

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: August 5, 2013

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

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

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 Carl Drexel, to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 1, 2013. With no questions, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (4-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MacKenzie Mauger is sponsoring a school supply donation drive, which will benefit Martic Elementary. She asked the Board's permission to have, as one of her drop-off locations, the Martic Township office. The Board was okay with this.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to officially close both sides of the Martic Rail-Trail, until the Route 324 construction is completed. The motion passed (4-0). The road department will post trail closed signs.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to accept the 2013-2014 Winter Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT. The motion passed (4-0).

Keystone Wildfire/Mike Hall- this was tabled until the September meeting.

Planning Commission met on July 18, 2013 to review the CNA request for, 109 Hilldale Road subdivision, to consider the waiver request for the 3 meeting delay for the Lanc. Co. Planning Commission. They approved making the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Strausser Engineering's request for the CNA project, 109 Hilldale Road, to consider the 3 meeting delay waiver request. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve this request. The motion passed (4-0).

Wissler's Stormwater revisions: After receiving the Todd Engineering, LLC modification review for the Wissler Poultry Operation Expansion Stormwater plan, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the modifications to the original Stormwater plan. The motion passed (4-0).

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Duane Sellers commented that the Board, in Executive Session, has appointed Scott Smith as the Township Road foreman and have hired Justin McCracken as the newest Township road worker. Scott Smith gave the road report for July:

- The cleaned various drain grates and road gutters on the township roads.
- Mowed various road banks
- Sprayed herbicide behind guide rails
- Graded and added stone to the township access point of the Rail-Trail, off of Pennsy Rd.
- Hauled large filled rock (from the Stokes farm) to Hilldale Road, Tucquan Glen Rd., placed rock along the stream bank (pasture) to help stop erosion and to turn the water towards center of two pipes under Hilldale Rd.
- Swept Township roads, to be line painted
- Painted traffic line;
D. E. Gemmill White @ 0.09/l.f. – 72,033 l.f.
Yellow @ 030457/l.f. – 71/519 l.f.

Duane Sellers commented that the entire Township roadways have now been line-painted. This has been completed in the past 2 years.

- Salt shed project- removed old sub grade in buildings (mud & rock), added 2A, regared and compacted
- Regraded parking & drainage area
- Paved the entire area (608 sy) – mixed mortar and broomed over the salt area to seal the asphalt from the salt.
- Regraded drainage area to retention pond.
- Hauled two loads of stone to Clearfield Rd. (washed out area)
- Steinman Farm Road 2 pipe projects: removed and replaced both pipes, that permits were attained for.
- Dump broom; drill, tap replace broken broom bolts
- Boom mower: weld and re-brace broken boom arm
- Skid-loader: service call to fix hydraulic mill head
- Trac-hoe: replaced batteries @ \$79.00/each (2 pcs)

Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, more rocks are available. Richard Drumm commented that he would like the road department to put something in the back shed, up in the rafters, to keep the birds out.

Beth Birchall met with Bill Ross of Ross Insurance company, to discuss the renewal of the Township insurance. This covers, general liability, inland marine, auto, workers comp, commercial crime, public officials liability and the umbrella policy. Last year's premium was \$55,268.00 and this year it will be; \$60,754.00 with the increase being with worker's comp. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the township insurance policy. The motion passed (4-0). Beth Birchall also commented that the garage, on the Chnupa property, is currently being valued at \$193,000. Bill Ross is looking into it and the Township will be receiving a credit.

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 11 building, 1 driveway, 8 zoning, 4 land disturbance, 6 Building Use and Occupancy and 5 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in July 2013.

SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe, 2 inspections and 2 septic permits were issued in July 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

July 2013 invoices: Richard Drumm made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills with the addition of Cintas Uniforms for \$ 125.72, which brings the total to: \$ 38,761.96. The motion passed (3-0) with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noting that his public disclosure memorandum will be kept on file in the township office.

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A Zoning Hearing Board request has been received from David K Fisher, Jr. for 548 Drytown Road to bring his Dog Kennel over from York County to his new property. Denny Shenk gave the Board the background on this property. It is zoned RC and Dog Kennels are only allowed in the AG districts, but with a Special Exception, which is given by the ZHB. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to have Duane Sellers attend the Aug. 8th ZHB and represent the Board of Supervisors, in testimony, that they are not in favor of granting this request. The motion passed (4-0).

The Zoning Officer has asked for permission to attend 2 seminars on October 8th given by the Lanc. Co. Zoning & Building Association. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to approve to send him to these seminars. The motion passed (4-0).

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to recognize the Susquehanna Super Hike & Ultra Trail Run on Saturday, September 7, 2013 in the township. The motion passed (4-0).

RVFC Auxiliary – gave notice that they helped at the Lampeter Fairground on August 2-3, 2013.

RVFC Police – gave notice that they helped with the SECA run on August 3, 2013.

Notice was given of the siren system test being conducted by Peach Bottom, on August 6th.

Emergency Management monitors have been received. Beth Birchall commented that Tony Williams would like them mounted on the walls of the meeting room. These monitors can wirelessly connect with the Township internet, to allow updates during an emergency situation or a drill. They were obtained through funding that PEMA receives annually from the Peach Bottom power plant. This money is earmarked to be distributed to all Townships to purchase supplies that would benefit in an emergency situation. An added bonus is that the Township may use the purchases for their own uses whenever needed. The Township also received the software to add the fax feature to the current copier/scanner/printer unit. All invoices have been submitted to PEMA, who will in turn, reimburse the Township for all its expenses. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall.

Duane Sellers commented that things have not improved with the Esther Steele situation on Hilldale Road. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to move forward with the civil action. The motion passed (4-0).

Denny Shenk commented on a letter he received regarding 968 Susquehannock Drive and a request for a septic/well exception. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Duane Sellers to send the letter onto Wilson Consulting for review and comment. The motion passed (4-0).

Beth Birchall commented that the Fulton Bank has notified her that the \$25,000 CD that is being held in escrow will be changing from a variable rate to a fix rate. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes.

Duane Sellers suggested that Kim Harris be asked to start tracking, for the Road Department, different items in the garage area. He would be tracking inventory items, equipment maintenance lists, tracking the work which was done on various township roads, such as paving, surface treatment, line painting and pipe replacement. Scott Smith will ask Kim if he will do this.

Beth Birchall commented that she has spoken to Russ Guthrie regarding the fire company merger. She has been unable to get a response back from Matt Crème as to where we are with the merger. Russ would find out and get back to her. According to Russ, once the petition goes before the Orphans court and successfully passes, it is just a matter of getting some signatures to finalize the merger.

Denny Shenk asked if there was a time limit given to Mr. Wissler to finalize his Stormwater project. Duane Sellers stated that he was given until August 31st to have it completed.

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The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for (Tuesday) September 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township