

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: October 3, 2016

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Charley Braught, Jr. and Don Snyder were present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

Duane Sellers gave notice that Executive Sessions were held on September 14 and 19, 2016 to discuss employee matters.

Duane Sellers gave notice that an Executive Session will be held on October 4, 2016 to discuss legal matters.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Charley Braught to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016 workshop meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 1, 2016. With no questions, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Lehr 699 Martic Heights Drive commented on the continuing issues he and his neighbors are having with the composting process at Green N Grow, LLC which is owned by Steve Lehman. He understands that complaints are being filed with, the Dept of Environmental Protection and Rep. Bryan Cutler's office. He said his neighbor has pictures of trash and garbage, along with water run-off. DEP has told Terry McDonald and his neighbors to keep reporting the issues as they are happening.

Brian Resh, 1153 Marticville Road, commented that he saw that a small oak tree sapling was knocked over when the mowing took place on the rail trail. He also saw some purple loose strife growing on the rail trail property. He asked the Board's permission to stake the oak tree and to pull out the invasive loose strife plant. Permission was granted. He was thanked for keeping an eye out on the rail- trail. Duane Sellers commented that the west side of Martic's portion of the trail is still closed due to the dangerous access at Route 324, which is a liability issue. Martic is still working with Conestoga Township on a grant to finish and complete the surface of the trail. Mr. Resh also commented on the trees that were planted several years ago on the Township property. Several have died and the mower has run over some too. Todd Simone will check into it. Lydia Martin w/ Lanc Co Conservancy said she has access to free trees for replanting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kloppmann SWM plan 225 Magnolia Drive: Mr. Kloppmann has posted an Escrow bond for just the culvert portion of his Stormwater Management Plan. He told the Supervisors that he anticipates having it done sometime in October. After it is completed, Brian Gilbert w/ Wilson Consulting Group will come down and do an inspection of the culvert. He asked if the Board would consider releasing his bond

escrow of \$4,004, after a successful final inspection report from Wilson Consulting. After discussion, Don Snyder made a motion, which was seconded by Charley Braught, to release this bond money on the contingency that the Township receives an approved recommendation letter from Brian Gilbert w/ Wilson that a satisfactory final inspection was completed. The motion passed 5-0.

Holtwood Park update: Duane Sellers commented that the Lancaster County Conservancy and Talen/Brookfield are still in the land development / lot line changes process which will hopefully be completed by the end of this year. The Talen/Brookfield buyout that is scheduled to take place starting in the beginning of 2017 will take several months to complete. Nothing can be done legally until all transfers and the title work has been completed, which includes the Holtwood Park property.

Road Department:

Todd Simone, Martic's Road Foreman gave the September Road Report.

- The week of September 6: Steinman Farm Rd driveways, inlet markers installed. Equipment maintenance and repairs. Sign work done. Mowing along roadway right-of-way and the rail trail.
- The week of September 12: Equipment and truck repairs. Inventoried the shop on signs and guide rails. Mowing
- The week of September 19: Truck and equipment repairs. Repaired guide rails, replaced signage. Picked up litter and 18 tires. ROW mowing.
- The week of September 26: Truck and equipment repairs. Trucks inspected, checked and cleaned up road gutters, pipes and inlets. Scraped off side gutters where water is left standing. Mowing continued.

The proposed road department items to be sold on Municibid were read by Todd Simone:

100 gallon fuel tank
3 point King Cutter scraper
Pressure washer 90 HP
8' tailgate brine tank
1981 Ford Pumper fire truck
Tiger side-mount 60' mower deck
Floor jack – large truck

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charley Braught to advertise and sell these items on Municibid. The motion passed 5-0.

After the budget meeting, it was determined that additional money was left over after this year's paving was done. Todd Simone asked for permission to have more line painting done in the Township. He received telephonic quotes and after discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the additional line painting for \$13,999.88 with DE Gemmill. The motion passed 5-0.

The Municipal Lease option to purchase the new tractor was tabled until the November meeting.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 3 building permits, 6 zoning permits, 5 building use and occupancy and 2 zoning certificate of use permits were issued in September.

The SEO Report shows: 3 inspections were conducted in September.

September 2016 invoices: Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Charley Braught, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 104,671.31. Beth Birchall noted that this includes the Fireman's Relief money that the State issues and the Township's donation for 2016. The motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Hearing Board application by Mervin Smoker 1020 Susquehannock Drive. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to authorize the solicitor to attend this meeting on behalf of the Township. The motion passed 5-0.

Gail Stone, Rawlinsville Fire Companies Treasurer gave a report on the fire company's financial status. Their monthly expenses are ~ \$10,000/month with an income of \$12-13,000/month. They are able to meet their financial obligations, however there is little money left over if they would need to repair or replace a piece of equipment. The fire company's equipment has some years on them. RVFC is

beginning a committee to start prioritizing their equipment for replacement. Her purpose was to make the Supervisors aware of the fire company's situation. Carl Drexel asked if they know what the approximate total cost would be to replace all of the equipment. Dave Walters, RVFC President commented that they don't have that information, however equipment, if maintained properly, will last upwards of 20 years. Besides equipment, they also must replace gear occasionally and for 1 person it costs approximately \$700-\$1000/per person. They also must pay training costs. Duane Sellers stated that the public needs to be made aware of the situation the fire company is in. He recommended that the fire company consider sending out information to the public, fully explaining everything to them. Explain what equipment cost, let people know there currently is no fire tax and if they want to keep it that way, more donations must be received. Spell everything out to the public. Educate the public now, because this won't go away, it will only get worse. Gail Stone agreed that a newsletter like this would be an eye opener to the public. Barb Stokes 888B Hilldale Rd asked how you would go about determining what a fire tax would be; per person, property, earned income tax? Charley Braught isn't in favor of moving forward with a fire tax, until the community is made aware and allowed to possibly donate. John Lehr of 699 Martic Heights Dr stated that if the fire company would dissolve the property owner's insurance rates will go up. Lydia Martic of LCC offered to help in creating a flyer to send out along with a newsletter. It would be a great kick-starter to a capitol campaign. Carl Drexel also suggested not just using the flyer, but posting something on their Facebook page.

The Road Department requested permission to attend an LTAP training course on Salt & Snow Management on October 27, 2016 at the Warwick Township Building. The attendees would be Ken Shifflett, Justin McCracken, Todd Simone, Bill Birchall and Austin Brown. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder, to allow the road department to attend this training. The motion passed 5-0.

The Rawlinsville Auxiliary gave notice that they will be holding food sales on October 8, 2016 at Peach Bottom and again on November 19, 2016 in Nottingham. Dave Walters stated that the fire company will be having a Chicken Barbeque at the fire hall on October 22, 2016.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM for a Workshop meeting and again on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager