May 21st, which included representatives from DCNR, LC Planning Commission, Conestoga Twp and Wilson Consulting Group. Both Townships received \$500,000 from insurance, however with clean-up costs; both Townships could dedicate \$200,000 each toward the rebuild. The recovery will be addressed in two phases. Phase 1 will involve engineering review of repairs. A grant request was filed for \$250,000 to help fund this effort. Phase 2 will make the structural repairs and install a new concrete deck. It is estimated that the project will be over \$ 1 million and require grant money to complete. The process could take 2-5 years to complete. The permanent 8' chain-linked fence will be installed on both sides of the bridge. This will allow the Townships to close the bridge for repairs. Duane Sellers stated that the PSP investigation is still ongoing. Comment was heard from Terry McDonald.

Township cell phones: Martic has received a quote from Verizon regarding cell phones for the Supervisors and the Road Foreman. Unlimited minutes with a smart phone would cost \$50.05/per phone each month and for 400 minutes would cost \$49.35/per phone each month. It was also decided that the Zoning Officer should have a phone. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to contract with Verizon for the unlimited plan and get 7 phones. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Dave Walters, 477 Martic Heights Drive and Todd Simone.

Road Department:

Todd Simone, Road Foreman, read the report for May 2018:

5/1 – 5/3: Stone and graded, rolled and graded Horse Hollow Road. Bethesda Church Road W shoulder work and gutter cleaning. Fixed issues for paving and base repair. Swept roadways, Quail Run swale fix.

5-7 – 5/10: Base repair on Bethesda Church Road W, Lakewood Drive, Oak Glen and Magnolia Drive. T25 repair.

5/14 – 5/17: ROW mowing. Stone under Trestle Bridge. Drytown Road (Twp portion) Stormwater start. Storm cleanup. Met with Williams for repairing roadways. Cut and trim on Pinnacle Road T61 repair, Mounted conveyor on T04. Road counts. Saw cut for pipes, Road planning.

5/21 – 5/24: ROW mowing throughout the Township. Horse Hollow, 2 trees down and washout repair. Saw cut roads for pipes. Cleaned trucks. Road counts. Continued Stormwater at Holtwood park, 3 pipes out, 2 pipes in.

5/28 – 5/31: ROW mowing continued. T06 repair. Spot chipped Nissley Lane, Tucquan Glen Road and Maple Springs. Picked up trash 15 t6on of blacktop to Holtwood for trench repairs.

Sealcoat to start: 6/5/2018 – Old Holtwood Road, Crystal Drive, Street Road & Drytown Road (Twp portion).

Paving to start: 6/6/2018 – Bethesda Church Road W @ Muddy Run Park, then to Pinnacle Road.

Pa One Call Safety Day – Free for 4 road crew. Thursday, June 28, 2018. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by John Ulaky to have the road department attend the PA One Safety Day. The motion passed 5-0.

John Ulaky commented that Crilon has removed all of their equipment. The closed signs can be pulled and the easterly portion of the trail can be reopened. Also the Township manager will update the Township's website. Comment was heard from Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 4 building and 5 zoning permits, and 1 Certificate of Use permit was issued in May.

The SEO Report shows: 4 perc and probes and 6 sewage permits were issued in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 06-04-18 – Pension Plan document. A plan document is the legal governing document for the pension plan based on the specifications of the resolution passed when the plan was started. Passed by roll call vote: 5-0.

Storm Water Management Ordinance Amendment for High Tunnels: Governor Wolf passed a law, ACT 15 of 2018, which exempts High Tunnels (Greenhouses) from the required Storm Water Management

regulations, but attached several conditional qualification requirements. To qualify for the exemption for SWM only, an applicant must provide proof that the conditions have been met. This does not exempt an applicant from being required to get a permit to build a greenhouse. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by John Ulaky to have the Township's solicitor draft the SWM Ordinance amendment for High Tunnels. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to grant a waiver from the requirements of the Storm Water Management Ordinance to obtain a storm water permit or approval of a storm water management site plan to any landowner seeking to install a high tunnel, as defined in ACT 15 of 2018, which meets all requirements of ACT 15 of 2018 to be exempt from the requirements of a watershed storm water management ordinance. The motion passed 5-0.

RVFC notices:

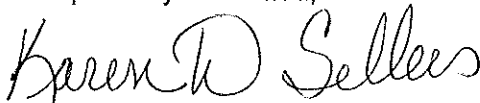
Auxiliary: food sale at 1932 Robert Fulton Hwy, Quarryville, on June 23, 2018.

RVFC: Victor Ressler, President of the fire company commented on their last fund drive. They did have a higher than normal donation and contributed it, in part, to the Township's newsletter, however it doesn't come close to what is needed for the tanker refurbishment. They just came from a presentation at Providence Township's meeting and those supervisors need more information. The new refurbishment quote is \$550,000 and the longer they wait the higher the dollar amount. An alternative idea is to run the tanker until it cannot be run any longer and then just do without one. To replace with a new tanker the cost is approximately \$800,000. Duane Sellers commented that if the people of Martic do not step up with donations, the only alternative is a fire tax and the Township is getting closer to making this a reality. Gale Stone, member of RVFC, commented that more people didn't give with the last fund drive, just the dollar amounts that were given went up. Duane Sellers stated that a meeting needs to happen between Providence and Drumore Township's as they benefit from RVFC services. Carl Strickler, RVFC Chief commented on how the equipment costs keep rising and volunteerism has decreased. Beth Birchall suggested that the Township consider committing \$100,000 but to also form a committee, two members from RVFC and two Supervisors, to meet with the other townships. Carl Drexel isn't in favor of committing money until after they have met with Providence and Drumore reps. He also stated that if a fire tax is enacted, the donations will go away. Dave Walter 477 Martic Heights Dr, former President of RVFC stated that chicken bar-b-que fund raiser only brings in ~ \$12,000 and the people who run it donate their time to an all day event, from set-up to clean-up. What people do not realize is the commitment that the fire company volunteers make to run with the fire company. The average is one call a day plus the numerous hours of training and fund raising. It takes money to run a fire company, besides the maintenance of their dated equipment, the buildings need upkeep. Comment was also heard from Todd Simone, Jim Hearn and Kelly Shoff. Duane Sellers stated, unfortunately, with no funding avenue in place they only thing that can be done is a fire tax..

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm with a motion made by Don Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager

