

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** July 5, 2022

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Jay Kreider, and Charles Stouff were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was observed.

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

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Carl Drexel, to move from the Ginnie Mae general account \$115,304.74 into its corresponding PLGIT account. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to move from the Ginnie Mae capital fund account \$15,118.78 into its corresponding PLGIT account. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to move from the Ginnie Mae state fund account \$4,308.92 into its corresponding PLGIT account. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to move from the Ginnie Mae trestle fund account \$1,034.37 into its corresponding PLGIT account. The motion passed 5-0.

Comment was heard from Malinda Clatterbuck, 550 Tucquan Glenn as to the reason for the move. Beth Birchall commented the PLGIT accounts are earning better interest.

Jay Kreider made a motion which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$979,763.00. The invoice for JD Eckman for \$915,686.00 is paid with grant funds. The motion passed 4-0 with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noted that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office. Beth Birchall commented that the JD Eckman payment will be coming out of the PLGIT General Fund, until the Township receives the grant payment from the state, then she will transfer that money into the general fund. Also, the Worker's Comp invoice is being paid, along with rock salt at the lower price, as the township was notified that the salt price will be going up with the next contract.

### **SUPERVISOR'S PLAN REVIEWS:**

DEP Sewage Module: 8 Fox Ridge, Chad and Theresa Walton. Tim Trostle with Strausser Engineering presented the module. After discussion, a motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Beth Birchall to approve the Sewage Module for 8 Fox Ridge, Chad and Theresa Walton. The motion passed 5-0.

### **RAIL TRAIL / TRESTLE BRIDGE:**

Jenn Leibig w/ JD Eckman was unable to attend the meeting, therefore Carl Drexel gave a Trestle Bridge update. The steal was set and the leveling is going well. Comment was heard from Jim Hearn.

Lancaster County ARPA funds: Jim Hearn, Martic's Rail Trail chairman, commented that the Lancaster County Commissioners approved granting us \$119,500 for use towards the 324/Red Hill Road Crossing. We have also been granted, \$3,000 from the Lancaster County Bicycle Club. He has been contacted by Shoemaker Event Services about helping with the grand-opening of the Trestle Bridge, as they helped with the Safe Harbor Grand Opening. Comment was heard from Malinda Clatterbuck.

Carl Drexel stated that Wilson Group has the crossing bid packet ready for the Township's solicitor to review. After discussion a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to advertise the bid opening for the 324/Red Hill Road crossings, after all comments from the solicitor have been addressed. The motion passed 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None was heard

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Dave Williams read the report for June.

Week of June 5th-Call out for sinkhole on Creamery. Cut low tree limbs on Clark Hill and Steinman Farm. Get cold patch. Patch Frogtown and Creamery. Repair low shoulder on Frogtown. Relocate stop sign at Hilldale and SR-324. Open pipe on Pencroft S. Cut trees on Pencroft S. Replace headlight on T-07. Take T-07 to shop for air bag malfunction. Mow multiple roads and Rail Trail.

Week of June 12th-Road check. Asphalt patching on Clark Hill. Repair sinkhole on McKelvey. Check roads after high wind. Cut trees on Drytown. Pick up T-07 from shop. Prep T-06 for inspection. Clean gutters for paving project on Street. Open pipes on Bradys Hill and Hilldale. Cut tree limbs on township lot for mowers. Clean gutters on Douts Hill, Pinnacle and Creamery.

Week of June 19th-Asphalt patching on Clark Hill and Creamery. Repair roller. Take T-84 to shop. Cut trees on Street. Clean gutters on Clark Hill and Tucquan Glen. Repair tailgate latches on T-05. Take delivery of 4 loads of salt. Cut tree on Oak Glen. Take T-06 to shop for inspection. Pick up T-84 from shop. Take T-91 to Hunter Peterbilt. Mow multiple roads. Install new flashing light on stop sign at Red Hill and SR-324.

Week of June 26th-Pick up garbage on New Village. Take delivery of 1 load of salt. Pick up John Deere from shop. Cut low tree limbs on Tucquan Glen, Delta, Steinman Farm and Douts Hill. Repair sinkhole on McKelvey. Pick up T-91 from Hunter Peterbilt. Repair pipe inlet on Pencroft N. Patch dirt section of Tucquan Glen. Mow multiple roads and Rail Trail entrance. Call out for trees down from storm.

Malinda Clatterbuck stated on behalf of a neighbor, thanked the Road Crew for fixing the sink-hole on Creamery Road.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 5 building, and 8 zoning permits were issued.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 2 inspections and 1 permit was issued.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Professional Design & Construction follow-up: Jim Caldwell explained that he provided to the Board for review an agreement to do preliminary field work and schematic design. They would do a site survey of the boundaries, site grading and topographic surveys for final engineering. They would provide a geotechnical engineering report, a preliminary building design drawings for floors plans, sections and elevations, preliminary site layout, preliminary grading for stormwater, infiltration / perks and probe reports, planning module and site evaluation and stormwater infiltration reports. Also, a design development which includes updated building drawings, building framing plans, foundation design, mechanical, plumbing and electrical, budget and construction proposal. The total design fee would be, \$115,000. Charles Stouff asked what the final cost would be. Jim Caldwell explained that they don't know yet, as this is the beginning step in making that determination. This is just for site work, preliminary design, structural and mechanical, etc. Comment was heard from Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road, asking if this was the only option. She doesn't feel that a new build is cost effective. Jim Caldwell explained that it is their job to get the Board good information so that they can make a good decision, to either renovate the current buildings or build new. Charles Stouff commented that he thinks the timing is wrong and agrees with Sara Crill. Duane Sellers stated that now is the time and things will only get worse. Beth Birchall stated that if we wait any longer, as we keep fixing things it's only band-aiding the problems. Charles Stouff asked how long is the study good for? Mike Easterly w/

Professional Design explained that it will apply for years, as long as the state doesn't make changes to their permitting requirements. Comment was heard from Melinda Clatterbuck, who stated that she hopes the Board plans to allow the community access to the new building. Jay Kreider stated that this is only a study and is something that needs done. After discussion, a motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Beth Birchall to move forward with the study. The motion passed 4-1 with Charles Stouff voting against it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 07-05-22 – Workers Compensation Authorization for Operational Support Volunteers. This is done annually for the insurance company. The Resolution passed by Roll Call vote: 5-0.

Kimberly Venzie w/ Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris, LLP who represents Elam Miller, 300 Douts Hill Road and Stephen Stoltzfus, 266 Douts Hill Road. Made a presentation to the Board regarding her Amish clients, who don't feel as if they are heard, with regards to zoning in Martic Township. Many of the Amish community need to run businesses from their properties and they feel that our Zoning Ordinance is restrictive towards them. She is their spokesperson, as they are reluctant to speak up. She asked if the Zoning Officer could have actual hours for them to stop in and speak with him. She feels the Township needs to serve the residents, which includes the Amish community. She would like the Board to consider changing the Zoning Ordinance, to include the statement, of like or similar in nature, so that the Amish would be allowed to run businesses, have employees, etc. Comment was heard from Barbara Spiegelberg, 240 Steinman Farm Road, who asked Ms. Venzie if these changes would only be for the Amish community and if she is asking the Board to also allow industrial uses. No, the changes would be for everyone and yes if that is the business they want to operate.

Martic's ARPA funding: Beth Birchall commented that for the already approved disbursement of the Township's ARPA funds, it was never discussed what the Township should require from the recipients as far as 'proof' for where the funds are going. The RVFC water rescue provided an invoice, of which we reimbursed them. The Quarryville Library has requested their funds; however, we need something from them showing how those funds were used. The Martic Auditors will need to see something. Comment was heard from Sara Crill, stating she never saw anything in the past minutes as to where those approvals were granted. \*\* Manager's note: after checking past 2022 minutes, there was a special meeting, held on March 15, 2022, specifically for ARPA funding and the approved recipients were all listed in those minutes. \*\*

Southern Lanc Co Inter-Municipal Council: Duane Sellers commented that the Lanc Co Planning Commission has a draft of the new Places 2040 Southern End Comprehensive Plan for the Board members to review. Our current Comp Plan is the oldest as it was done in 1991. Per our solicitor, Josele Cleary, Comp plans are typically reviewed every 10 years. He asked that any comments be returned to the manager by July 15, 2022, so they can be sent back to the County. The County, to date, has absorbed all the costs, however moving forward if Martic intends to adopt the new Comp Plan, we would be responsible for the advertising and printing of the plans.

Mileage rate increased by the IRS: Effective July 1, 2022, the IRS mileage rate will increase to 62.5 cents per mile, due to the rising fuel costs.

Lancaster Co Assoc. of Twp Supervisors will be having the annual dinner meeting. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to pay the fee of \$18.00/per person to attend. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to add to the agenda EMC Insurance. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall commented that she was contacted by Element Risk Management/Ross Agency, due to the increase in construction costs, the insurance values of our buildings need to be raised. She wanted to make the Board aware that due to the adjusted values, the expiring premium was \$57,695.00 and the renewal premium will be \$66,305.00.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, August 1,

2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager