

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 1, 2024

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

SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Jay Kreider, Charles Stouff, Kevin Boyer, and Ryan Fisher 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 was said.

Executive meetings were held on March 7, 2024, & March 14, 2024, to discuss legal matters with the Township's attorney.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Kevin Boyer made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Jay Kreider made a motion which was seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$41,896.73. The motion passed 5-0.

PLGIT & PFM Investment Presentation:

Matt Conlin, PLGIT representative, explained to the Board that they are a local government co-op investment company. As Martic has funds at PLGIT, we own shares. They offer fixed-income securities to only townships and schools across the commonwealth. It is a liquid account; therefore, we can write checks from the accounts. Currently, our funds, which are in the PLGIT accounts are earning 5.45%, versus our Ginnie Mae accounts, which are around 3%. PLGIT and PFM Financial Advisors are part of the same parent company. Comment was heard from Duane Sellers, 161 Hilldale Road. Zach Williard and Garrett Moore are with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC, and work with entities who are obtaining grants for municipal projects, such as Martic's Municipal project. They maximize the funds available for each project. The fee to work with PFM is calculated and deducted at settlement if a loan is procured. They offer their services at no cost to the Township if we can pay for the project with grants and out-of-pocket funds. They evaluate and implement many options, by helping to develop financial plans and provide recommendations. They help to fill in the gaps between grants. A comment was heard from Jim Hearn, 137 Hollow Woods Drive.

2023 Auditor's Report:

Present were Robert Hostetter and Teresa Grieshaber, Martic's elected auditors. Lori Eshleman was absent. Robert Hostetter read the Auditor's letter to the Supervisors. He commented that all revenues and expenses were reviewed, and they confirmed fund balances. Procedural recommendations were made, and they encouraged the Supervisors, Manager, and Treasurer to continue to use the strong audit controls that are in place. Jay Kreider stated on behalf of the Supervisors, his appreciation to the Auditors for their commitment to conduct a thorough review of the Townships records.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelli McWilliams, 170 Magnolia Drive commented that she would like to see Martic Township pass a resolution stating we are a non-sanctuary township. The subject will be added to the May agenda. She also commented that she hopes Martic is not helping to fund the Lancaster County Library as they were planning a drag queen story hour. Duane Sellers, 161 Hilldale Road stated he hoped the Board would keep in mind that if they do choose to pass a Non-Sanctuary Township resolution, how did the Township expect to enforce it? Sara Crill 176 Hilldale Rd asked why it couldn't be discussed. Per state law changes for agendas, it will go on the May agenda for discussion.

Art Grieshaber, 8 Joanne Lane asked if the state police don't show up if called, can residents call another police force? Jay Kreider explained that Martic is covered only by the PA State Police.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for March.

Week of March 3rd

Road check. Pressure wash tractor and remove tire chains and snowplow and install mowing head. Patch potholes on McKelvey. Clean up stone damaged by snowplow along Hilldale. Get sandbags for Creamery Rd. pipe project. Check roads during heavy rain. Meet with PennDOT Municipal Services Representative to look at the paving project and Camelia Ln. Meet with Representatives from Frontier and Comcast regarding relocating wires in the pipe replacement area. Take deliveries of stone for pipe replacement. Cut tree off of Rail Trail. Remove the damaged sign at Township Park and take it to the shop for repair. Repair the low shoulder on Hilldale. Mark pipe replacement area for PA 1-call notification.

Week of March 10th

Callout for tree and pole down blocking West View. Install signs and cones closing West View and Delta. Road check for damage from high winds. Clean up Tree debris and reopen West View and Delta. Work on Rail Trail parking lot expansion. Repair Township Park sign. Meet with the crane operator to look at the pipe replacement area. Remove tire chains and spreaders from T-91 and T-84. Do prep work for pipe replacement. Take delivery of rented pump and excavator for the project.

Week of March 17th

Creamery Road pipe replacement. Move the excavator to the shop.

Week of March 24th

House and barn demolition. Install notification signs in the parking lot near the property being auctioned. Spread 2A on the dirt portion of Tucquan Glen.

Dave Williams explained that Camelia Land has 2 cul-de-sacs and when the second cul-de-sac was installed it may not have been dedicated. He is researching it and will let the Board know at their May meeting. Comment was heard from Duane Sellers.

Jay Kreider asked for a status update on the new truck. It is waiting for its paint job. Jay Kreider also thanked the Road Crew on a job well done, with regards to the Creamery Road pipe replacement.

Zoning Officer Report: 34 permits were issued in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1304 Holtwood Road, Kingdom Fence & Supply – Enforcement / Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff that the Board of Supervisors approve the Settlement Agreement among Kingdom Fence, LLC, and its principals, Henry Stoltzfus and Benjamin Stoltzfus, and the Township in the form presented at this meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Jay Kreider, that the Zoning Officer inspect 1304 Holtwood Road on or after April 2, 2024, and if the Zoning Officer determines that violations identified in the Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Notice dated November 13, 2023, are continuing, that the Township Solicitor, Zoning Officer and Township manager be authorized to commence appropriate actions to enforce the Zoning Ordinance against landowners Stephen Z. Fisher and Suvilla S. Fisher and Kingdom Fence and Supply, LLC, and its principals, Henry Stoltzfus and Benjamin Stoltzfus. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer, that the Zoning Officer inspect 1304 Holtwood Road on or after April 2, 2024, and if the Zoning Officer determines that violations of the Storm Water Management Ordinance and/or Uniform Construction Code identified in the Settlement Agreement among Kingdom Fence and Supply, LLC, and its principals, Henry Stoltzfus and Benjamin Stoltzfus, and this Township are continuing, that the Township Solicitor, Building Code Official, Township Engineer and Township Manager be authorized to commence appropriate actions to enforce the Storm Water Management Ordinance and/or Uniform Construction Code against landowners

Stephen Z. Fisher and Suvilla S. Fisher and Kingdom Fence and Supply, LLC, and its principals, Henry Stoltzfus and Benjamin Stoltzfus. The motion passed 5-0.

Supervisor's digital device for meeting items – Beth Birchall asked to have this item tabled until the May meeting, as she is still waiting for information.

NEW BUSINESS

536 Bridge Valley Road – Holding Tank Agreement. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to approve the Holding Tank Agreement for 536 Bridge Valley Road, Pequea with John and Anna Mae Esh owners. The motion passed 5-0.

LCATS Annual Spring Meeting – April 30, 2024, Attending will be Beth Birchall, Kevin Boyer, Jay Kreider, Charles Stouff, and Karen Sellers. There is no cost to attend.

Rawlinsville Volunteer Fire Company Police Notice: They have been asked to help at the Robert Fulton Mud Sale on April 6, 2024.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for May 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager