

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** May 3, 2021

**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, which was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2021. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

Carl Drexel made a motion which was seconded by Don Snyder, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$21,713.79. The motion passed 5-0.

### **SUPERVISOR'S PLAN REVIEW:**

A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Beth Birchall, that the Board of Supervisors approve the Lot line change plan, for Thomas & Patricia Yeager, 3 Joann Lane and James & Lisa Becker, 5 Joann Lane, Pequea, prepared by Trimble Surveyors, LLC. subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall provide proof to the Township that new deeds with perimeter legal descriptions for Lots 1 and 2 as changed by the proposed plan and have been recorded within 30 days after release of the Plan for recording.
2. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted for signature to the Township. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder, that BRDR Holdings – Risser Grain, revised Final Land Development Plan submission be deferred to the Drumore Township Board of Supervisors for the full plan review only and thereafter be returned to Martic Township for final signatures. The motion passed 5-0.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None was heard.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Dave Williams read the report for April.

Week of April 4:

Move salt spreader rack to inside location. Wash and oil salt spreaders and place on rack for storage. Repair salt spreaders from T-84 and T-07. Excavate to find pipe outlet on Hilldale. Patch dirt section of Tucquan Glen. Mark Oak Glen project area for PA One Call notification. Prepare bid specifications for 2021 paving project. Clean up yard at rental property by office. Manually excavate to try to locate marked utilities at Oak Glen project area.

Week of April 11:

Fix low shoulder areas on multiple roads. Clean gutters on Sellers. Cut and remove dead tree on Clark Hill. Pick up filters and service John Deere 6110 tractor. Fix washout areas on Steinman Farm and Clearview. Install large rocks to stabilize Horse Hollow slope failure area. Check grades on Oak Glen Project area to confirm box size will provide proper drainage. Meet with Hunter Peterbilt truck salesman. Clean gutters on Fox Hollow. Replace bad tire on Mack truck and take truck to shop for inspection. Wash T-05. Wash T-90 and apply touch-up paint where needed.

Week of April 18:

Cut trees with tree cutter on Hilldale. Fix washouts on Hilldale. Look at proposed location for new driveway. Meet contractors to look at paving project locations for bidding purposes. Clean up modified on Pinnacle. Clean gutters on Douts Hill. Remove exposed piece of metal on Rail Trail to eliminate safety concern. Clean gutters on Short. Look at and contact resident about sight distance complaint at 324 & Frogtown. State Police call-out for tree on Ridge.

Week of April 25:

Put big stone in washed out gutter on Tucquan Glen. Put broom on John Deere 6110 tractor. Clean gutters on Hilldale, multiple days. Clean gutters on Maple Springs. Meet with EM Kutz salesman about final truck equipment specifications. Meet Talen representative to investigate water runoff complaint. Open grates in Lakewood. Service backhoe. Sweep multiple roads. Repair road shoulder at multiple locations on Hilldale. 3 Call-outs for trees on roadways

Road Paving bid results 2021:

Long's Asphalt: \$308,096.90

Pennsy Supply: \$315,946.02

EK Services: \$383,224.00

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky, to accept Long's Asphalt paving bid, for 2021. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Williams commented that the road bank, along Horse Hollow Road and the Pequea creek, is collapsing into the creek. He had contacted the Lanc Co Conservation District for their help. They recommended pinning the area and suggested contacting GeoStablization International. They also recommended applying for a Dirt & Gravel Roads grant funds to help pay for the project. Martic was awarded \$66,200 in grant funds to pay for the project. Due to the amount of the project, it does need to be advertised. A motion was made by John Ulaky and seconded by Don Snyder to advertise for the repair of Horse Hollow Road. The motion passed 5-0.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 5 building, 15 zoning permits were issued; along with 3 Use and Occupancy permits and 2 Certificate of Use permits.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 4 Perc and Probe tests, 4 permits and 1 violation/citation was issued.

## **RAIL TRAIL**

Jim Hearn, Rail Trail Committee Chair, commented that we recently heard that we have been granted the two final grants from DCED, that we applied for. This brings us to \$2,750,000 in grant funds, along with local funding, the total for the rehab is \$2,900,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to authorize the Township's engineer and solicitor to advertise for the receipt of bids on a date acceptable to the Township's engineer and solicitor, in order to comply with the legal advertising requirements and PennBid procedures. The motion passed 5-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Beth Birchall commented some of the talk being spread around the community, regarding the Township taking on a construction project without any input from the residents. She suggested asking Rettew/PD&C Design-Build to perform a feasibility study to determine the cost to update and bring our current facility into code verses new buildings. Comment was heard from Ryan Anastasio, 44 Creamery Road. After discussion, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to ask Rettew/PD&C Design-Build to perform the study. The motion passed 5-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 5-3-21 2021 Budget Amendment

Duane Sellers read the resolution, which transfers the funds currently in account 438.45 – Tar & Chip, \$125,000 and place them in the newly created account 430.50 – Road Paving (non-liquid fuels). The resolution passed by roll-call vote, 5-0.

Zoning Hearing Board for 197 Pencroft Drive N. enforcement appeal. Julie Slabinski, Gibble, Kraybill & Hess, commented that she is representing the defendants in the appeal. She had previously provided a proposed agreement to the Board and asked if any of them had any questions. As there were no questions and no further comment was heard, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to authorize the Township's solicitor to represent the Township before the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed 5-0.

CARES reimbursement funds: The County has reimbursed the Township for COVID expenses that included donations to the fire company and ambulance which was in the amount of \$50,000. As the Township previously gave the fire company \$35,000 and \$15,000 to LEMSA, Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Don Snyder, to pass along to the fire company, \$35,000 and to LEMSA, \$15,000 from the CARES reimbursement. The motion passed 5-0.

In anticipation of the possibility of larger attendance for some upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meetings, a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to rent the Mt. Nebo UCC meeting room, as needed, for a fee of \$150.00/for 4 hours, plus \$75.00/mtg – deep clean after the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

A request has been made by our tenants at 364 Steinman Farm Road, to allow them to paint the shutters on the house a charcoal gray color, as they have faded over the years; and to have some windows, looked at for possible replacement. Shenk Builders replaced some windows a few years ago, so a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by John Ulaky to allow the tenants to paint the shutters and to ask Shenk Builders to look at the windows. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Williams and Brian Stoltzfus, have requested permission to take the Pesticide Weed test for certification, on May 7, 2021 at a cost of \$10/each. A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by John Ulaky to allow them to take the test. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers commented that the Primary election will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and there are two positions for Supervisor that will be open. Don Snyder, is rerunning for the position and Ryan Fisher, who currently sits on our Zoning Hearing Board, is also running. Both gentlemen are in attendance at this meeting. There are two other gentlemen running for the positions, however they are not at this meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager