

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - May 10, 2016
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Wetzel called the meeting to order at 6:31 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: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:55 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock, Cathy Jeremiah Northumberland County Planning Commission; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of April 12, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

- Jim Roth from Horizon Drive was present to discuss water run off situation in his development and on his property.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Investment Summary Reports for period ending March 31, 2016 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- DEP completeness notification letters were received for Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline-Northumberland County.
- Housing Authority of Northumberland County letter was received regarding blight taskforce to stimulate action to fight blight and stimulate reinvestment in our community. Discussion will take place June 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Northumberland County Administration Building.
- Letter was received from Corinne Kleman, 56 Circle View Drive, regarding trucks using jake brakes on Highway 54, noise complaint. Supervisors asked secretary to send letter explaining this is a PA DOT road and it is their responsibility to regulate traffic on state highways.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Major/Madara motioned to accept settlement agreement on Progress Road with Don E. Bower, Inc. Motion carried.
- Roadmaster asked for input in accepting turnback roads from the State. Madara/Williams motioned to not accept any turnback roads at this time. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Boss Roofing quote of \$460 for roof repairs on gym was discussed. Daubert/Williams motioned to have repairs done. Motion carried.
- 2 quotes were received for paint/materials in police station and one quote for gymnasium. Supervisor Major will get more quotes for next month.
- Police station bathroom was discussed. Supervisor Major will look into this further.

RECREATION - Major

- Pepsi machines will be removed from playground on Thursday, May 19th because of a lack of a vending service.
- Playground mulch will not be added this year.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert

- 10 permits were issued and \$2,965.99 in fees were collected during April. \$2,700 were collected for Amusement Devices. 11 letters of correspondence were sent, 4 burning permits were issued and 14 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, 1 permit was closed.

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 has an effective date of July 1st. Major/Madara to give \$20,000 to Elysburg Fire Company and \$15,000 to Ralpho Fire Company to purchase new required equipment.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to rescind motion from April to purchase a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor from Kovatch Ford, Nesquehoning at price of \$28,452.10, with modifications made locally. Madara/Williams motioned to purchase 2016 Utility Police Interceptor off lot at Beyer Ford for \$30,281.20. This vehicle is to replace vehicle damaged in March accident. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Wetzel/Madara motioned to purchase 2017 Ford Interceptor sedan from Kovatch Ford or Sunbury Motors at the lowest price. Motion carried, with Supervisor Daubert voting no.

RECYCLING – Wetzel

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Announced Executive Session after meeting for possible litigation.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Engineer has permission to review some of the ordinances for updating and bring them to the attention of the Planning Commission.

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:

- Major/Wetzel motioned to allow Municipal Authority to have a tab on the web page. Motion passed.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to make \$25 donation to Ralpho Township Public Library in memory of Alexander Laskoski, Mark Lyash’s father-in-law. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:53 p.m. on Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for possible litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary