

MARTIC TOWNSHIP
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: October 7, 2013

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

ATTENDANCE: Duane Sellers, Beth Birchall, Ted Irwin, Carl Drexel and Richard Drumm, Jr. were present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2013 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed (5-0).

Carl Drexel made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2013 Supervisors Work Session. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 1, 2013. With no questions, a motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded Richard Drumm, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Wever, 136 Den Mar Drive, Thanked the Board on keeping costs down. She commented on the rail-trail and asked for an update on Martic's progress. Duane Sellers gave her an update. She also asked the best way to handle zoning issues in the township. Duane explained she should always contact our Zoning Officer, since he is the most versed on our Zoning Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning Commission held no meeting in September.

A motion was made by Ted Irwin and seconded by Richard Drumm to approve the final for Dussinger's Martic Heights Drive subdivision and to also act on Resolution 10-07-13 A which authorizes the execution of Appendix 27. The motion passed (5-0).

Resolution 10-07-13 A - the execution of Appendix 27 to the Lanc. Co. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance; was passed by roll call vote (5-0)

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm to approval the release of the Letters of Credits for C.N.A. Construction LLC for lots 5 and 8 on the sewage system improvements. This is based on the letter that the Township received from the PA DEP which has approved a plan revision and removed the Letter of Credits requirement. The motion passed (5-0).

Carol Lieber spoke on behalf of the Quarryville Library, updating the Board and the residents as to some of the things that are going on at the Quarryville Library. In regards to the state of the economy, the library has been busier than ever. Patrons are using the free internet, to search for work on the library computers. The libraries have seen an increase in library use; however they are working with much smaller funding. Ted Irwin asked about the book mobile and how that is reflected on the statistics. Duane Sellers asked if everything is free or do they charge for the use of some things? She commented that everything is free, including the kindles and tablets that can be borrowed. The Library

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has had several fund-raisers through-out the year to help with their finances; however they also need the support of the Townships. She asked the Board to consider raising its donation to the library by 10% for the upcoming year. Comment was heard from Justin Doutrich w/ Lanc. Co. newspapers as to what the township has previously given, which was \$5000. Comment was also heard from Carol Wever.

Pension plan: Ted Irwin stated that he asked PSATS to do their proposal at 1% & 1.5%, employees contributing 3% of their, after tax, salary to the pension plan. The object now is to decide on either 1% or 1.5% to complete the Resolution and to elect to participate in the PSATS pension plan. After reviewing, researching and discussing this with a few individuals, he would make the recommendation to go with the 1.5% benefit formula. Beth Birchall asked if the employee participation would be per paycheck or annually. Ted wasn't sure, however he would think what makes the most sense would be a regular deduction from each paycheck. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes, Hilldale Road. She asked what the township's contribution will now be. Besides the administrative costs, the township will also be contributing to the pension funds, per the minimum municipal obligation in accordance with Act 205. Beth Birchall asked if employees will be vested 100% after 5 years of services, like before and they will. Ted Irwin said that there are at least 3 local townships that are currently using PSATS pension fund for their employees. He didn't speak to each of those townships; however he did see Les Houck, with Salisbury Township and asked him about it. Mr. Houck commented that they are very pleased with it and he feels that it is a no brainer, because PSATS understands the requirements that municipalities must follow regarding pensions. Mr. Irwin also said that they must decide on how to invest the funds. After discussing this with numerous people, he recommends selecting the option to invest 100% in Fixed Funds, which is how the current investment fund is. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Ted Irwin to select the 1.5% benefit formula. The motion passed (4-0) with Duane Sellers abstaining from all voting on this subject, due to a conflict of interest, since his wife is a current township employee. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Richard Drumm to participate in the PA Municipalities Pension Trust and to select the 100% in Fixed Funds. The motion passed (4-0) with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Resolution 10-07-13 B which provides a Pension Plan and benefits to its employees; was passed by roll call vote (4-0) with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Duane Sellers gave the Road Master's report in Scott Smith's absence.

Village Road – side gutters were cleaned

Old Holtwood Rd. – filled in washed out areas

Trestle Bridge- replaced steel plates on the bridge deck and reset concrete barrier, which vandal's moved.

Continued mowing various roadways

Tree trimming

Restocked salt shed

Pipe Project on Nissley Lane

Work on Covered Bridge Road- snow plow turn-around.

Work cleanup on Bethesda Church Road & Hilldale Road, preparing for next year's project.

Hilldale Road storm sewer inlet and pipe project

Ongoing work on equipment maintenance

Beth Birchall commented on the appointment of two possible auditor's for our 2013 audit, which is conducted in early 2014. Daphne Hathaway, a former elected auditor who is well versed in municipal audits, was asked and she has agreed to once again help with the audit, along with Barbara Stokes. The Board can officially appoint these two ladies at the January 2014 meeting.

Duane Sellers commented that both he and Carl Drexel have questions and concerns, regarding Martic's participation in the Lanc. Co. SALDO (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance) and the requirement for developers to provide Letters of Credit for Stormwater and sewage. He has a meeting scheduled with Mark Deimler, who is an engineer with Solanco Engineers and who is also the ZO with

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Strasburg Township. Mr. Sellers believes other townships waive these requirements from the developer and place them on the individual property owners. Comment was heard from Keith Dussinger.

Zoning Officer's Report shows: 6 building, 2 minor land, 5 zoning, 1 Building Use and Occupancy and 1 Zoning Use and Occupancy permits were issued in September 2013. Duane Sellers asked Denny Shenk where Mr. Wissler was with his Stormwater obligations. At last report from Bill Webber, this was done and he would be contacting Steve Todd for the final inspection.

SEO Report shows: 1 perc and probe and 1 inspection was done in September 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

September 2013 invoices: Richard Drumm made a motion which was seconded by Duane Sellers to approve the bills with the addition of 2 Cintas Uniforms for \$ 35.23 each, Drexel's Auto for \$314.65 and \$ 845.28, Messick's for \$129.10, Groff's heating for \$382.00, Comcast for \$33.69 and PNC for \$42.43 with brings the total to: 38,224.89 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 kept on file in the township office.

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Beth Birchall to approve Strasburg Township's request to join the Southern Lanc. Co. Intermunicipal Counsel. The motion passed (5-0).

Beth Birchall commented that the fireman's relief money has been received from the state. Beth Birchall made a motion which was seconded by Carl Drexel that since the merger is almost complete, to give all of the money to Rawlinsville Fire Company. The motion passed (5-0).

RVFC Auxiliary – gave notice of several food sales that they are participating with; October 12, 19, 26th and November 2, 2013.

Duane Sellers commented on the land that the Township currently leases for farming. One farmer already rents it, but with no lease agreement. Another farmer has expressed an interest in farming this parcel. Does the Board want to bid out the property for lease for the upcoming year? Or just set a lease amount for any future years and have a lease drawn up and signed? Richard Drumm commented that farmers typically like to lease for a couple of years at a time, because of the effort they put into preparing the soil. Barb Stokes commented that the going rate per acreage is \$125-200/acre. Duane Sellers recommended tabling this until the November meeting so that everyone could gather more information and the farmed portion could be wheeled off to determine the acreage. Comment was heard from John Strosser of Timber Way.

Kevin Miller commented that Pequea Fire Company hasn't heard anything regarding the merger. Beth Birchall gave an update on the fire company merger. The Judge has decided he wanted a hearing. He was sending it back to the Attorney General to see if the merger could be approved or not. He was setting a court date and sending a letter to the Attorney General. If the AG responds back that they have no interest in attending, then the court date will be dropped and the merger will be complete. If the AG's office expresses interest that they want to appear, then all interested parties will be contacted to have a pre-trial meeting. She has contacted Bryan Cutler to see if he could intervene. He was going to contact Matt Crème, who is in his same office, to decide if there might be a conflict of interest. He was hoping to reach out to the AG's liaison, if it is decided that it would be a conflict of interest and then Bryan would contact another Representative to reach out to the AG's office. Comment was heard from Dave Walters, RVFC and Barb Stokes.

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The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is a Work Session scheduled for October 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Martic Township