

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: July 6, 2015

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (3-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 1, 2015. A motion was made by Richard Drumm and seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barb Stokes of 888B Hilldale Rd asked when Ted Irwin was expected to return. Duane Sellers told her he planned on being at the August meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Drone update: per PSATS, PA State Assoc of Township Supervisors, drones, 'unmanned aircraft systems' (UAS) are regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration. Regs are currently in place for UAS over 55 pounds and proposed regs for UAS under 55 lbs are currently going through the rulemaking process. PSATS will continue to monitor this issue as the regs go through the rulemaking process.

Road Department: Duane Sellers read the road report for June.

- The week of June 1: mowed, placed Cattle Crossing signs on Route 372, cleaned inlet pipes, storm cleanup, replaced signage as needed, fill in washouts, pipe replacement on Crystal Dr.
- The week of June 8: mowed, equipment maintenance, tree trimming in various locations, gutter cleanout; Fox Hollow, Clark Hill, Short Rd and Clearview, base repair on Lakewood Dr and Deerfield, sprayed guard rails.
- The week of June 15: mowed, sprayed rail-trail, cleaned graffiti off of signage in Tucquan Glen, stone around guard rails on Old Holtwood Rd, and Loop Rd, tree removal on Street Rd
- The week of June 22: mowed, patched Nissley Lane, cleaned gutters, mowed part of the rail-trail, filled holes in Lakewood, sealed around patches throughout the township, stones at inlet of pipe on Magnolia Drive
- The week of June 29: mowed, spot tar and chipped on Nissley Lane, gutter clean-out, storm damage cleanup, pushed trees off roadways; Magnolia, Creamery, Steinman Farm Rd, placed milling on dirt portion of West View Rd.

Zoning Officer Report for June shows: 4 Building permit, 2 SWM, 1 Zoning Permit, 5 Building Use and Occupancy permits were issued.

The SEO Report for June shows: 4 perc and probes were done and 4 sewage permits were issued.

June 2015 bills: Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the bills for payment totaling \$60,713.21. The motion passed (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Porterfield/Fox Ridge development- request for release of Letter of Credit: Mr. Porterfield stated that he has contacted the property owners and they won't let him enter their properties to install the proposed grit separators. He provided to the Board an agreement that he drew up and had only one owner sign per parcel. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Richard Drumm that based upon the recommendation of the Township Engineer dated September 13, 2012, a copy of which was previously provided to the developer, that the Board of Supervisors not authorize at this time a reduction of the outstanding amount available under or the release of the Letter of Credit issued by Susquehanna Bank for the Fox Ridge Development. The motion passed (3-0). Beth Birchall also commented that the Board of Supervisors would not be a position to consider the release or the reduction of the Letter of Credit until satisfactory documents have been executed by all the owners of Lots 6 and 8 and have been recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.

330 Hilldale Road: a request was made by a perspective tenant to lower the rent. Duane Sellers commented that he felt that \$800/month for a 3 bedroom, full house was not asking too much. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to stay with the \$800/month rent and to hold at that lease amount through 2016. The motion passed (3-0). A second request was made by this person to make the lease effective August 15th, but to allow them to move their items in prior to the Aug 15th date. After further discussion and due to liability issues, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Richard Drumm to allow the Aug 15th lease date, pro-rate the August rent, but not allow items to be moved in prior to the 15th. Or have them sign the lease effective August 1st, pay the full month and then they could move in whenever they wanted to. The motion passed (3-0).

2015-2016 PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Richard Drumm to sign the agreement to plow Martic Heights Dr. The motion passed (3-0).

Loop Road bridge removal by the County and vacating a portion of this road: A request was received by Steve Ruof from 311 N. Loop Rd for the Board to consider vacating a portion of Loop Road N, between his property and his neighbor Charlie Hess' property which leads up to the bridge, which is proposed to be removed by the County. Duane Sellers commented that he is in favor of vacating this portion, but until the bridge is removed, the Township can't begin the process. He also stated that the County has sent the township pictures that someone has cabled off this portion of the roadway and they did not do it. This is a liability issue for the Township as well as the property owners. Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to send the property owner's a letter indicating the Township's desire to eventually vacate that portion of the roadway once the bridge is removed and to promptly remove the cable which was place at the entrance of the roadway. The motion passed (3-0).

Lancaster Co. Assoc of Twp Supervisors annual meeting will be held on July 30th. Martic Township will send Carl Drexel, Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers and Karen Sellers.

Lancaster Co. Assoc of Twp Supervisors has announced a presentation by Dist Attorney Stedman on the County's Drug Task Force and the importance of supporting the program. The presentation will take place at Providence Township on July 21st. Ted Irwin, Beth Birchall and Karen Sellers will plan on attending.

Duane Sellers indicated that a final meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday with Heisey, regarding the Trestle bridge work. Even though the contractors have completed their work, the approach work must still be completed on both sides by the townships.

Duane Sellers commented that he attended a meeting regarding dry hydrants, along with Carl Drexel, several representatives from the fire company and the property owners in Lakewood who butt up to the pond. There are some details to still be worked out, but he felt the meeting went well. Also, he will be contacting the PA DEP to schedule a meeting regarding the 'fire' pond below the Township office. This pond does need some tlc.

Beth Birchall commented that she did look into the possibility of the township joining an insurance co-op. Unfortunately you need a minimum of 6 fulltime employees to join. Also, the township's worker's comp insurance premium is down \$4000 from last year. The major reason is the lack of claims. Duane Sellers complimented the fire company on working to reduce injuries.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager