

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 3, 2023

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2023. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to transfer Ginnie Mae General funds, \$123,374.06 to the PLGIT General Fund. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to transfer Ginnie Mae Capital funds, \$14,531.09 to the PLGIT Capital fund. The motion passed 4-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$85,646.94. The motion passed 4-0. Comment was heard from Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road.

2022 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Present was Judy Duke and Lori Eshleman, Martic's elected auditors. Robert Hostetter was absent. Lori Eshleman read the Auditor's letter to the Supervisors. She commented that all revenues and expenses were reviewed, and they confirmed fund balances. Procedural recommendations were made, and they encouraged the Supervisors, Manager and Treasurer to continue to use the strong audit controls that are in place. It was noted that this was Judy Duke last year to audit and her commitment to the job was greatly appreciated. Duane Sellers stated on behalf of the Supervisors, his appreciation to the Auditors for their commitment to conduct a thorough review of the Townships records.

MARTIC TOWNSHIP PARK – Forester presentation – tabled until a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steven Stewart 49 Tucquan Glen Road – commented on the Lot Line Change plan that was reviewed by the Supervisors at their March 6, 2023 meeting and conditionally approved. The Township's solicitor and engineer have stated that the plan, as presented to the Township, is a violation of the Township's Zoning Ordinance, as it would create a lot, without road frontage. Mr. Stewart asked the Supervisor's to approve the plan as presented, without conditions. He presented to the Supervisor documentation, going back to 1861, which called the access a private road. Only in later documents was it referred to as an easement. Duane Sellers stated that the Supervisors cannot decide if a roadway is deemed a road or not without consulting with the Solicitor. The Township manager will forward to the Township's solicitor and engineer the presented documents to rereview.

324 CROSSOVER

Carl Drexel commented that there have been discussions between the Township attorney and CriLon's attorney. The crossover was reevaluated by Rettew who stated that there are design and construction deficiencies and the work done by CriLon should not have been approved for payment by Wilson. As Wilson was representing the Township and did make the recommendation for payment, and due to the

Prompt Payment Act, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to authorize payment in the amount of \$88,303.76 to CriLon Corporation, conditioned upon CriLon accepting such payment in full satisfaction of any claims it has made or could make against Martic Township, including its agents, employees and representatives, arising from and/or relating to the SR 324 Crossing Improvements Project. The motion passed 4-0.

RAIL TRAIL

Additional Parking: Carl Drexel stated that he, along with Duane Sellers met with Jim Hearn and Dave Williams at the trail parking lot, to discuss the possibility of adding additional parking. An estimated 40-50 parking spots can be added, further along the trail to end at mile marker 10. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to add additional parking and use the donated rail trail funds to pay for it. This includes moving, or if needed, replacing the bollard to further down the rail trail. The motion passed 4-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for March

Week of March 5th

Call out for damaged Stop sign at Drytown and Hilldale. Cut trees with tree cutter on Nissley. Investigate problem with chipper and take chipper to Vermeer for evaluation. Two employees took Flagger Training. Cut trees on Steinman Farm. Put new Rail Trail benches together. Pick up new riser and grate and repair inlet box on Frogtown. Clean gutter on Frogtown. Open pipes on Frogtown and Covered Bridge. Clean gutter on Nissley. Repair School Bus Stop sign.

Week of March 12th

Clean gutters on Creamery and Douts Hill. Cut trees with tree cutter on Magnolia. Cut trees on Tucquan Glen and Ridge. Clean loose stone piles off of Clearview. Open pipe outlet on Tucquan Glen. Road check during high wind. Patch Drytown. Install new Stop and No Outlet signs on Clearview. Sort through shelves in shop.

Week of March 19th

Install new benches on Rail Trail. Move wood chips and boulders on Rail Trail. Pressure wash all trucks. Put stone in washed out shoulder on Hilldale. Drag Rail Trail. Cut high shoulder on Rail Trail. Inspect and mark pipe to be changed on Pennsy. Meet with tree cutter on Magnolia. Dave at LTAP Advisory Committee Meeting.

Week of March 26th

Road check. Clean up piles of debris from Rail Trail cleanup day. Put stone in washed out shoulder on Nissley and Tucquan Glen. Patch Nissley. Clean gutters on Pencroft South, Hilldale and Stump. Take chains and snowplow off of John Deere tractor and install broom. Sweep multiple roads. Make adapter for water tank to use for saw cutting roads for pipe changing. Take old paint from shop to transfer station. Clean loose stones off of Tucquan Glen, Park Lane and New Village.

Magnolia Drive – there were dead trees, however the homeowner took care of them.

Dave Williams stated that Martic Township did receive the Local Share Account Statewide grant program notice that we have been awarded \$189,617, which will be used for the purchase of a 2024 Peterbilt truck.

Zoning Officer Report: 4 building, 4 zoning permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard

NEW BUSINESS

None was heard

Additions to the agenda:

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda notice that Zoning Hearing Board alternate member, Bill Birchall has resigned and to appoint Laura Finberg as the new ZHB alternate member. The motion passed 4-0 to make the appointment.

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to add to the agenda the Rawlinsville Fire Company presentation. The motion passed 4-0. Victor Ressler, RVFC President, gave the annual highlights from 2022. He commented that they have begun the Public Safety Committee, which includes Township Supervisors and residents from Martic, Providence and Drumore Townships. He commented how difficult it is to get the Amish members certified, due to their beards. Emergency equipment, such as masks, cannot get a seal on the face. Because of the lack of certification, they do not qualify for grants. However, because of the Amish community, they have volunteer fire fighters. They are looking for more of a fixed income. Since Covid, they have had more donations, along with ARPA funds, which were given by the Townships, however these are once and done. Carl Strickler, RVFC Chief, commented on the refurbished Seagrave pumper and the benefits of being able to refurbish vs buying new. They were able to upgrade rescue tools, due to receiving ARPA funds. In 2022, they had 368 incidents. He presented information regarding the types of calls, along with the many challenges they are facing as a volunteer fire company.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to add to the agenda her request to transfer the interest earned from the ARPA account and the Trestle Grant account and place it into the PLGIT Capital account. The motion passed 4-0 to make the transfer.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager