

MARTIC TOWNSHIP  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** December 3, 2012

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall, Ted Irwin, Carl Drexel and Richard Drumm, Jr. 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**

Ted Irwin made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2012 Supervisors Meeting with the addition of the (5-0) count added to the Quarryville Library motion. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 1, 2012. With no questions, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Keith Dussinger of Steinman Farm Road gave public comment regarding the requirements of Developer's of subdivisions. He is currently developing/sub-dividing his property between Steinman Farm Road and Martic Heights Dr. He questioned and asked if the Board would consider waiving all of the requirements that is being asked of him, as a developer. Carl Drexel and Duane Sellers explained that they have been researching, per Mr. Metzler's request from the Nov. meeting, where these requirements are coming from. And if he is referring to his Stormwater Management Agreement, the requirements are from Lanc. Co. Planning Commission, not Martic Twp. and the Board cannot waive these requirements. If he is referring to a Septic Agreement, those recommendations for requirements are being made by DEP. Duane Sellers explained that for Sewage, the liability, if enforcement is required, doesn't fall on the developer or the land owner, it falls on the Township. If the Township would grant waivers, then the township would be held liable for the correction and/or maintenance of a defunct system. Letter of credits are put in place to guarantee that the funds are in place, should the system have problems. There are reductions built into them, as the years go by. Foxridge Development, as an example, on Frogtown Road, Mr. Porterfield's development, required a Letter of Credit to be in place for his leach pits. As those leach pits are finished, he may ask for a reduction in his Letter of Credit. For this project, we are down to still holding 10% of his initial letter of credit, because though the leach pits have been started, they have yet to be completed and until they are completed, the township will continue to hold that money. The Township engineer is who must go out and inspect the project(s), as requests for reduction are made. Duane Sellers recommended that if Mr. Dussinger has questions, get a list of his questions together so that they can be passed onto our engineer. Engineer to Engineer is who works back and forth to get any issues resolved.

Mr. Dussinger questioned the Township engineer's invoices. He asked if he could have a more detailed invoice explaining what work was done. The secretary will contact Wilson and ask them to provide this information for Mr. Dussinger.

Mr. Dussinger commented that the Township park map is incorrect and it shows a portion of his property as being part of the park. We will contact the Conservancy and ask them to provide an updated map for the Township to use.

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Doug Metzler commented on the ability that the Township does have to grant waivers, regarding septic agreements. Duane Sellers explained that the Township never said we could not grant waivers, but is it in the best interest of the Township to grant those waivers? The Board's responsibility is to the entire township, not just a couple of individuals. Financial protection is given by law that the Township can require it. After researching, other Townships do require financial security, for similar septic agreements. Also, a similar system, to Mr. Metzler's, was done in Martic Township in 2005 and the Board at that time did require financial security to be in place. According to the agreement, it was for the life of the system, however after 3 years, for some reason, the financial security was waived by a previous board. Mr. Metzler feels that this Board has a different administrative view than what was exhibited in the past. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes.

Sherri Seachrist of 311 Hilldale Rd. commented on some of her neighbors properties. 250 Hilldale Rd. & 324 Hilldale Rd. have various vehicles sitting around their yards and 250 Hilldale Rd. has trash piled up on the porch, yard and in his basement. The Zoning Officer would look into it.

She also commented on the No Horseback Riding policy that is on the Rail Trail. She asked the Board to reconsider this policy and to allow horseback riding on the trail. At this time, the Board is standing by the No Horseback Riding policy.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Notice of the 2013 Budget was advertised and posted at the township office. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the 2013 budget. The motion passed (5-0). Duane Sellers commented that there was an approximate decrease of \$35,000 from the 2012 budget.

A 3 meeting delay waiver request was made by John Coldiron, on behalf of Henry Riehl @ 350 Drytown Road for the LC Planning Commission. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Richard Drumm, to grant the requested waiver. The motion passed (5-0).

The Martic Township Planning Commission met on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, due to lack of representation, they tabled the Sewage Planning Module for the proposed 109 Hilldale Road subdivision until their December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Risser Grain expansion project waiver request was also discussed and they made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to defer the review to Drumore Township.

Risser Grain waiver request: A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to defer the review of the Risser Grain expansion plan to Drumore Township, since the land development plan does not impact Martic Township.

Linda Robinson spoke on behalf of the Quarryville Library, updating the Board and the residents as to some of the things that are going on at the Quarryville Library. In regards to the state of the economy, the library has been busier than ever. Patrons are utilizing the free internet, by searching for work with the library computers. There is also, free training/classes being offered at the library, to help people to try and obtain work. Quarryville Library offers several different children's programs, throughout the year. The libraries have seen an increase in library use; however they are working with much smaller funding. The Library has had several fund-raisers through-out the year to help with their finances; however they also need the support of the Townships. She thanked the Board for the Township's donation to the Library and stated that it is very much appreciated.

Financial security requirement for subdivision's using a spray irrigation sewage system, after discussion and comment being heard from Mr. Metzler, A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to require a letter of credit, based on DEP's allowed regulations, of 50% of the cost of the system, for the first two years and then drop it down to 10%, which would be held for the life of the system. The motion passed (5-0).

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Upon review of the updated Developer's letter, a motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the use of the Developer's letter for all sub-divisions. The motion passed (5-0).

Mike Rankin gave the Road Master's report: For the month of November, Kim and Bill had both taken off work for vacation and hunting. The Road Department has had two times they have gotten ready for storms. They were all dressed up with nowhere to go the first time and they did salt on the second storm. The Road Department is 100% ready for any snow events that will come. For the month of December they will be starting to clear and grub, Hilldale Road and then Pencroft North, as these roads are getting contractor work done next year. When they get these roads done, they will continue to clear areas throughout the township. Mike Rankin also brought to the Boards attention an ongoing issue that the Township has had at 96 Creamery Road, the Steven Fisher farm. Mr. Fisher, in attempting to slow down his team, has rundown the side/edge of the roadway to the point where the roadway is breaking away. Mr. Fisher was told about this over a year ago by the Road Master and Supervisor Sellers. It was noted that letters have been sent previously to this property regarding roadway issues. Also, it was brought to the Road Master's attention by Eshbach buses, that earlier this week liquid manure was all over the roadway and a bus slipped on the roadway. The Board authorized the secretary to contact DEP and to send another letter to Mr. Fisher, advising him that DEP was contacted about the liquid manure and that the sides of the road are not to be damaged anymore. Mike Rankin stated that he is intending, in the near future, to fill in the edges of that portion of roadway with larger rocks.

364 Steinman Farm Rd.: Ted Irwin updated the Board that the township has new tenants for 362 Steinman Farm Road. They are expecting to move in January 1, 2013. Ted will contact David Stokes about getting the spouting work done, preferably before the new tenants move in. Also, he will go through the house and check the appliances. Ted will contact Jim Montgomery, a licensed electrician about walking through the house with him, to check the electrical outlets, etc. He will also look into the sump pump to see that it gets connected. Ted Irwin also commented that he was contacted by the renters at 631 Martic Heights Dr. about an issue they had with squirrels. Ted has contacted someone about blocking off and repairing the damage that the squirrels have done to this property.

Lease amounts for 2013 rental properties: After discussion, Beth Birchall made a motion to increase both 631 Martic Heights Dr. and 330 Hilldale Road lease amounts by \$25/month. The motion died for a lack of a second. Richard Drumm made a motion, which was seconded by Ted Irwin, to increase 330 Hilldale Road by \$25/month for 2013, but to keep 631 Martic Heights Drive the same as 2012. The motion passed (3-2) with Duane Sellers and Beth Birchall both opposing. Beth Birchall commented that there are more issues at 631 Martic Heights Dr. Duane Sellers commented that due to the economy, he would like to have seen the rents stay the same for both properties, with no increases. Carl Drexel commented that we held off increasing the rent at 330 Hilldale Rd. last year. Comments were also heard from Doug Metzler and Barb Stokes.

Carl Strickler, RVFC chief, commented on the Boards decision at their November meeting regarding the Boards stance on the proposed Dry Hydrants agreement. Ted Irwin stated that the Board has considerable recommendation that the Township not take ownership of the hydrants. Carl Strickler's main concern is what if the property owner would ever sell the property and the new owner would want to get rid of the dry hydrant, what then? Ted Irwin commented that it is in the agreement that the dry hydrants are owned by the fire company. Carl Strickler did state that he would like to put something in the newsletter and that he also would like to hold a forum at the fire hall for the community to explain what dry hydrants are and to answer any questions the community might have. The Board all agreed that this would be an excellent idea.

Fire Companies Township donation: After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm to base the township's donation to the fire companies on the % of calls, therefore 65% to RVFC and 35% to PVFC. The motion passed (5-0).

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 1 new construction, 1 minor land and 4 other permits were issued in November 2012.

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The SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe were issued in November 2012.

**NEW BUSINESS**

November 2012 invoices: Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Ted Irwin to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$33.23 and Cassel Signs for \$650.00 which brings the total to: \$33,468.79. The motion passed (5-0).

Our Zoning Ordinance requires setting a fee for annual renewals on temporary use & occupancy permits on permanent second dwellings such as a dawdi haus. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to set the annual fee for the Temporary Use & Occupancy permits at \$50.00. The motion passed (5-0). Barb Stokes commented that there are a number of these dwellings already in the township; would the Board be requiring this fee for those? The answer was no, however there was one from 2011 which is being incorporated in because they were told at their ZHB to expect this annual fee.

A request was made by Next Gen Services, formally known as the Solanco Senior Center, for a financial donation of \$500 from the surrounding townships. Beth Birchall asked how many of the people who are using their services, are from Martic? Carl Drexel asked if they could possibly provide some sort of report, which might show charts, diagrams and documentation of the different types of services they provide. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Richard Drumm to table the request until the requested information is received. The motion passed (5-0).

Duane Sellers commented that he and Beth Birchall have been having meetings with different banking institutes, because PNC has implemented several finance charges. They met with Susquehanna Bank, PNC and PLGIT (Pa Local Government Investment Trust). Many Townships, Authorities, Boroughs, Counties, Cities, schools, and other Government entities in PA, utilize PLGIT. One item that PLGIT offers is \$5 wire transfers vs PNC of \$50. They offer direct deposit at no cost vs PNC \$35 per month. Beth Birchall's suggestion was to have Susquehanna Bank as our local bank and to use PLGIT as well. Susquehanna is a local presence, where deposits can be made; PLGIT does not have actual locations. Susquehanna bank would be used to make our deposits to and then transfer the funds to PLGIT. We would only have a simple checking account at Susquehanna. Ted Irwin suggested starting out with two accounts, one at PLGIT and also at Susquehanna bank and if we find that we can do everything through PLGIT, then we could close the other account. Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to switch the general fund bank account to PLGIT, and to also open a simple checking account at Susquehanna bank, effective January 1, 2013. The motion passed (5-0). Comment was heard from Doug Metzler.

Lanc. County Emergency Management Services is planning a meeting at the Refton fire hall on December 13 and has requested that 1 Board member and the Road Master attend. Carl Drexel and Mike Rankin will plan on attending this meeting to discuss Municipal AED training.

Rawlinsville Auxiliary has notified the township of food sales on December 6 & 8<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Drumm commented that a resident has approached him about the township possibly selling the old fire truck that the road department uses. Mike Rankin stated that the road department does still use the fire truck; it comes in very handy and is a valuable resource. The road department is not interested in selling it at this time. Mike Rankin did recommend that the resident checkout Municibid, they might have something of interest there.

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The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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