

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: December 2, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, John Ulaky were present. Absent was Carl Drexel and Don Snyder.

CALL TO ORDER:

Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

An Executive Session was held on November 4, 2019 to discuss employee matters.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by John Ulaky, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2019. Beth Birchall commented on some of the Ginnie Mae accounts. Duane Sellers suggested the Ginnie Mae discussion be tabled until January 2020 meeting, when there will be a full Board present. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed 3-0.

John Ulaky made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$247,609.26. The motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Hearn 137 Hollow Woods Dr. and Rail Trail committee chairman commented that the proposed scope of work for the trail in 2019 has been completed. Several grants were issued and used to complete the work. He commented that the next round of grants was about to begin and must be filed with spring-time deadlines. He asked the Supervisors for some ideas for the next round. Duane Sellers suggested that the committee meet and brainstorm for ideas, the Supervisors could forward to him any ideas they may have. Duane Sellers recommended tabling the request until the January meeting when all the Supervisors will be present.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission met on November 21, 2019 to review a DEP Sewage module for Ammon & Malinda Stoltzfus, 15 St. Francis Way, Holtwood, PA.

SUPERVISORS PLAN REVIEWS:

Ammon & Malinda Stoltzfus, 15 St. Francis Way, Holtwood, PA, sewage module was presented by Brian Masterson with Register Associates. Mr. & Mrs. Stoltzfus were granted permission from the Zoning Hearing Board to build a second, permanent accessory dwelling at 15 St. Francis Way, Holtwood, PA. The Department of Environmental Protection does require a second septic system for permanent dwellings. The sewage enforcement officer, Marv Stoner has told them that they must install a Holding tank instead of a septic system. Martic Township does have in place a Holding Tank Ordinance and does require a Holding Tank agreement be completed and recorded with the property. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to approve the Sewage module for Ammon & Malinda Stoltzfus, 15 St. Francis Way, Holtwood, PA conditioned on a Holding Tank Agreement be completed and recorded at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds office. The motion passed 3-0.

Williams/Transco Gas Pipe Line Company LLC has submitted a Road Use Agreement and Permit Close out request and have requested the return of their posted securities. Duane Sellers stated that the Township's former Road Foreman, Todd Simone commented that working with Williams to access the installation of the pipeline, was a positive experience. The access areas were returned to better condition than they were before they began the work. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to return to Williams their posted Road Bond for \$15,000 and to return the remaining financial security of \$3,141. The motion passed 3-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Road Department: Duane Sellers stated that there was no road report provided for the meeting, however he knew that the road crew had been out trimming trees, cutting back the ailanthus trees along the rail trail, which is what the spotted lanternfly are attracted to. They fixed the water problem along the road at 367 Steinman Farm Road and have been continuing to prepare the trucks for the winter season.

Discussion has begun concerning the replacement of the F550 truck which was destroyed this past winter due to fire. The road department does use this type of vehicle to access the narrow roads and cul-da-sacs, for snow removal. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting, when the full board will be present.

Si Zimmerman, 197 Lakewood Drive, sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that they consider line painting the newly paved Lakewood development. Duane Sellers explained that the Board could no longer ignore the deteriorating roads in Lakewood and that is why they chose to pave the whole development in 2019 with no other roadways in the Township receiving paving. The roads in Lakewood are 50' roadways, when no other roads in Martic are over 33', which includes the right-of-way. It is too late in the year to line paint; however, the Board will consider the request for the 2020 season. Mr. Zimmerman commented that he loves the work that was done in Lakewood.

Zoning Officer Report: 6 building, 1 zoning and 1 driveway permits were issued; along with 4 Use and Occupancy permits and 1 Certificate of Use.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 1 septic inspection and 4 perc & probes and 2 septic permits.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2020 Budgets: General Fund and Liquid Fuels. Comment was heard from Mike Eshleman, 668 Bridge Valley Road regarding the funds that had been saved by past Boards and the thought process for implementing the tax. Duane Sellers explained that the Ginnie Mae investments, are only earning ½ of what they originally were, though they are still the best investments the Township has. The state's annual payment for Liquid Fuels is down and is not expected to rise. The Rawlinsville Fire Company needs help to continue operating. Their equipment is aging, and they just had a tanker refurbished instead of replacing it with new. Ambulance response in Martic, is one of the worse in Lancaster County, and they are working to improve that, which most likely will be a unit housed in the Marticville area. Storm Water was pushed onto the Township in 2014, without any funding. This is time-consuming, as the Township is required to track all the impervious surfaces. The Township's buildings need an upgrade. Our buildings are not energy efficient and we are constantly repairing them. East Drumore Township agreed to share their building plans with Martic, which saves money in the design of a new facility. John Ulaky stated that we could have waiting another year or two to implement the tax, however then it could have been 3-5% instead of just .51%. The other township in the County who don't have a municipal tax, have a revenue source, such as an incinerator. Vic Ressler, RVFC president, stated that the fire company a few years ago, implemented a 20-year plan and they try to be as economically fiscal as possible. Mr. Eshleman commented that the past Boards seemed to be only interested in saving funds and no thoughts were put into how to plan for any future expenditures.

He then asked if the Board's plan is to always keep 'X' amount in the bank and if so, what is that number. Duane Sellers said that this has been discussed by the Board and no one knows what that dollar amount should be. Because you never know when the federal, state or county will saddle the Township with another unfunded mandate that they will need to finance. After further discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to pass the 2020 General Fund budget with a projected \$1,196,250 income and \$1,154,050 expense. The motion passed 3-0. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to pass the 2020 Liquid Fuels budget with a projected \$413,006 income and \$378,990 expense. The motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Lindsay Pringle, the community health educator for Penn Medicine presented to the board their Young Lungs at Play program, which is through the Southeastern PA Tobacco Control project. She explained they are promoting no smoking or vaping in any parks or playgrounds. She requested that Board consider passing a Resolution stating their support and then Martic would be provided free signage to post in our designated areas. John Ulaky stated that the County has been doing it for a few years and he said they noticed the biggest difference at the county swimming pool. Martic has no playgrounds but we do have the Martic Township park and Rail Trail. She was given a copy of the already existing No Smoking Resolution that has been in place since 2012. She would look it over and make any suggestions for updating. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Consent agenda items. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to accept the consent agenda for the following appointments and township business to be effective January 1, 2020:

Legal Counsel – Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane

Engineering Firm – Wilson Consulting Group, PC

Depositories for Township funds – PLGIT, BB&T, Fulton Bank & Wells Fargo

Monthly Meetings Times & Dates –

Supervisors: 1st Monday of every month, except when it is a holiday or advertised differently.

Zoning Hearing Board: 2nd Thursday of every month (if needed)

Planning Commission: 3rd Thursday of every month (if needed)

Auditors: 1st Tuesday in January and the Supervisor's April meeting, for the Audit findings.

LC Earned Income Tax Bureau Reps – Ryan Strohecker/Manor Twp. Alternate: Ed Arnold/Millersville Borough

Zoning Hearing Board – Melissa Anderson, term to expire 12/31/2022

Planning Commission – Jon Kloppmann, Christopher High & Ralph Huber, terms to expire 12/31/2022

Pension Plan Administrator - PSATS

2020 Municipal Mowing – DWD Landscaping

The motion passed 3-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm with a motion by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager