

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** June 6, 2022

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Jay Kreider, and Charles Stouff were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer was said.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2022. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$709,020.18. The motion passed 5-0. The invoice for JD Eckman for \$650,530.32 will be paid with grant funds.

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

Week of May 1st-Clean up shop. Put T-90 snow plow in storage. Repair Ford 6610 mower. Wash T-06, Ford 6600, T-90 and Ford Escort. Clean anti-skid off of intersections on multiple roads. Oil spreaders from T-05 and T-91. Help Strasburg Township with gutter cleaning for 4 hours. Replace speed limit sign on Pencroft North. Clean out GMC utility truck. Meet with contractor to look at pipes to be replaced. Dave was off for 2 days.

Week of May 8th-Check roads due to heavy rain. Open pipes on multiple roads. Clean loose stone off of multiple roads. Clean up mud slide on Loop Rd. Put stone in washout on Old Holtwood. Clean gutters on Bradys Hill, Fox Hollow, Pencroft North and Tucquan Glen. Meet with PennDOT rep to look at visibility concerns at 324 and Hilldale. Rotate tires on T-07. Meet with Frogtown Rd resident concerning water problem. Clean and replace spray painted signs on Fox Hollow. Repair low shoulder areas at mailboxes on Pennsy. Pick up T-04 from shop. Open plugged water runoff area on Pencroft North.

Week of May 15th-Mow multiple roads and Rail Trail. Clean gutters on Tucquan Glen, Douts Hill and Hilldale. Call out for sinkhole on Pennsy. Try locating walk behind saw for cutting Pennsy. Install new stop sign at Rail Trail parking lot. Oil spreader from T-04. Repair washout on Magnolia. Pick up parts for and repair mower. Take T-84 to shop for inspection. Take John Deere to shop to repair oil leak. Meet with contractor on Pennsy. Investigate low shoulder complaint on Park Ln. Pressure was John Deere.

Week of May 22nd-Cut pipe crossings on Pennsy. Take T-91 to shop for inspection. Install new speed limit sign on Hilldale. Repair low shoulder areas on Park Ln. Get new window installed on T-90. Mow multiple roads. Pick up T-91 from shop. Repair curve sign on Pinnacle. Pick up parts for and repair mower. Cut tree on Nissley. Fix low shoulder area in Lakewood. Investigate report of wall collapse on Ridge. Pick up T-84 from shop.

Week of May 29th-Observe Memorial Day holiday. Patch sinkhole on Pennsy. Repair T-26 mowing tractor. Mow multiple roads. Weed spray guide rails, signs and delineators all roads

Hilldale Rd / 324 – sight issues: as a follow up to the May meeting, Dave Williams met with a PennDOT representative, on the sight issue complaint, who confirmed that there is no sight issues and PennDOT will not be doing anything to change what is there. Dave Williams took photos and feels that most people do not understand that the edge of the roadway is the white line. After discussion, he will move the Stop sign up, closer to the white line.

Horse Hollow Road – bank stabilization: the plan is currently with DEP who needs engineered proof that this project is not near the stream. After discussion, Dave Williams will work to schedule a meeting with all involved, so that this project can move forward.

Pennsy Road – Pipe inlet/outlet: Dave Williams presented the Board with options regarding the pipe replacement proposed for later this year. The pipe will need an end wall at both the inlet and outlet sides of the pipe. One thought is to put large rocks; however, this is not a long term solution. They can purchase precast structures at a cost of \$1,800/piece and they would need two. The third option is to pour inlet and outlet endwalls at a cost of \$6,900 for both. After discussion, he would look further into the option of precast endwalls and determine if these are something we would be able to place once the pipe is installed.

Ridge Dr.- wall collapsing: a resident had contacted Dave Williams about a wall, behind his house, but along Ridge Drive, that is beginning to collapse. The wall is entirely on his property; however, the resident doesn't want to pay to have the wall fixed. The Board discussed that this is the property owner's responsibility to have the wall fixed. He currently has no water issues, but if he doesn't fix the wall as it should be, he will begin to get water run-off from Ridge Drive. After discussion, this topic was tabled until the July meeting.

George Hart- 21 Deerfield Dr. water issues / drain: Mr. Hart was not present, however Duane Sellers stated he remembered meeting Mr. Hart several years ago, regarding his complaint. At that time, the Township had the solicitor review the plans for when Lakewood was developed. It was determined that when people purchase homes in Lakewood Estates, they are responsible for the stormwater on their property. When the Township repaved Lakewood in 2019, it caused a run-off issue that we had to repair. Mr. Hart does have a water problem, but he was told, several years ago, that the township is not responsible for his water issues. Comment was heard from Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive- everyone in Lakewood has water issues and he agrees that it is the responsibility of the property owners to address them.

324/Red Hill Road: Dave Williams commented that the Stop Signs have flashing red lights. There used to be yellow flashing lights on top of the cautionary Stop Ahead signs. These lights were stolen off both signs over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. After discussion, the Stop signs have been up long enough that the yellow Stop Ahead flashers are no longer necessary. We will keep, however, the red flashers on top of the Stop Signs.

Steinman Farm Road / Hilldale Road sight issues: Dave Williams has met with the homeowner regarding the sight issued caused by his trees. He presented the sight documentation, and the homeowner already knew about the required distances. After having a discussion with the homeowner, he has trimmed up some of the limbs, so that a motorist in a car has better sight, however someone in a truck still has limited sight. The issue is for motoring public turning left, onto Hilldale Road. The homeowner has stated he is not trimming any more off his trees. As the tree is well off the right-of-way, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain vegetation on his property and not cause issues for a motorist. As the Township has brought the issue to the homeowner, if there could be an accident at that intersection, the liability would fall on the property owner.

Dave Williams followed up on the grant application, Martic had made for a new truck. They had over 19,000 applications. With the number of applications they received, if we were to be rewarded, we most likely will not hear until November.

## **PLAN REVIEWS:**

65 Raven Crest – Steve Dellinger partial release of his SWM surety: After receiving a report from Brian Gilbert with Solanco Engineering Assoc., that successful storm water management inspections were done at 65 Raven Crest, and he has recommended releasing some of the posted financial security. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to release \$1,690.47 of the posted financial security. The remaining surety to be release after submitting an as-built plan, will be \$2,354.79. The motion passed 5-0.

1741 Rawlinsville Road – Matthew K. and Kelly L. Wiker, have submitted a petition to rezone this property into the Agricultural district. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider to recognize that a Rezoning Petition has been received from Matthew K. and Kelly L. Wiker to rezone 1741 Rawlinsville Road to the Agriculture district with the intent to place the property in the Lancaster County Ag Preserve. To ask the Township Solicitor to draw up the draft Ordinance, to refer the request onto the Martic Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission for their input and to se the Public Hearing for August 1, 2022, to hear the petition to rezone. The motion passed 5-0.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None was heard

## **RAIL TRAIL / TRESTLE BRIDGE:**

Jenn Leibig w/ JD Eckman gave a Trestle Bridge update. If all goes well, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the new date that Amtrak gave them for their line outage. The original delay has put them behind schedule by 3 weeks. Comment was heard from Jim Hearn.

Engineering Services Supplement / Construction Consultation & Oversight services. This would extend our current consultation services with Wilson Consulting Group. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to sign the agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

324 Crossing: Carl Drexel explained that the Highway Occupancy Permit, has been applied for by Wilson Group, however they need some additional information, which is of the administrative nature. Jim Hearn commented that it is mainly information regarding the right-of-way.

It was also noted that the Safe Harbor Trestle Bridge has officially opened. The Colemanville parking lot was filled. Carl Drexel asked if we should consider enlarging our parking lot as he does not want to see it over-flowing and cars parking along Red Hill Road and Marticville Road.

Lancaster County ARPA funds. Martic has initially been denied funding to help with the 324 crossing, however Mike Domain with the Lanc Co Planning Commission has asked the Commissioners to reconsider our request.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Zoning Officer Report:** 9 building, and 6 zoning permits were issued.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer Report:** 2 perc and probe and 1 permit was issued.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Employee handbook update: Beth Birchall has heard back from the Township's solicitor regarding vacation pay for employees who voluntarily resign employment. She stated that several court cases have deemed vacation pay as earned during the prior year as an entitlement. She will update the handbook to include a Termination policy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

300 Douts Hill Road / Zoning Hearing application. A motion was made by Jay Kreider and seconded by Charles Stouff to authorize the Township's solicitor, Josele Cleary, to attend the July ZHB meeting, to represent the Township. The motion passed 5-0. This will be in opposition to the application, based on attorney/client information she had provided to the Board.

413 Hilldale Road / Melissa & Frank Ralph civil suit for non-compliance to the Enforcement Notice. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Beth Birchall to file a civil suit against 413 Hilldale Road / Melissa & Frank Ralph. The motion passed 5-0. The enforcement was sent on April 28, 2022.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager