

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

**DATE:** February 6, 2017

**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 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Beth Birchall made a motion and was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 1, 2017. With no questions asked, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Charley Braught, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Terry McDonald of 688 Martic Heights Drive commented on the continuing issues he and his neighbors are dealing with regarding the Green N Grow composting operation. The trash is blowing everywhere, the odors continue and he stressed his concerns over possible water contamination. He did stress to his neighbors, that when reporting to DEP not to confuse the normal agriculture manure odors that local farmers have starting putting on their fields with the odors being generated at Green N Grow.

Kelly Shoff of 245 Douts Hill Road commented on the continuing issue they too are having from the odors that are making them physically ill and the piles of trash that continues to blow onto her property. She presented 6 bags of trash as evidence and she read something her granddaughter wrote. Health concerns continue not only from smells and trash, but the flocks of crows, vultures, raccoons, mice and numerous other animals that have now found their way to the Green N Grow property.

Keith Kauffman 215 Frogtown Road asked about the issues.

Don Hess 1146 Marticville Road commented on the Enforcement notice he was sent in October 2016. Duane Sellers told him he had numerous months to clean up his property and because of his non-compliance; the Township was left with no other option. It currently stands that Mr. Hess has filed an appeal with the County courts.

John B. Herr of 93 Magnolia Drive commented on a tree which was removed from along the road on his property. He complimented the Martic Road Crew on how they handled a very complicated and dangerous job. He expressed his thanks and gratitude. He also asked if Martic Township is the only Township in the County who still does not have a municipal tax. Barb Stokes 888b Hilldale commented that she believes Rapho Township still has no municipal tax.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A presentation was given by Brenda Wilson w/ PRINT publishers, which would be a map and directory of Martic Township for its residents. This publication would complement the Township's website. It shows such items as meeting dates, zoning information, emergency contact numbers, to name a few. The map would be customized, showing points of interest such as churches, Fire Company, etc. There is no fee to the Township, as they enlist local business' to advertise in the publication. Typically once a publication goes out, they are good for 3-5 years. The process should take approximately 6 months,

since Martic has never done anything like this before. It will be a good resource for everyone in the community, especially the Amish and elderly residents who may not have internet access. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to pursue this opportunity. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Wayne Murry 63 Bethesda Church Road East.

Mervin R. Smoker / Holtwood Supply, Stormwater Management Plan/Land Development: A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Beth Birchall to recognize the extension letter from Register Associates, on behalf of Mervin R. Smoker, giving the Board until May 1, 2017 to take action on the plan. The motion passed 5-0.

Rail Trail grant: A meeting was held with Mark Wilson, twp engineer, LC Planning Commission members; Lauri Ahlskog and Mike Domin at the Conestoga Township office to update everyone on the status of the shared grant for the resurfacing of the rail trail in Conestoga and Martic Townships. The money would also be used for increased signage at Route 324 crossing. There is still negotiations taking place with PennDOT and the County, since the configuration of Route 324 is a PennDOT design and the Township is not willing to accept liability for their design.

Road Report: Todd Simone gave the road report for January 2017.

1/2 – 1/6: Tree and limb work. Swept Lakewood roadways. Sign work and plow repairs.

1/5 – 1/6: Salt and Plowed 8.5 hours with 4 trucks

1/7: Salt/Antiskid 4 hours with 4 trucks

1/9: Salt/Antiskid and plow with 4 trucks

1/10: fitted plow to truck, repair lights, sign work

1/11: Salt using 3 trucks for 6 hours, bad ice. Chain repair, truck repair, lube and wash all salt equipment. Sign work. Truck to dealer for repairs. Measured roadways for possible bid work.

1/14: Salt/Antiskid using 3 trucks for 3.5 hours

1/16 – 1/19: Clean salt equipment. Sign work, Serviced equipment. Salt ordered. Removed graffiti from signs. Pothole repair. Tree work on Magnolia Drive. Met with Rory McCormick w/ Talen about pipe work on Old Pinnacle Road.

1/23 – 1/26: Storm cleanup. Antiskid delivery. Mixed salt and antiskid. Truck hydraulic repair/service. Repaired inlet box on Hilldale Road. Wash trucks, picked up coldpatch. More storm cleanup.

1/30-1/31 – Truck repair, picked up plow mount for truck. Pothole work. Met with neighboring townships on communication and logistics, at Providence Township.

Sign work- straightening of signs and achieving goal of all Stop Signs to be retro-reflective.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to have the Road Department attend a PSATS webinar on February 22 for Facilities Stormwater Management and to pay the \$30 fee. The motion passed 5-0.

The road department did attend a PSATS course in Dover PA on “Drainage the key to Roads that last” on February 2, 2017.

Municibid: A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to accept the bid results from Municibid for the 12’ Viking Plow which sold for \$301.00 and 6 sets of equipment chains which sold for \$360.00. The motion passed 5-0.

Todd Simone also commented that he is in the process of placing a Stop Bar on our portion of Drytown Road, at the intersection of Drytown and Red Hill Road, per the traffic study recommendation which was conducted there by the PennDOT.

Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, 888B Hilldale Road and an auditor; that during her audit review of the municipal equipment, the garage was in the best shape she has ever seen it.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 3 building, 2 zoning permit issued, 2 building use and occupancy permits were issued in January.

The SEO Report shows: 2 inspections and 1 permit were issued in January.

January 2017 bills: Charley Braught made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 52,829.84 which includes the annual Pension contribution and salt purchases. 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 will be on file in the township office.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Holtwood Plant winter maintenance contract: The snow plowing contract with PPL ended as of 12/31/2016. Brookfield now owns the plant. Brookfield has requested another proposal from the Township to continue to provide winter maintenance on Old Holtwood Road, beginning at Pinnacle Road and continuing to the plant. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to propose for 2017 - \$1392, 2018 - \$1402 and 2019 - \$1422/per season. The motion passed 5-0.

Southern Lancaster County Intermunicipal Council (SLCIMC): Duane Sellers explained that this Council must carry liability insurance, as they are a separate entity from the individual municipalities. They are currently looking for quotes. They have only received one quote to date, from H.A. Thomson Company. Duane Sellers asked permission to contact Martic's agent Bill Ross for a quote. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Beth Birchall to have Bill Ross Associates give a quote. The motion passed 5-0.

Loop Road North portion vacation: The Township was notified by the County, in July 2015 that they would be removing the bridge at the end of Loop Road North and Conestoga Township. At that time, the Township decided to begin the process of vacating this portion of roadway that has been closed to the public for a number of years and by the request of the two property owners adjacent to this portion. To complete the vacation, however the County would need to complete the bridge removal. The Township has now received an update from John Ulaky, Grounds Superintendent for Lancaster County that the bridge has been removed and the earthen berm should be completed very soon. In light of this news, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to have the Township Manager, Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer take the necessary steps to vacate the portion of Loop Road North (T-423), also known as Loop Road North, extending in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 0.13 mile from the Pequea Creek as generally shown on the plan attached to this motion. The motion passed 5-0. Todd Simone commented that he will work on getting the guide rail removed in this portion of roadway. He estimates it to be approximately 400' in length.

The PSATS Convention will be held April 23-25, 2017, in Hershey, PA. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Don Snyder to tentatively send Todd Simone, Beth Birchall and Don Snyder if it suits their schedules. The motion passed 5-0.

631 Martic Heights Drive – The current tenant has made a request to be able to give a 30 day written notice in the anticipation of her purchasing a property. A similar request was made in 2016 by our tenants at 330 Hilldale Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Beth Birchall to require from her a 60 day written notice, as was granted to our other tenants. The motion passed 5-0.

Ambulance coverage for Martic Township: Martic made a request to Lancaster County 911 to provide statistical information on ambulance coverage in 2016. Some things we were looking for was the amount of coverage and which ambulance service LEMSA or Susquehanna Valley EMS provided that coverage, along with all other pertinent information. We received a couple of maps, which shows that Martic is split in half with the northern portion covered by SVEMS, which offers basic life support and the southern portion which is covered by LEMSA, which offers advanced life support. Comment was heard from Dave Walter, RVFC president, that the members of the fire company are all trained in basic life support. Additional information was requested of LC911 which the Township has yet to receive, so further discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Notice was received from Bart Township that they have asked the RVFC Police to help at their annual mud sales on March 4 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Board acknowledged receipt of this request for the worker comp coverage.

Rawlinsville Fire Company will be having their annual mud sale on April 8, 2017.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager