

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session

DATE: October 21, 2015

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

ATTENDANCE: Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall and Carl Drexel were present. Ted Irwin and Richard Drumm Jr. were absent. Also present was Les Null, Road Foreman and Charley Braught.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Discussion continued on the 2016 Township budget:

Les Null updated the Board on the approximate cost of a new truck to replace the 1997 International. The estimated price from US Municipal would be \$140,000 for a new International. Duane Sellers would like to see the cost for a Peterbilt.

After reviewing the equipment maintenance spreadsheet, several items are going to need to be cycled out in the next couple of years; Duane Sellers commented on the new leasing program that Fulton Bank offers. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to contact Fulton Bank and ask them to make a presentation at the November meeting to see how this program might benefit us. Comment was heard from Charley Braught 40 Raven Crest, on the current equipment.

Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel both commented that they would like to see the Road Department use more of a premix, during wintery events, to help keep salt costs down. This will make the roads passable.

PennDOT is offering a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant. If awarded there is a 30% township match required. We may use Liquid Fuels money as the match. After checking our available funds, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to maximize the road projects up to \$900,000 and then apply for the grant. The motion passed 3-0. This would be a great opportunity to do major road repair/rebuilding projects.

Municipal Statistics reports were reviewed and after discussion, Karen Sellers will check on who sets the Earned Income tax % that the township receives, along with the Realty Transfer Tax %.

Employee raises were discussed, for budgetary planning.

2016 Lease agreements were discussed. Since the township did not raise the rent amounts last year for 364 Steinman Farm Rd and 631 Martic Heights Drive, Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to raise the rent at these two properties by \$25.00. The motion passed 3-0.

The Township has received notice for the estimated Liquid Fuels amount for 2016 in the amount of \$233,258.07.

Providence Township has forwarded an email to Martic from Seth Dochter. Mr. Dochter is a professional photographer in Lancaster County. He is working with the Strasburg Railroad to shoot a 360 degree street view of the railroad. Since he has rented the equipment from Google and will have it for 2 months, he has asked for more 'train' related topics. He felt the Enola Low Grade Trail could benefit from such a service. The concern that Martic's Supervisor's have raised is that our portion of the trail is no yet completed, but to possibly revisit the idea after completion. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to decline the offer at this time. The motion passed 3-0.

Providence Township sent a cost proposal for the environmental work that needs to be completed on the trail. The work needs to be completed during the planning/design phase of the project. The proposal is required by PennDOT and the costs were not covered in the budget for the grant. The cost of the study is \$54,790.53. This cost is to be shared by all municipalities. Mark Wilson felt that it best by divided evenly between everyone. Each municipality would be responsible for \$9,131.76. Martic's board doesn't feel that this is a fair split. With only 2.3 miles of trail and no issues with water, a motion

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was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to table the vote until the November meeting and to notify Providence that we need justification of the even split; and to also let them know they feel the cost should be split based on mileage of the trail in each township and the determination of what, if any, work would need done on individual portions of the trail. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to pay Rawlinsville Fire Company our annual donation of \$35,000. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to purchase "Open Dawn to Dusk" signs for our portion of the rail trail. The motion passed 3-0.

Beth Birchall commented on the Penn Manor's School District new school presentation that she attended. The infrastructure of the current building is the issue, not the building itself. Four options have been purposed and no decision has been made yet because they want to take the presentation to as many people as possible. They have offered to come to Martic Township to give their presentation. Karen Sellers will contact the school district to take them up on the offer.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager