

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 5, 2023

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

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

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 Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2023. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$17,784.50. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff to pay \$100,645.44 from the State fund (liquid fuels fund), to pay the paving company for the 2023 paving project. The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Richardson, 287 Loop Road commented on issues he is seeing with regards to the Sickman's Mill tubing business, which is based in Conestoga Township. He attended the Zoning Hearing Board in Conestoga Township, however, was not granted party status. Duane Sellers explained that the stream is regulated by the PA Fish & Game Commission. Our roadways are public roads, and we cannot deny anyone access to them. If the local property owner has given permission to allow the Sickman's Mill tubers to get out at their property, it is allowed. Carl Drexel suggested he contact the current people who were granted party status and give them a list of conditions that the ZHB can place on the business. Martic Township cannot interfere with the process that is going on in Conestoga Township. Comment was heard from Todd Simone, 184 Fox Hollow Road.

Elam Miller, 300 Douts Hill Road, is interested in renting the Township's field to graze his cows. Duane Sellers said at this time, the field is laying fallow and we should know shortly, the plans for the field.

QUARRYVILLE LIBRARY

Quarryville Library annual presentation / Peggy Gordon presented to the Board their annual statistics. Martic is their second highest doner, as the Board generously gives to the library every year. They do a lot of fund raising, have business and patron drives. The Passport business is a good business for them. They offer preschool, young people, along with Career Link opportunities for everyone. On behalf of the Library, she wanted to thank the Board for the continued support.

RAIL TRAIL & 324 CROSSOVER

Carl Drexel explained that the Township has been trying to discuss with Wilson the issues we had with the 324 Crossing, however they had showed no interest in moving forward. He has asked if we could fix the issue of the ill-placed pipe with the remaining funds, after having to pay Crilon. Dave Williams has checked, and he believes we could. Duane Sellers asked about the Performance Bond. After discussion, Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to check with the Township's solicitor as to what we need to do to assure the Performance Bond stays in place and proceed with getting the work done. The motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for August.

Week of August 6th

Cut tree on Fox Hollow. Put stone on outlet area of pipe on Pennsy. Mark roads for line painting. Take Mack to garage for inspection. Attended a PPL power line safety training. 3 days of storm cleanup.

Week of August 13th

Remove no parking signs on River. Put material on the back side of new curb on Pennsy. Weed spray guiderails, signs and delineators on all roads. Clean up downed trees on Bethesda West. Employee random drug test. Pick up Mack from garage. Asphalt repair work on Fox Hollow, Steinman Farm and Nissley. Mowing on multiple roads. Weed whacking at intersections.

Week of August 20th

Road check. Remove logs from inlets of pipes on Pennsy. Mow new building site. Pressure wash tractor and mower. Cut and Chip storm damage trees on Bethesda West. Pick up supplies from Gemmills. Repair pump on coolant drum in shop. Mowing multiple roads and Rail Trail.

Week of August 27th

Install new curve sign on Tucquan Glen. Clean up leftover storm damage on Old Holtwood and Crystal. Clean gutters on Magnolia. Mowing multiple roads and Rail Trail. Cut trees with loader on Clark Hill and Sellers.

Our Mack dump truck will not pass inspection, due to frame cracks. To repair it would be very costly. With this in mind, we have already been granted a Local Share Account Statewide grant, to purchase an already ordered Peterbilt truck. This truck will not be available until 2024. He checked around and there are two 2024 Freightliner trucks sitting on a lot, which can be upfitted with the dump body and snowplow which are ordered for the Peterbilt. If we do not do anything we will be short a plow truck for the upcoming winter season. After much discussion, a motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Duane Sellers to purchase the Freightliner truck and use the grant funds for the purchase. The motion passed 5-0. Comments were heard from Todd Simone and Bill Birchall, 303 Tucquan Glen Rd.

Pressure Washer: Dave Williams explained that our new pressure washer has arrived. Since it is a propane operated, he had looked at purchasing a cart. This will not work, since you cannot have propane tanks near the garage and trucks. They will place it on a skid and move it around with the skid loader. Comment was heard from Todd Simone regarding a particulate filter for the pressure washer. A motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Carl Drexel to purchase the pressure washer with a particulate filter and get quotes on installing a propane 'hard' line for the propane. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer Report: 3 building, 6 zoning permits were issued.

SEO Report: 3 perc and probes & inspections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

36 Deerfield Drive – Jim Reynolds proposed installing a storm sewer box in his right-of-way to catch any stones and rocks that wash down during rain events. Duane Sellers explained that the Township does not own the stormwater maintenance in Lakewood. We do, however own the right-of-way and if we spend extra for the area in front of his property, we would need to do the same through-out the Township. The swales were placed when the developers put Lakewood in. All approvals, at that time, were done by Lancaster County Planning Commission and not Martic. Jay Kreider asked what would happen if he were to sell the property and the next owner doesn't maintain the box like he does? Dave Williams has concerns because the culverts, already in place, have a pipe to allow the water to flow on through, what he is proposing would only be a box which would fill up with water. Mr. Reynolds was commended for maintaining his right-of-way as well as he does and if the rest of the Township's residents did the same thing, the Township would be a much better place.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 09-05-23 Short-Term Rental Amendment passed by roll call vote. 4-1 with Charles Stouff

voting against it.

Rawlinsville Vol Fire Company yearly incident tally has been submitted to the Township for review.

Flagger recertification for the Road Department. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and second by Charles Stouff to send Dave Williams, Justin McCracken, and Bill Birchall to the PSATS Flagger recertification training on December 6, 2023. The fee is \$55 per member. The motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled on September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for a work session and October 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. both at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager