

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: December 3, 2018

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder and John Ulaky.

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

Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Beth Birchall to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 1, 2018. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

John Ulaky made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for the payment from the General Fund for November's invoices totaling \$ 23,694.06. The motion passed 5-0. Included with this month's payment are the Township's annual donations to the Quarryville Library, Conestoga Historical Society and Lancaster EMS.

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUPERVISORS:

The Martic Township Planning Commission did not meet in November, however:

1. Storm Water Management plan, Parson Tract (corner of Martic Heights Dr & Tucquan Glen Rd)

An extension of time for review was granted by the applicant until March 29, 2019 and acknowledged by the Supervisors.

OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victor Ressler – RVFC President gave the Board and update on the tanker refurbishment. It is tentatively set to ship in January 2019. While they are down a tanker, any calls requiring a tanker will be cover by mutual aid.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019 Budgets: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to approve the 2019 Budgets for both the General and the Liquid Fuels accounts. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers commented on the many months the Board has been looking into raising revenue, without needing to enact a tax. The decision was not taken lightly. Carl Drexel stated that the cost of materials keeps going up and the Liquid Fuels payment from the State, though it is going up hasn't kept up with costs. The Township receives \$0.14/on the dollar and we have more linear miles to cover then the State does. Traffic is much heavier every year. The cost for emergency services keeps rising. The Rawlinsville fire company only sees 30% return on donations and ambulance costs, like everything else, keeps going up. Unfortunately due to the many unfunded mandates from the State and Federal Government and the lack of support for the emergency services to operate in Martic Township; the Martic supervisors have made the hard decision to pass a Municipal Real Estate tax starting in 2019. Comment was heard from Victor Ressler- RVFC President that he wanted it known that this is a general

fund tax and not all of the revenue will be going to the fire company. With no further comments heard, Resolution 12-3-18 – Municipal Real Estate Tax for 0.51 was passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

Ambulance coverage: Bob May with Lancaster EMS had a scheduling conflict but will give a presentation at the January BOS meeting. Duane Sellers gave a brief update on the ambulance situation in Martic. Based on the information provided to the Township, Lancaster EMS began 911 operations on Saturday, December 1, 2018 based out of the formal Conestoga Ambulance station. Ambulance Subscription information will be mailed out early in December.

Department Reports:

Road Department:

Todd Simone, Road Foreman, gave the report for November 2018:

- 11/1: Finish the Martic Park's parking lot
 - 11/5-11/8: Clean inlets through-out the Township. Equipment ready for anticipated snow storm. Worked on chains and signs. Washout fix Repairs on equipment. Cut off stumps.
 - 11/12-11/18: Shop work. Tree work. Cleared many inlets clogged with logs. Chain work, kept equipment ready for snow cleanup. Swale work, stoned inlets and outlets. Mowed ROW and tree trimming. Snowed Nov. 15, 2018, 5 men, 4 trucks 8am – 8pm Nov. 16, 2018 2 men, 2 trucks, 3am – 9am
 - 11/19-11/22: Clean and repair all trucks and equipment. Fix damage from plows; fixed dirt roads
 - 11/26-11/29: Checked roads. Misc clean-up from rain/storms. Equipment and truck repair list.
- John Ulaky commended the Road Crew on the last snow event, on a job well done. Our Township roads were the only roads plowed and clear, while the state roads were still snow covered.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 1 Building, 1 Driveway and 2 Zoning permits, along with 4 certificate of use and 7 Use and Occupancy permits were issued in November.

The SEO Report shows: 1 complaint inspection and 1 sewage permit was issued in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Clearview Road – The center portion of Clearview Road has been gated off for a number of years due to the impassable state of the road. In 2011-2012, the Township began the process of vacating this portion by having our engineer begin to survey the roadway. The vacation was never completed and it is the last road in Martic that needs to be done. Comment was heard from John Lahr 699 Martic Heights Drive on whether the Liquid Fuels will be affected. Duane Sellers commented he did think we received money for this roadway. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Don Snyder to contact the solicitor to reopen and continue with the vacation process. The motion passed 5-0.

Proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance- Josele Cleary, Township's attorney, suggested the Board consider making a change to the Zoning Ordinance which would remove the provision of allowing uses of the same general character from the text of the ordinance under all the zoning districts. After discussion and no further comment being heard, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to have her work on a draft amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The motion passed 5-0.

Rawlinsville Auxiliary notified the Township that they will be holding Food Sale on December 15th, 2018 at 1122 Prowl's Hollow Road, Peach Bottom.

Beth Birchall asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the Treasurer's bond for \$1 million. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to approve the treasurer's bond for another year. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall stated that the RVFC is planning a special holiday chicken bar-b-que on Saturday, December 8, 2018. In the event of a snow storm, she is asking permission to have the Road Department salt and plow around the fire station. It was noted the Township typically does this, however a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the Road Crew do this. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall commented on the information received from Well Fargo regarding the Ginnie Mae investments. As it is difficult to understand, she said she can translate the information onto a spreadsheet for the Board to review at an upcoming meeting.

Beth Birchall asked if Duane Sellers, at the next Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council meeting, could bring up the idea of possibly having the Township's pull together for a co-op health insurance. He said he will.

Beth Birchall asked if East Drumore is willing to share their municipal plans with Martic Township. Duane Sellers stated that they are, he will get them and have copies made.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, which will be the Re-Organizational meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm with a motion made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager