

## **MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** October 5, 2015

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

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

### **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.

Duane Sellers gave notice that the Board will be holding an Executive Session on October 6, 2015 to discuss legal matters.

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

Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 Work Session Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 1, 2015. A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

### **OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Walters, RVFC President stated that it is fire prevention week with an emphasis being on smoke detectors. Recommend sleeping with doors closed and placing them so that everyone sleeping can hear them. The Fire Company will be at Martic Elementary on Friday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, giving presentations and demonstrations. Wayne Murray 63 Bethesda Church Rd East also commented that smoke detectors should be placed in every room.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Martic Township Auditor's recommendation letter from March 2015 was reviewed again for compliance. Beth Birchall commented that the road department's time sheets, showing comp time spaces, are almost completed. This was the only item left.

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

- The week of Sept 1: road mowing, sealing cracks on House Rock Rd, filling holes on Tucquan Glen Rd, placed Trail Closed signage at the end of Trestle bridge, swept roads and line painted.
- The week of Sept 6: replaced no parking signage on River Road (Tucquan Glen area), pot hole fixes on Pennsy Road, boom mowed rail trail, storm clean-up, serviced equipment
- The week of Sept 13: road mowing, placed rocks on Short Rd and Bridge Valley Rd to fill in after storm event and major washout, mowed fire pond, pumped out pond for dry hydrant, placed stone around guard rails on Pencroft Dr S and Street Rd, placed stone along edge of Bethesda Church Rd W where water run-off from the church parking lot eroded away soil.
- The week of Sept 20: mowed roads, cleaned out pond, cut down trees along Hilldale Rd and Rt. 372.
- The week of Sept 27: mowed roads, cut swale in and around the pond, seeded the area around the pond, placed stone along Tucquan where it was washed away by the pipe, replaced delineator on House Rock Road, winterized roller, storm clean-up.

Barb Stokes 888B Hilldale Rd thanked the road department for mowing back small trees along Rt 372 from Hilldale Road, due to sight issues.

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

The SEO Report for September shows: 2 perc and probe, 2 sewage permits and 2 inspections were done.

September 2015 bills: Beth Birchall commented that most of the annual donations were made. Also the Fireman's Relief was received and is being sent to them. Road Department did purchase Justin McCracken's smaller fuel tank for \$250.00. The Road Department also rented his skid loader for \$450.00 which was used at the dry hydrant project. Ted Irwin made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 84,939.18. The motion passed (4-0) with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noting that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Keith Dussinger subdivision: A request was received from Mr. Dussinger for the Board to release the Letter of Credit for (Lot #2) along Martic Heights Dr. A letter was also received from Wilson Consulting, indicating that all the improvements were inspected and found to be satisfactory and they approve the release. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin to send a letter to Ephrata National Bank releasing the Letter of Credit for Mr. Dussinger's lot. The motion passed (5-0).

Providence Township has made a request to all municipalities that utilize Route 272 with Pennsy Road and Byerland Church Road, to join them in opposition to the proposed PennDOT Round-About plan, which would be placed just north of the underpasses. Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel both commented that PennDOT did a presentation on this proposal at the Southern Lanc Co Intermunicipal meeting. They only proposed the round-about as a solution, no other options were presented. Duane Sellers commented that PennDOT is not worried about the number of accidents which may occur, but the severity of the accidents will decline. Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Richard Drumm to send a letter to Providence showing our support of the opposition. The motion passed (5-0). Carl Drexel suggested adding language in that letter stating that we would also like to see other options. Comments were heard from Barb Stokes that PennDOT's solution isn't safe. Wayne Murray also commented on the safety issue.

2015/2016 MOU with the Lancaster County Conservation District has been received. After discussion, regarding the MS4 protocol and wondering how it affects our rural community; it was decided to table the request until the November meeting and to contact the Conservation District and ask them to explain how it would relate to Martic.

A petition has been received that the property owners at 417 Frogtown Road would like to add this property to Martic's Ag Security Area. The owners are Bryan and Julene Harnish. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to acknowledge receiving this petition and to advertise that the public hearing for it will be during the December Board of Supervisor's meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

2016 Pension MMO – A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to approve for the employees, the Martic 2016 MMO. The motion passed (5-0).

PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust and the PA Municipalities Pension Trust – Ballots for the election of Trustees have been received for both with nominees being William C. Groves and Lester O. Houck. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin to vote for William C. Groves and Lester O. Houck as members for both of these organizations. The motion passed (5-0).

Information has been received regarding wireless mini-cell towers. Contractors are seeking to install

these 'distributed antenna systems' or 'DAS' and 'small cells' in the public rights-of-way of many PA townships. Townships can legally charge fees for the use of the rights-of-way so long as the township has a wireless ordinance that specifically addresses wireless facilities in the rights-of-way and authorized them to assess such fees. Martic currently has nothing in place. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ted Irwin to forward the information on to our solicitor to look into. The motion passed (5-0).

Notification has been received from the RVFC Auxiliary that they will be doing a food sale on October 24, 2015 at 193 Marticville Road.

Duane Sellers commented that a meeting has been scheduled by Bryan Cutler's officer for October 19<sup>th</sup>, regarding the pedestrian safety issue at the Route 324 crossover for the rail trail. PennDOT reps, DCNR rep, Martic's engineer, someone from Rep Cutler's office; along with Martic's representatives, plan on attending.

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. The Board will also hold another Work Session on October 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager