

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - April 12, 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 6:52 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; 1 interested citizen.

Chairman Wetzel administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Glen R. Wonsock.

Williams/Daubert motioned to rescind motion from March meeting for paving project to be bid with alternate instead of complete project and motion to ratify bidding as a complete project. Motion carried.

Bid opening for Paving Contract

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Major/Madara motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$117,374.40 from New Enterprise for the Paving Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of March 8, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from Contract Crushing/Construction, Inc. for official notification they are applying for a DEP Air Quality General Plan Approval and/or General Operating Permit to construct and operate crusher and screener at Corson Quarries was received.
- Aqua PA letter to alert of a project starting soon on Hillside Ave was received.
- Memo from PSATS with proposed resolutions to be considered at the 2016 Annual Conference was received.
- Williams Pipeline letter received with notice of schedule for environmental review Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project.
- Chris Kreisher thank you was received.
- Dennis & Cynthia Wydra thank you to street department for winter snow removal was received.
- Polar Tech letter notification was received for submitting permit modification.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- none

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara**

- Report was received.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to table agreement on Progress Road until May meeting after final inspection on the road. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS – Major**

- Ceiling tiles, paint, etc. were discussed in police station. Supervisor Major will follow up.

**RECREATION - Major**

- Gym floor is re-done; volleyball inserts still remain to be done.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert**

- 9 permits were issued and \$5,427 in fees were collected during March. 11 letters of correspondence were sent, 3 burning permits were issues and 17 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams**

- Report was read.
- Discussion took place to consider support for Elysburg and Ralpho Fire Companies to purchase new required radios for county system which should be up and running in summer. Chairman Wetzel will come back with more current prices to next meeting.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to purchase a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor from Kovatch Ford, Nesquehoning at price of \$28,452.10, with modifications made locally, if 2016 is available on lot at same price go ahead with that. Motion carried.

**RECYCLING – Wetzel**

- Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant was approved for \$4,607 for residential and commercial materials recycling by our citizens and businesses in the calendar year 2013.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Major/Daubert motioned to accept Chief Appel’s retirement letter for pension purposes only with drop election date of February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and also authorize Chairman to sign the Deferred Retirement Election Form. Motion carried

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- none

**OLD 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. Further info next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Daubert/Major motioned to accept 2015 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary