

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: November 4, 2024

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

SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE:

Beth Birchall, Jay Kreider, Kevin Boyer, Ryan Fisher, and Charles Stouff were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Jay Kreider called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer.

It was announced that there would be an Executive Meeting, held directly after the Supervisors meeting, to discuss Employee Matters.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024, Budget Workshop meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2024. A motion was made by Kevin Boyer and seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Ryan Fisher made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 76,762.39. The motion passed 5-0.

SUPERVISORS REVIEWS:

8 Fox Ridge – Stormwater Management Plan. Owner, Chad Walton, has submitted a Letter of Credit reduction request for his Stormwater Management Plan. Rettew has inspected the project and has also made the recommendation. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff, to reduce the Financial Security amount by \$ 31,715.56 which will leave a new outstanding financial security balance of \$3,523.95. The motion passed 5-0.

LANCASTER EMS:

Bob May with Lancaster EMS gave the annual update on the ambulance situation in Martic Township. They are in the process of updating the Fairview Avenue property, which will be their future headquarters once they sell their Millersville property. There are currently 180 employees. To operate at full capacity, they need 215 employees. The 911 coverage area covers 21 municipalities. The calls for Martic will exceed the number of calls for 2023. Since Covid, the number of calls has risen. It is a high-risk job because you are dealing with civil unrest, along with mental health patients. When a patient's insurance is billed for their services, the law states that the insurance company must submit payment to the patient, who is then to forward that payment to the ambulance association. Unfortunately, most patients do not understand this and keep the payment. Because of the lack of reimbursement and lack of municipal support, Lancaster EMS is requesting that every municipality, served by them, provide an equitable annual financial stakeholder share. This number was calculated by the number of 9-1-1 EMS responses within the municipality, as a percentage of total responses for all municipalities. For Martic Township that number is Martic \$15,000. Kevin Boyer asked several questions regarding how it is determined where to place units, the cost to run the advanced level units, and authorities such as the one created in the northern part of Lancaster County. A lot of things are out of their control, wait times at the hospitals, for instance. Jay Kreider asked why so many other townships and the city do not pay their fair share of the ambulance services. He is wondering how you make them pay. Maybe stop providing service to their areas? Ryan Fisher asked if the Lancaster Conservancy ever provides money. As they are the largest property owner in Martic and rescues on their properties are very labor intensive, they need to start providing for the ambulance. Bob May

stated that he had never approached them, and he would investigate that. He stated that Martic has always provided the amount of support that was asked for. Comments were heard from Duane Sellers, 161 Hilldale Road, and Lydia Martin, 7316 River Road to go after the Conservancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Dave Williams read the report for October.

Week of October 6th

Clean gutters on Crystal, Old Pinnacle, New Village, McKelvey, Douts Hill, and Loop. Clean up fallen trees on Tucquan Glen. Level, seed, and mulch areas on rental property on Steinman Farm. Cut low limbs on a tree on our rental property. Pick up parts for and repair the mower. Pick up cold patch and patch potholes on all roads. Measured and marked roads for possible 2025 paving projects.

Week of October 13th

Road check. Mowed multiple roads and Rail Trail. Clean gutters on Pencroft North, Creamery, and Frogtown. Callout for a tree on Douts Hill. Repair mower. Road check due to high winds. Picked up a new fuel pump for the shop.

Week of October 20th

Pick up parts for and install a new fuel pump. Fixed a hole on the Rail Trail at the entrance to the hiking trail. Cut fallen tree at Park. Drilled holes, installed sono-tubes, and poured concrete for the new pavilion footers. Mowing on multiple roads. Service John Deere Tractor.

Week of October 27th

Road Check. Dig out stumps along Bethesda Church Road East. Blow leaves on sections of Lakewood. Met with Long's estimator to look at potential 2025 paving projects. Cut tree limbs behind the shop. Take delivery of 4 loads of salt. Meet with representatives from Lancaster County Conservation and Penn State Dirt and Gravel Road Center on Wendy Drive. Cut trees with the loader on Tucquan Glen. Picked up parts for and repaired the chipper.

Wendy Drive – the stormwater issues. There is funding for this project through the County via a grant. They would have to design something to bypass the underground facilities.

The new backhoe needed a back bucket and a thumb. He was told that it should be delivered sometime in the next week.

ZONING REPORT: 10 building and 6 zoning permits were issued.

RAIL TRAIL: Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive stated that the new pavilion should be delivered in the next week. With the warm weather, the trail has been busy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Personnel Handbook update has been reviewed by the Township's solicitor; however, the rewrite is still in progress. Further discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Kevin Boyer and seconded by Ryan Fisher, to advertise for the 2025 Budgets, for approval at the December Supervisors meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The Township's solicitor has provided information on two properties, that are appealing the Lancaster County Assessments values of their properties. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff, to not have our solicitor intervene on behalf of the Township. The motion passed 5-0.

DCED Local Share Account has awarded Martic Township \$1,000,000 to use towards the new municipal complex. Jay Kreider expressed the Township's appreciation for this award. The Township has also had confirmation that Governor Shapiro has approved and awarded Martic Township \$3.5

million towards the same project. Jim Hearn wanted to make sure that the Board understands that these grants are matching, and they do. After discussion, a motion was made by Ryan Fisher and seconded by Beth Birchall to have the Township's grant writers, reapply for the LSA for an additional \$1 million, for the municipal complex and have Dave Williams apply for the LSA grant for both additional road work and the new truck, which has been ordered. The motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for December 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm for the Township meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff, at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager