

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** March 7, 2022

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

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

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

An executive meeting was held on February 16, 2022, to discuss employee matters.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Jay Kreider made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$291,247.33. The motion passed 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jorge Trevino, 17 Harbor View Drive, spoke on the conditions of 413 Hilldale Road. Complained of a full dumpster and a yard fire. As this is a Zoning issue, the Zoning Officer will look into.

Steve Lehman, 561 Martic Heights Drive – handed out papers regarding the Zoning Officers property and what he has deemed as violations as he felt that no permits were pulled for structures on the property. He also handed out a paper on the Chairman of the Supervisors property and asked about a structure, that was placed on the property in 2003, asking whether permits were pulled. Duane Sellers explained that after his comments at the February meeting, he investigated Mr. Lehman's allegations of illegal signage at the Zoning Officers property. Mr. Sellers measured the sign and took photos and determined that the Sign permit, Mr. Shenk did obtain, was in compliance with the ordinance. Duane Sellers stated that Mr. Lehman's continued allegations are not justified, and he offered to meet with Mr. Lehman and the Zoning Officer, to discuss Mr. Lehman's issue with township officials.

### **PLAN REVIEWS:**

Stormwater Management plan – 1741 Rawlinsville Road (Providence Twp) / Matthew Wiker property. Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, for the Matthew Wiker, Stormwater Management Plan submission; that Martic Township grant the request, made by TeamAG Inc., to defer to the Providence Township Board of Supervisors, the full plan review only. And thereafter the plan would be returned to Martic Township for final signatures, before recording. The motion passed 5-0.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Dave Williams read the report for February.

Week of January 30<sup>th</sup> - Pushing drifts and widening roads after snow and wind event. Check roads and salt icy spots. Wash trucks and equipment. Mix salt and anti-skid. Meet with Long's Asphalt estimator to look at possible paving projects. Check pipes and drains. Open pipes on Hilldale and Nissley. Measure roads for paving projects. Salting for snow and ice events.

Week of February 6<sup>th</sup> - Salting for freezing drizzle. Install flashing lights at 4-way stop at 324 and Red Hill. Pick up damaged road name signs at Pencroft S and 372. Salting for freezing rain. Take T-04 to shop for radiator replacement. Pick up damaged flashing light at 4-way stop. Repair and reinstall road name signs from Pencroft S and 372. Pick up parts for T-91 repair. Change oil in T-90. Wash trucks. Pick up and install new flashing light on 4-way stop sign. Wash loader and backhoe.

Week of February 13<sup>th</sup> - Plowing and salting. Check roads for and salt icy spots. Spread anti-skid on dirt and gravel roads. Check roads for and push drifts. Repair plow on T-90. Repair plow on T-06. Change oil and fuel filter on T-05. Pick up spray chemicals for upcoming weed spraying season. Wash trucks. Wash Ford mowing tractor and investigate source of oil leak. Cut trees off all roads caused by high wind.

Week of February 20<sup>th</sup> - Observe President's Day Holiday. Check roads for trees and limbs due to high wind. Clean loose stone off Tucquan Glen. Pick up parts for and repair backhoe. Pick up, repair and reinstall damaged speed limit sign on Drytown. Investigate and report wires down on Clark Hill. Cut trees on Pencroft S, Clark Hill, and Loop. Put stone in washed out shoulder area on Hilldale. Patch dirt and gravel portion of Tucquan Glen. Investigate car blocking intersection complaint. Pick up T-04 from shop and put plow and chains back on. Meet with PennDOT representative to look over proposed paving project. Salting for heavy freezing rain. Cut trees off roads brought down by ice.

Brian Anastasio 44 Creamery Road, asked about the pipe replacement on his road. Weather permitting, they plan is to work on it this year.

Proposed 2022 Road work:

After the February meeting, the Supervisors were encouraged to drive around and see the proposed road work for 2022. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to advertise to seal coat Short Road, and two sections of Hilldale Road. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to advertise to pave Tucquan Glen Road portion, Street Road portion, and two sections of Douts Hill Road. The motion passed 5-0.

Peterbilt truck order: Dave Williams checked with the sales representative and the order was cancelled. No new trucks for 2022 because of production problems and supply chain issues. The truck he was going to sell, has now been fixed. It did pass inspection with the frame welded and brakes fixed.

Horse Hollow Road repair update: Dave Williams gave an update that the Township's engineer Brian Gilbert has been out and stated it may need state permits. Dave Williams would ask Mr. Gilbert to shoot some elevations and he will then contact DEP with the information.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 2 building, 4 zoning permits were issued; along with 4 Use and Occupancy permits.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 1 permit was issued

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

American Rescue Plan funds (ARP) update: Beth Birchall explained that the Township received federal funds from the American Rescue Plan to help deal with pandemic-related and other allowable expenses. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to advertise for an ARP Budget Workshop meeting to discuss how the funds will be spent. The motion passed 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 03-07-22A Fee Schedule – the last time the fee schedule was updated was in 2018, after discussion the resolution was passed by Roll Call vote: 5-0.

Resolution 03-07-22B Supervisor's Public Meetings / adding Prayer to agenda. Charles Stouff read a

prepared statement in favor of the adoption of this resolution. A Roll Call vote was called and passed 3-2, with Beth Birchall and Jay Kreider giving their reasons for the dissension vote.

300 Douts Hill Road – Elam Miller: Karen Sellers, Township Manager read a report letting the Supervisors know that Mr. Miller’s attorney was in contact with the Township’s attorney to discuss the previous decision by the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the Living Stones Masonry / Eli Stoltzfus property. Mr. Miller’s attorney was also brought up to date on the previous owners’ activities at this property. She stated that she would discuss the matter with her client.

Lancaster County Conservation District – sent a renewal for the Memorandum of Understanding between LCCD and Martic Township. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to sign the MOU. The motion passed 5-0.

330 Hilldale Road – The tenants have moved out and the Township is holding a security deposit of \$825.00. After they moved out, the house needed cleaned, which cost \$350.00. After discussion, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to deduct the cost of the cleaning from the security deposit and refund the difference. The motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Officer – requested to attend continuing education class.

March 18, 2022, at Cumru Township for 4 credits and a cost of \$75.00

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to send the Zoning Officer to this continuing education seminar. The motion passed 5-0.

Lanc Co Assoc. of Twp. Supervisors – Spring meeting/dinner will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> at no cost. All supervisors will plan on attending, along with the manager.

Rawlinsville Fire Company:

Notice has been received that the RVFC have set the dates for the chicken barbeques and boot drives. May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24 and December 10 for the chicken barbeques and June 10 and September 10 for the boot drives. These notices are recognized for worker’s comp. Also, the RVFC Police have been asked to help at the Fulton Fire Company mud sale, on April 2, 2022.

Addition to the agenda:

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to add to the agenda Martic’s Engineer. The motion passed 5-0.

Notice was received earlier in the day that Brian Gilbert would be leaving Wilson Consulting Group and going to work for Solanco Engineers. Mark Wilson has recommended that Martic retain Mr. Gilbert and Solanco Engineering as the Township Engineer for stormwater management and land development reviews. Wilson Consulting Group would remain as the Townships engineer for bridge, road, and trail related work. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Jay Kreider to retain Brian Gilbert and Solanco Engineers. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to add to the agenda the 324 Crossing update. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel explained that PennDOT will still need a Highway Occupancy Permit. Nate Reese will help the Township through the process and hopefully it will not take more than 30 days for a review. We will still need to find funding for the crossover. Jim Hearn has been working on a letter to the Lanc Co Commissioners to request help in funding the project. More than just Martic residents will be using the trail crossing. The current letter is asking for dollars, but we should be asking for % instead. Further discussion will take place at the ARP Budget meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager