

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: October 3, 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 prayer was said.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Budget Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 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 Duane Sellers, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to transfer Ginnie Mae General funds, \$82,629.97 to the PLGIT General Fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to transfer Ginnie Mae Capital funds, \$9143.22 to the PLGIT Capital fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Charles Stouff, which was seconded by Carl Drexel to transfer Ginnie Mae State funds, \$2,907.30 to the PLGIT State fund. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel, which was seconded by Duane Sellers to transfer Ginnie Mae Trestle funds, \$862.28 to the PLGIT Trestle fund. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$168,562.97. 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 payments included the Township's annual donations, along with some ARPA payments.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Lancaster County Commission John Trescot gave a summary of the Counties offices and what his job as a County Commissioner involves. He gave an outline of what is currently happening at the county level. Charles Stouff asked where the county stands regarding the ambulance situation and funding. The county is looking into EMS Authorities, and he would like to see something setup similar to what Maryland, Nebraska and North Carolina have done. Linda Walter with the Quarryville Library asked about library funding.

Quarryville Library annual presentation / Linda Walter presented to the Board their annual statistics. Martic is solid, as the Board generously gives to the library every year. They are bouncing back after COVID. They have numerous fund raisers throughout the year. Charles Stouff asked how many employees the library has. 4 full-time and 7 part-time. Duane Sellers asked if there is information on the demography breakdown of the people currently using their services. No, but she feels everyone, young to old uses their services. Beth Birchall asked about the Library and their on-line presence. Regarding the ARPA funds to library that was previously approved by the Supervisors, she explained that it was ear-marked for a new patio, however they had someone step forward and replace the patio

free of charge. Duane Sellers stated that the Board already approved \$8,000 to the Library from our ARPA, can she provide another invoice showing how the funds were used? Yes, she can provide \$8,000 worth of invoices to the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Reynolds, 36 Deerfield, commented on the letter he received regarding rocks he placed in the ROW in front of his property. They were placed to stem the flow of water from his neighbor's property, which is uphill from him. Duane Sellers stated that the Township just determined that the ROW in Lakewood, is the Township's responsibility and now will be placing rocks in the ROW of the neighboring property. This should help to slow down the flow during heavy rain events. Mr. Reynolds asked for another letter from the Township, thus allowing him to keep his rocks. Duane Sellers stated that he did not want to do that because, in the future, if it is determined that his rocks are diverting water onto the roadway, he will be asked to remove them.

RAIL TRAIL / TRESTLE BRIDGE:

Jim Hearn gave the Trestle Bridge update which indicated that JD Eckman is finishing up the restoration project. They have caulked and need to finish grading on both sides of the bridge. Cri-Lon has not yet mobilized at the 324 and Red Hill Road intersection, to work on the crossing reconstruction, however that is anticipated in the next week. The Trail clean-up day was postponed due to rain and has been rescheduled for October 8, 2022. Final preparations for the Opening Day event, are in the works. Date for the event is October 27th, rain day October 28th. Comment was heard from Linda Walter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for September Week of September 4th

Observe Labor Day Holiday. Pick up T-05 from shop. Dave took pesticide applicator recertification classes. Meet PennDOT representative to discuss Den Mar sinkhole. Road check after heavy rain. Put modified in new pipe crossings. Cut trees on Bradys Hill, Old Holtwood, New Village and Douts Hill. Open pipe on Old Holtwood. Clean gutters on Old Holtwood. Repair mower. Investigate water problem on Oak Glen. Mowing multiple roads.

Week of September 11th

Dave was on vacation all week. Fix washout on Frogtown. Storm cleanup following heavy rain. Mowing multiple roads. Clean up shop and take scrap metal to scrapyard.

Week of September 18th

Put up road closure notification signs on Pennsy. Cut trees on Nissley. Repair garage door opener. Repair mower. Take tractor tire to Rhoadstar for repair. Meet resident in Lakewood to discuss stormwater problem. Meet with East Drumore supervisor to look at and discuss their building. Put modified in new pipe crossings. Meet PennDOT Municipal Services Representative concerning Den Mar sinkhole. Cut tree on Douts Hill. Open pipe on Ridge. Clean loose gravel off of Short. Pick up Jersey barriers from Rail Trail. Meet resident on Pencroft South about new driveway. Remove mold from garage bay. Prep roller and saw for putting asphalt in new pipe crossings. Repair mower. Mow Steinman Farm.

Week of September 25th

Road check after weekend wind and rain. Replace water pump on roller. Dig out and put base material asphalt in new pipe crossings on Pennsy. Remove tree and brush knocked down during pipe replacement on Pennsy and then grade, seed and mulch area. Cut trees for visibility at Pencroft South and 372. Mow and weed whack all township road intersections with 372. Open pipe on Bethesda West. Clean out catch basins, install rock in bottom of rotted out pipe and repair sinkhole on Den Mar. Clean gutters on Creamery. Repair gate latches on T-06.

Den Mar Drive: Sink Hole

A sink hole has opened up along Den Mar Drive. Dave Williams investigated the catch basins along with the pipe, that were installed during the development of Den Mar. It appears that the pipe rotted, which caused the hole to appear. They have temporarily fixed the hole, but he is not sure how long it

may last. He will keep an eye on it. If the pipes and basins need to be replaced, this could be a costly fix.

Zoning Officer Report: 4 building, and 3 zoning permits were issued.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Report: 2 permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan funds disbursement was discussed earlier during the Library discussion and the bill pay portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 10-03-22 Property Tax Penalty Waiver is a resolution implementing ACT 57 of 2022 Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. The Resolution passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for October 11, 2022, for a Budget Workshop at 6:30 pm and November 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm both at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager