

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** September 5, 2017

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Don Snyder and John Ulaky 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 seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 1, 2017. With no questions or comments, a motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

### Quarryville Library presentation:

Catherine Mundy of 64 Raven Crest and a library board member, gave a presentation to the Supervisors on behalf of the library. She thanked the board for their continued support. The Library is busy and thriving. Raising funds is always a challenge, but had great success with their spring Benefit Auction. They have reached out to Martic Elementary and begun working with them. They have recognized that transportation can be difficult for many people. Trying to brainstorm with ways to meet this need. As always, she requested that the Board consider a possible increase to its giving, but at the bare minimum to maintain the level it established last year.

### OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rob Derr 576 Marticville Road – inquired on the status of his neighbor's house at 574 Marticville Road. Dennis Shenk, Zoning Officer said he has spoken to the owner who wants to demolish the house in the fall. He mentioned possibly putting up a shed, but no plans have been received, to date. Mr. Derr mentioned he heard a rumor of possibly a holding tank. Duane Sellers told him any questions related to sewage, would need to be directed to the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, Marv Stoner. Further discussion took place on the history of the property. Valery Ingoglia 568 Marticville Road commented on health issues regarding asbestos, if the house is demolished. Dennis Shenk said he would discuss this with the property owner when he follows up with him.

Valery Ingoglia also commented on Route 324 and PennDOT's lack of maintenance on their storm drains. She asked for a contact at PennDOT and Todd Simone gave her Scott Tanquay's information.

Bill Webber 42 Clearview Road commented that the portion of Clearview Road, back to his house needs resurfaced. He asked if the Township could bring some stone for leveling it off. Todd Simone said he would provide some millings. Also, Mr. Webber commented on the Township possibly vacating Clearview Road. He's not in favor of it, as he feels if the road were to be vacated, this would promote unwanted parking. Duane Sellers said the vacation of the Clearview Road portion did begin years ago and the Board would be reconsidering it in the future. Vic Ressler 68 Drytown Road asked if a property owner does plan on inviting the public to its property, shouldn't they be required to provide parking, such as a parking lot? Lydia Martin with LC Conservancy commented as well.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rail Trail resurfacing grant update: Bids were received by Wilson Consulting Group and CriLon

Corporation was the low bidder at 333,672.91. Martic is at the mercy of the grant's sponsor, Conestoga Township, to vote on this matter.

Road Report: Todd Simone read the road report for August 2017 as submitted to the Supervisors.  
8/1-8/3- Complete pipe on Pinnacle Rd. Black top trenches. Pot holes repaired. Right of way mowed.

8/7-8/10- Repairs to T04, T02, T61. Shop clean up. Right of way mowed. Mowed rail trail entrance. Cleaned inlets. Fix dirt roads. Tree clean up. Cut back rail trail.

8/14-8/17- Spray rail trail. Clean trucks and equipment. Asphalt prep. swept roads. installed delineators. Wheel rut repair on Loop Rd. East. T04 repair. Clean up from heavy rain.

8/21-8/24- Milled roads for base repair. Fixed Tucquan Glen Rd. dirt side. oil spill clean up on Douts Hill Rd. T04 repair. Cleaned equipment.

8/28-8/31- Repaired electrical in shop and lights. Right of way mowed. Tree clean up. T61 repair. T70 1000hr service. sign work. Mowed back Clearview Rd. Crack sealed base repair areas. Tree trimming.

Road Counts:

Pinnacle Rd.-360

McKelvey Rd.- 425

Bethesda Church Rd. West- 189

Magnolia Dr.- 194

Hilldale Rd. (south of 372)-275

Pencroft Rd. South- 341

Old Pinnacle Rd. (372 and Park Lane)- 326

Old River Rd.- 18

Zoning Officer Report shows: 2 building permits, 1 zoning permit along with 2 use and occupancy and 2 certificate of use permits were issued in August.

The SEO Report showed 2 inspections, 1 perc/probe and 2 septic permits was issued in August.

August 2017 bills: Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by John Ulaky, to approve the bills for payment from the general fund totaling \$ 14,053.59. The motion passed 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill Birchall requested permission to attend a pesticide class, for continuing education credits, on September 27. The fee amount is \$50.00. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to allow Bill Birchall to attend the meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> for continuing education credits. The motion passed 5-0.

Tree removal along Township roadways was discussed. Once a tree, in road right-of-way, is recognized as a possible problem, the unwritten policy was to never mark a tree but to get it removed immediately. The Board recognized that this is still the best approach and will continue to remove trees and shrubs in this manner.

2018 Pension Minimal Municipal Obligation: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to approve for the employees, the Martic 2018 MMO of \$ 4,740. The motion passed 5-0

Pension Survivor Benefit: The Township's current pension does not offer a survivor's benefit, if something should happen to the employee. This is a pre-retirement benefit that pays 100% of the accrued benefit at the time of death to a surviving spouse or to minor children under the age of 18 if the spouse does not survive the member. This benefit would apply upon the death of an active member who is eligible for retirement on the date of death but is not retired, or an active vested or terminated vested employee on the date of death. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to add the Survivor Benefit, to the Pension policy, that will pay 100% of the

accrued benefit. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall commented that she was contacted by the Fire Company, who was applying for a grant from Transco- Williams. They were requesting a letter of support from the Township which would accompany their application but the deadline was September 1, 2017. She let the Board members know that she went ahead and wrote the letter due to the time constraint.

RVFC Auxiliary gave notification that they will be having food sales on:

September 16<sup>th</sup> 309 Hollow Rd New Providence

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 140 Pilot Town Rd Peach Bottom

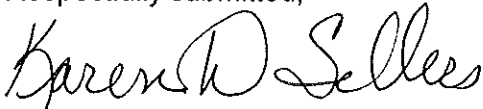
Members of the Rawlinsville Fire Company presented a power-point presentation as a follow-up to the previous month's discussion on equipment.

Vic Ressler- RVFC member commented that he, along with Carl Strickler co-chaired a committee to look into possibly replacing 3 major pieces of equipment. He explained that they have a 1992 Pierce Pumper, but do not plan on putting too much money into it as it is not as critical a piece. To replace this piece brand new: \$650,000. 1998 Seagrave Pumper is their main unit. They purchased this new and it was money well spent. To replace this piece brand new: \$750,000. They plan on doing some upgrading on this unit, such as LED lights, etc. Their hope is that this piece will last for many more years. 2000 FireCab Pumper/Tanker is their biggest problem. Bought used and it turns out that it was the last truck ever built by the company before going out of business. It has issues throughout and to replace this piece brand new: \$800,000. This unit can be rebuilt with a glider kit. The cost to refurbish and to get on the waiting list is \$514,184 if they sign-up by the end of September 2017. They are hoping the Township would consider loaning them the money to have the work done. Carl Drexel stated that at the August meeting it was decided that the Township would consider helping the fire company out, but only after they have raised a significant amount of the funds, not to provide the full amount to them as a loan. Dave Walter commented that fund raising efforts haven't been very successful throughout the years. Duane Sellers commented that he was under the impression that the Township would work with the fire company to help raise funds. He feels another follow up meeting needs to take place and possibly meet monthly to get updates. Fire Tax is always a possibility, as many people feel that the fire company is wholly funded by the Mud Sale and do not understand that the fire company is struggling due to lack of volunteerism and financial support. Carl Drexel commented that the presentation just given is a good start but this information needs to get out to the residents along with neighboring Townships who utilize RVFC services. John Ulaky asked if they can check into signing up for 2019 and then how much money would they need to put down to save the spot? Catherine Mundy suggested sending info electronically as the Library stopped sending newsletters because of the cost. Lydia Martin also suggested Facebook postings, emails and to let people know there may be a fire tax if support isn't raised. Comments was also heard from Ray Scott 652 Lilac Drive New Providence. After more discussion it was decided that members of the fire company, along with Duane Sellers and Carl Drexel and Lydia Martin and possibly some others, would meet monthly to start brain storming on ways to help fund the fire company.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager