

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: October 2, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Jay Kreider and Charles Stouff were present.

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Budget Workshop Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2023. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$251,175.43. The motion passed 5-0.

SUPERVISOR'S PLAN REVIEW:

562 Hilldale Road – Storm Water Management Plan Amos E. Stoltzfus, Abner Stoltzfus & Daniel Stoltzfus with Robert Visniski of RAV Associates presenting.

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the waiver request of Section 302.A.2.c of the SALDO for Loading Ratios. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for 562 Hilldale Rd – Amos E. Stoltzfus, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant posts financial security, in the amount of \$48,566.71; and completes the Financial Security Agreement (Escrow Agreement) with the Township.
2. That the applicant addresses all comments from the Township engineer and solicitor.
3. That approval is granted for the NPDES permit from DEP.
4. That the Storm Water Management Agreement is executed and along with the Storm Water Plan, are recorded at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office within 30 days after the release of the plan by the Township and that proof of said recordings are provided to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

Spencer & Dhari Glass, 1485 Holtwood Road, Storm Water Management Plan – request for release of remaining Financial Security. Notice was received from Brian Gilbert with Solanco Engineering Associates, that all storm water management inspections are complete and an As-Built has been received, therefore he recommends releasing the remaining posted financial security. A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Duane Sellers to release the remaining \$5,500. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brad and Melissa Anderson, 43 Deerfield Dr, commented on the neighbor's placement of stones and a tarp in the right-of-way, which is eroding the ground in front of their property. Their dispute has been an on-going issue for several years. Dave Williams has been gathering information regarding who exactly is responsible for the ROW in Lakewood Estates. He is always in the area when storms come through to monitor the situation. His concern is keeping the water off the roadways and in the ROW. Duane

Sellers will contact the Township's attorney for an opinion and both he and the Road Foreman will make a decision as to whether or not they will allow the stones and tarp to remain. Whatever is determined at this location; will affect the whole township with regards to how we maintain the right-of-ways.

Robert Banzhof, 660 Sandhill (Conestoga Twp) does own some property in Martic was permitted to speak. He commented on the situation in Conestoga Township regarding the Sickman's Mill tubing business. He does have party status during the Zoning Hearings currently taking place. Melissa Anderson, the court reporter for the proceedings and Martic's ZHB Chairman explained to him that Martic's Supervisors cannot affect the outcome of the proceeding taking place in Conestoga. The business is wholly in Conestoga and not in Martic. As was explained at last month's meeting, by Duane Sellers, the waterway is state regulated, and the roadways are public roads. Martic cannot regulate either of these. David Hartenstein, 90 Loop Road claimed that 773 Marticville Road has leased to Sickman's Mill, a location to get out of the stream. Melissa Anderson stated that none of that information has been brought up during the meeting and his statement is only 'hearsay'. She did state that Mr. Banzhof should ask, during the zhb meeting, if he has leased any property. Comments were also heard from Ryan Fisher, 161 Martic Heights Dr and Laura Witmer, 660 Bridge Valley Road.

RAIL TRAIL & 324 CROSSOVER

Carl Drexel stated that, after checking with the Township's attorney, the road department will relay the pipe at the 324 Crossover, that CriLon installed incorrectly. This work will take place the week of October 16th and during this time, Martic's portion will be closed. Signs will be posted in advance alerting the public. It has also been posted on the Township's website and Charles Stouff will get in on Facebook. Comment was heard from Brad Anderson.

Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive asked if we should allow yard signs, which are promoting events outside of Martic. Duane Sellers stated he is not in favor of allowing any signage. Beth Birchall stated that typically whoever places them does come through and pick them up, after the event, such as the RVFC chicken bar-b-que notices.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for September.

Week of September 3rd

Observe Labor Day Holiday. Road check. Take chainsaw to shop for repair. Cut trees on Old River. Weed spray remaining guiderails, signs and delineators. Mowing on multiple roads. Patch holes on Drytown. Cut trees on Old Holtwood. Go to Dunmore to look at new truck.

Week of September 10th

Dave on vacation. Road check. Pick up chainsaw from shop. Respond to tree down on wires blocking Fox Hollow. Grease John Deere tractor and backhoe. Wash John Deere tractor and T-05, T-90 and T-91. Respond to trees down on wires blocking Pennsy. Straighten up shop and sweep floors. Mowing.

Week of September 17th

Road check. Storm cleanup on Tucquan Glen. Paving repair work on Pencroft N., Tucquan Glen, McKelvey, Bethesda W., and Drytown. Mowing. Check roads to be line painted. Paint lines. Pull accumulated logs, stumps and brush behind salt shed out into field to be burned. Pick up new seat bottom for pickup and install. Take T-06 to welding shop for assessment. Check and open pipes and grates on all roads in anticipation of heavy rain.

Week of September 24th

State Police call out for tree down on Oak Glen. Burn brush pile. Mowing. Cut trees on Magnolia and Tucquan Glen. Install new delineators on Pencroft S. and Tucquan Glen. Repair road name sign on Pencroft S. Spread 2A on Tucquan Glen and Horse Hollow. Pick up filters and service T-91. Meet with 2-way radio representative. Cut trees for 2 days on Loop.

Brad Anderson commented on tree cutting in Martic.

Wendy Dr. – Storm Water issues. While investigating the situation, it has been determined that a pipe

must be placed to take the water off the roadway and to direct it into a low area, currently owned by the Lanc Conservancy. Dave Williams will contact the homeowner that the Township will be placing a pipe. Also, while visiting the site with Dave Williams, Duane Sellers was able to speak with the current property owner that owns the pond, about installing a dry hydrant. He is fine with the Township installing the hydrant and allowing the fire company to maintain it.

Zoning Officer Report: 6 building, 6 zoning permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Non-Uniform Pension Minimal Municipal Obligation: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to approve, for the employees, the Martic 2024 MMO of \$20,935. The motion passed 5-0.

Mt. Nebo UMC requested the use of the Township's parking lot for parking only, during their Trunk or Treat event, to be held on October 25th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. This was noted for the record.

Added to the Agenda by motion:

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda discussion of the Township's radios. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers stated that the Township has received a quote to replace our analog repeater radios with digital radios. The current radios were purchased in 2002 and are using old technology and will be shut down at the end of 2024. Triangle Communications has quoted the Township, using a CoStars rate of \$6,134, which includes installation. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to purchase the new radios for \$6,134. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to add to the agenda discussion of the ICS with regards to banking. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall stated that when Bank of Bird-in-Hand made their presentation they said that any funds over \$250,000, are not federally insured, therefore they offer a program called Internal Cash Sweep (ICS) which doles out those funds to neighboring participating banks in \$250,000 increments to guarantee they are federally insured. She only just found out that there is a form to be completed to activate this service. BBIH has the administration of the funds and when needed she only needs to contact BBIH to have the funds transferred back into our account. She will check whether we will get a list of the participating banks and get to choose which ones we want to use, based on their current interest rates. Further discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled on October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for a work session and November 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. both at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager