

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: September 3, 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 moment of silence.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Kevin Boyer made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 24,659.53. The motion passed 5-0.

SUPERVISORS REVIEWS:

49 House Rock Road – Jonathan & Barbara Phibbs Subdivision, Land Development, and Stormwater Management Plan was presented by Benjamin Craddock, president of Lancaster Civil Engineering.

After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff that the Board of Supervisors approve the Subdivision and Land Development plan for 49 House Rock Road, owners: Jonathan & Barabara Phibbs conditioned:

Subdivision and Land Development:

1. All comments from the Township's engineer and solicitor have been addressed and the Lanc Co Planning Commission comments are considered.
2. The DEP Sewage module is approved for signing and then proof of the approved sewage module is provided to the Township.
3. Proof of a recorded ownership, use, and maintenance agreement for the shared driveway allowing for access to Lot 2.
4. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted to the Township for signatures.
5. I also move that the Applicants provide proof to the Township that the new deeds for each newly created lot, along with the plan, have been recorded within 30 days after the release of the Plan, in the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds office. If the Applicant fails to provide such proof within 30 days, the Applicant shall violate this condition.

The motion passed 5-0.

Stormwater Management:

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Storm Water Management Plan for 49 House Rock Road, owners Jonathan & Barbara Phibbs, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant posts financial security, in the amount of \$26,913.90 which was approved by Rettew Associates, and completes the Financial Security Agreement (Escrow Agreement) with the Township.
2. That the applicant, if they have not done so already, addresses all comments from the Township engineer, and solicitor. Along with the Lanc County Conservation District approval, if needed.

3. That the Stormwater Management Agreement and the Operations and Maintenance Agreements are executed along with the Stormwater Plan are recorded at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office within 30 days after the release of the plan by the Township and that proof of said recordings is provided to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

143 Fox Hollow Road – Joshua Vlasak Stormwater Management Plan was presented by Mark D Myers, P.E.

After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher that the Board of Supervisors grant the waiver requests from the Stormwater Management Ordinance for:
Section 302.A.2.c – Maximum Loading Ratios for infiltration basins
Section 307.C.1.d.4 – Vegetated Swales maximum side slope 4:1
Section 307.C.1.a.4 – Minimum storm pipe diameter. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to approve the Stormwater Management Plan for 143 Fox Hollow Road, owner Joshua K. Vlasak, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant posts financial security, for \$19,563.43 which was approved by Rettew Associates, and completes the Financial Security Agreement (Escrow Agreement) with the Township.
2. That the applicant, addresses all comments from the Lanc Co Conservation District, Township Engineer, and solicitor,
3. That the Stormwater Management Agreement is executed and along with the Stormwater Plan, are recorded at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office within 30 days after the release of the plan by the Township and that proof of said recordings are provided to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

29 Douts Hill Road – Richard and Susan Patterson for a Lot Add-On plan was presented by Timothy Trostle, Strausser Engineering.

After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to accept a letter from Martic's Sewage Enforcement Officer which states that no DEP sewage module is necessary for this plan. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher that the Board of Supervisors approve the Waiver requests for:
Section 406.A - Drafting Standards
Section 401.A.1- Plan Scale. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher that the Board of Supervisors approve the Lot Line Change Plan for 29 Douts Hill Road, owners Richard E. Patterson, Jr. and Susan D. Patterson, prepared by Strausser Surveying & Engineering, Inc., Timothy Trostle subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants address the comments and recommendations of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, township attorney, and township engineer.
2. A new deed, with an updated perimeter legal description, for the newly revised lot lines, be done and recorded for the newly created parcel, owned by Richard E. Patterson, Jr. and Susan D. Patterson, within 30 days after the plan has been recorded.
3. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted for signatures to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard

QUARRYVILLE LIBRARY PRESENTATION Bill Jenkins with the Quarryville Library made the annual presentation to the Board. They provide many different programs for the public ranging from adult to children programs. He thanked the Board for its continued support. The new director is in place. Beth Birchall asked about private funding. Jay Kreider asked how they determined the amount of money saved by using the library. Charles Stouff asked about wages for the employees and Ryan Fisher wondered if they utilize grants. Comment was also heard from Carl Drexel 725 Martic Heights Drive.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for August.

Week of August 4th

Road Check. Clean up trees downed by storm on Pennsy. Pick up pipe fitting from Exeter Supply. Mowing on multiple roads. Weed whack parking lot, around poles, signs, and benches on Rail Trail. Boom mow Magnolia. Check pipes and grates due to heavy rain forecast. Check roads for washouts and fallen trees. Open plugged pipes and grates. I met with Jim Caldwell on Wendy Drive. Take pictures and get descriptions for equipment to be sold on Municibid. Callout for trees down on Magnolia, Pencroft North, and Ridge during Tropical Storm Debby. Close Ridge due to tree on power lines. Road check for downed trees on all roads. Reopen Ridge.

Week of August 11th

Cleaned up logs left behind from a tree on Ridge. Mow multiple roads. Get supplies needed for Old Pinnacle pipe installation. Install new pipe on Old Pinnacle. Replaced a pipe on Pencroft North. Return the rented excavator. Seed and mulch disturbed areas at both pipe installations.

Week of August 18th

Road check. Repair mower. Did the title transfer paperwork for the truck that sold on Municibid. Replaced the damaged Stop sign on Nissley. Replaced the missing Stop Ahead sign on Nissley. Finished berming new paving on Tucquan Glen. Bermed the low shoulders on Pennsy. Pressure washed and removed the berm machine. Mowing on multiple roads. Boom mowed House Rock. Repaired mower. Repair T-97. Pick up inlet box lids and grates.

Week of August 25th

Road check. Picked up inlet box lids and grates. Boom mow one day for Strasburg Township. Mowed Rail Trail. Removed logs from a tree along Clark Hill. Cleaned gutters on House Rock. Mowing multiple roads. Service backhoe. Load T-04 and snowplow sold on Municibid for delivery.

Municibid Sale Items:

Erskine Snow Blower: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher to accept the bid offer of \$1,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Tiger Ford Tractor: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to accept the bid offer of \$5,000. The motion passed 5-0.

Chausse Tar Buggy: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to accept the bid offer of \$2,850. The motion passed 5-0.

11' Gledhill Power Angle Plow: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to accept the bid offer of \$100. The motion passed 5-0.

Wendy Drive run-off: Dave Williams commented that, per the instructions from the Board of Supervisors at last month's meeting, he contacted Jim Caldwell with Rettew to get his opinion on the situation. The owner at 26 Wendy Drive has a driveway that allows water to flow onto the roadway and in the winter causes a problem with ice and in the summer, flooding, in front of his house on the roadway. The angle of his driveway, the elevation, and the altered swale have created a stormwater problem for years. After evaluating the situation, Jim Caldwell saw several options, but nothing would fix the problem completely and nothing would be easy. Carl Drexel asked if the Township had contacted the Lanc Co Conservation District for their opinion and if it might qualify for a Low Volume

Road grant, to put towards fixing the problem. Dave Williams will contact the Lanc Co Conservation District to evaluate the location and check into the grant option.

Dave Williams received information about an extended warranty for our new truck. For an additional \$1,875 it extends the warranty for 60 months, and 100,000 miles, which most bigger trucks will not see. A motion was made by Kevin Boyer and seconded by Charles Stouff to purchase the extended warranty. The motion passed 5-0.

The other truck we have ordered is scheduled for November 3, which will include the body and upfitting.

Zoning Officer Report: 8 building permits, 6 zoning permits, and 1 driveway permit were issued in August.

RAIL TRAIL:

Nothing new to update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement 2024-2025. This is a 5-year agreement. Dave Williams did contact PennDOT about our concerns, which include their lack of maintenance on the roadway creates hazardous conditions in the winter. The fire company and Eshbach Buses are on Martic Heights Drive, which will be maintained a lot quicker than if PennDOT were to do them. Comment was heard from Carl Drexel. After discussion, a motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Ryan Fisher to sign the Winter Maintenance Agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

364 Steinman Farm Road rental – this property has gone to public auction twice and did not sell. Jay Kreider stated that we are currently losing revenue on the property while it sits empty. He would like to see us clean it up and do some minor maintenance, inside and outside, and then re-rent it on a yearly basis. Charles Stouff stated he was hoping to get more information from our attorney about possibly selling it through a realtor. Jay Kreider commented that he did call her and she is reviewing the 2nd class Township code which is not clear on the subject. A motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Beth Birchall to clean up inside and outside and re-rent it. The motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget meeting and again on October 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm for the Township meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager