

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - March 8, 2016
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Wetzel called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert and Daniel Williams. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:50 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Harvey Boyer Chairman Planning Commission; Harry Dietz *Shamokin News-Item*; Representative Kurt Masser and 16 interested citizens.

The Board of Supervisors honored Sergeant Chris Kreisher in his retirement for 33 years of honorable and commendable service to Ralpho Township; Representative Kurt Masser also honored Sergeant Kreisher with a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for his years of service to the community. A reception was held prior to the meeting with many of his family and friends in attendance.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 9, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Bills were approved as presented for payment, including those bills paid between meetings on a Williams/Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

Major/Daubert motioned to approve bill submitted for payment from Larson Design for payment through CDBG funds for the Stormwater Channel Project. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ralpho Youth Sports request for funds. Madara/Williams motioned to release \$2,500 budgeted to Ralpho Youth Sports, motion carried.
- Commonwealth of PA PUC letter regarding Aqua PA to alter public crossing was received noting alteration of the crossing has been completed.
- SEDA-COG letter regarding resignation of Jamie Shrawder was received. Position is expected to be filled in the next several weeks.
- SEDA-COG, Jamie Shrawder, letter regarding 52 Mountain Road demolition was received. Chairman Wetzel asked Solicitor Kerstetter to handle this matter so that monies are not lost from the grant.
- TSAMS – Traffic Signal Asset Management System information was received. Chief Appel will be the contact for the Township.
- 17th Annual West Branch COG Equipment Show & Training Day flyer was received.
- Notice of March 1st payment of Liquid Fuels and Turnback Maintenance were received from PA DOT.
- Great Valley Consultants letter regarding Shamokin-Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority applying for Water Quality Management Permit was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Williams/Daubert motioned to approve Dawn Snyder Minor Subdivision at the recommendation of the Planning Commission with a waiver of requirement to have preliminary plan and proceed directly to final plan. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Progress Road update was discussed.

- Madara/Major motioned to pay Construction Invoice No.5 to Don E. Bower for Progress Road project for \$3,533.90 when grant monies are received from the Commonwealth. Motion carried.
- Phone bids were received from 3 local stone vendors. Madara/Wetzel motioned that letters be sent to Corson/Meckley's Limestone accepting their prices for stone for the next year for the Township at the discretion of the Roadmaster as to where to get it. Vendors will be asked to sign off on their prices and return a letter to us. Reidinger will haul anti-skid from Meckley's Limestone for \$4.50 per ton delivered to the Township shed. Motion carried.
- 2016 Paving Project – Williams/Daubert motioned to authorize advertising 2016 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on Leiby Rd from Hwy 487 for approx. 850 ft.; on Monastery Rd from Hwy 54 to 300 ft. past Hemlock Lane, plus 4 to 5 patch area beyond Hemlock; alternate bid Hemlock Lane lower portions of shoulders on upper Hemlock. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of April 12. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wetzel/Major motioned to rent a cinder sweeper and hire Eastern Industries equipment for a total of not more than \$1,500. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara motioned to hire Brown's Tree Service to remove 3 trees from Leiby Road for a total of \$700. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Library will be allowed to use a door from upstairs in the library and replace the door with a solid core slab door.
- Library will be allowed to use main building hallway for Ballroom Dance class.
- Roof leaks in the gym were discussed.

RECREATION - Major

- None

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 2 permits were issued and \$890 in fees were collected during February. 16 letters of correspondence were sent, 20 permits were closed, 3 burning permits were issues and 12 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Property on 3rd Avenue issue with roof blown off of a mobile home. Code officer has sent a letter and the owner is in Florida, he has been directed to follow the appropriate steps to correct the situation.
- Debra Nagle, Valley Avenue, was in attendance to question the notice of nuisance letter she received. It was decided that her and her husband should meet together with Officer Lyash.
- Phil Bueller, North Market Street discussed some issues with signage for brake retardation in the township; sewage grates and covers making noise on Market Street; traffic safety near new daycare on Market Street; and creek cleanup near his property.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Public hearing was held. Madara/Daubert motioned to adopt Ordinance 187 Drop Pension Ordinance, motion carried.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to have Chief Appel purchase Utility Police Interceptor through state contract as soon as possible either a 2015 or 2016. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Wetzel

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- none

OLD BUSINESS:

- Major/Madara motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-06 Street Light LED conversion done to lights on East and West Center Street. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Wetzel is going to look into using part of the new server system that was just purchased to allow the board to just download documents etc. without being sent via email.
- Major/Williams motioned to make \$25 donation to Ralpho Township Public Library in memory of Charlene Zeigler. Charlene was tax collector for 16 years. Motion carried.
- Allow Walsh Corporation from Pittsburgh to use the Meeting Room on either March 29th, 30th or 31st from 3 to 6 p.m. for a public meeting required by PA Dot for a bridge replacement 2 miles north of Elysburg on Little Roaring Creek.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

At 8:53 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel issues. The board reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

Major/Williams motioned to adopt resolution 2016-07 amending reimbursement to Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

Major/Daubert motioned to hire Glenn Wonsock as full-time police officer effective May 1, 2016. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary