

MARTIC TOWNSHIP  
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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

**DATE:** March 26, 2014

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

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

No public comment was received.

Road Department Winter follow-up report:

Bill Webber, interim Road Foreman, spoke on behalf of the Road Department. This was an especially difficult winter the Township has had. Salt purchases were over budget along with the cost of fuel. Because of issues they have been having with the fuel this winter, the secretary will find him a list of CoStar and Lanc Co Co-Op participants who provide fuel. He recommended that these budget items be increased for the 2015 budget.

He commented that the road crew members are not happy by the Board's request that they have their pesticide licenses. After discussion the Board would still like for them all to be certified.

It was discussed whether Lakewood could be paved 25' and give those roads shoulders. The secretary will look for the original road specs for the Lakewood development to see if anything is specified.

Bill Webber met with the PennDOT rep to discuss Red Hill Road (state owned) drainage issues. Red Hill is due to be paved this year and PennDOT asked if the township would consider allowing them to tie into the box on the other side of Clearview Road, the Township would then need to maintain this box

Equipment: The Red International and the JD Loader are two items that should be considered for replacement. The Loader while it still has value is too light for the Road Departments needs. The broom should also be replaced, the frame is bent, and brushes need replacing all of the time. Fees have already been put into the truck for repairs, this year. Equipment history only goes back 2 years, since they have implemented a tracking system. Bill Webber's choice would be to replace the loader before the truck, because of trade in value. Mike Rankin had previously begun gathering information on a new loader. Bill Webber would check into whether the dealer would still honor the information that Mike had received and report to the Board at their April meeting.

Damaged truck will be on Municibid later in the week.

The road department as a whole is definitely moving in the right direction, according to Bill Webber.

Pension- A motion from Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to table the proposed resolution until the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting because the roll over dollar amount hasn't been calculated yet by PSATS, for Karen Sellers' funds. The motion passed (5-0).

457 account agreement: Ted Irwin commented that this is a good thing to offer our employees and it is a good time to be doing this. Carl Drexel offered comment that this is very attractive to employees, that this puts the employees completely in control of their funds. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Carl Drexel to accept the 457 retirement savings plan as it is laid out in the agreement. The motion passed (5-0).

Martic has been contacted by Providence Township that there is another grant opportunity available to help fund the Enola Low Grade Trail. They were contacting all townships associated with the Intermunicipal Agreement for the trail to see if there was any interest in another joint participation. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Richard Drumm to pursue this venture. The motion passed (5-0).

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Beth Birchall commented that she recalled a possible grant opportunity to recoup some of the fire company merger funds. She will contact Russ Guthrie to check this out.

Duane Sellers commented that the SLCIMC is looking to gather information from its participating members on how everyone supports their fire companies. They will be looking for workers comp and insurance amounts, donations that the township might make to help support the fire companies, etc. SLCIMC is working towards keeping a fire tax at bay as long as possible.

Duane Sellers also stated that at the last SLCIMC, Bryan Cutler spoke on the newly passed transportation bill. He is recommending that all townships check first with their solicitor; however he believes that if the roads are split up and bid separately, it might be a way to keep the prevailing wage out of the road work and paving projects. Again, he stressed consulting with the township solicitor prior to bidding out the projects.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to appoint the Township Board of Supervisors Chairman to have the authorization to hire and fire, but only after discussion with the Board during an executive session. The motion passed (5-0).

Duane Sellers commented that Martic MOST held a bingo event at the VFW building and raised \$4000. This will offset the Veterans Day program fees, which is scheduled for November. It will also be used for postage and care package items, when they are shipped to service members currently serving overseas. He also commented that the VFW does a lot more for the community than what he realized.

An Executive Session will follow directly after this meeting to discuss Employee Matters.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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