

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION  
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 5, 2015  
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

**Chairman Madara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

**Chairman Madara comment: As mandated by State Law and as advertised this meeting is for Reorganization purposes and the regular January meeting..**

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 6:38 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; and Rob Wheary, *Shamokin News-Item*.

Changing Chairman is merely following past practice of rotating the position every year so each board member has an opportunity to fill that capacity.

Chairman Madara requested nominations for the Chairman's position. Major/Daubert motioned to elect Supervisor Williams as chairman. Chairman Madara moved that nominations cease with approval of Williams as Chairman unanimous.

Madara/Major motioned to nominate Supervisor Wetzel as Vice Chairman. Chairman Williams motioned to close nominations with approval of Wetzel as Vice Chairman unanimous.

Madara/Major motioned to appoint Joseph Springer, Township Manager; Debra Olson, Township Secretary/Treasurer; Schelsinger & Kerstetter, Solicitor and Larson Design Group as Township Engineers; motion carried.

Madara/Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-01 establishing the revised engineering fee schedule. Motion carried.

Madara/Major motioned to appoint Forgett & Kerstetter, certified public accountants for auditing services; and designate township depositories PLGIT and M&T Bank; Amy Snyder as Real Estate Tax Certifier, Act 511 tax collector and Delinquent Tax Collector per ordinance; Berkheimer Associates Tax Collector for Earned Income and LST taxes, motion carried.

Madara/Daubert motioned to appoint Statewide Tax Recovery for delinquent taxes; Mark Lyash as Code Enforcement Officer; Tri-County COG Uniform Construction Code Officer and Building Code Officer; Howard Shadduck as Roadmaster; Bill Brior as Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Bruce Dobash Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

The following re-appointments were made on Daubert/Madara motion and carried unanimously: Jim Williams, one year term Township Vacancy Board; Donald J. Spotts, one year term as EMA Coordinator; Francis X. Berger, ZHB 3 year term; Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Esq. one year term as solicitor to Zoning Hearing Board; Joe Scopelliti, 5 year term to Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township; Dave Phillips 5 year term to Municipal Authority of Sunnyside Overlook.

The following positions remain to be filled:

One vacancy on Municipal Authority of Sunnyside/Overlook, 5 year term, term expired January 2012.

Chairman Williams will announce Committee/Department appointments at February meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of December 9, 2014 regular monthly meeting and December 30, 2014 special meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Major/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- DEP Letter regarding Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority Site Characterization Report Approval was received.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- none

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to accept donation from Vought’s Equipment of a hot water pressure washer. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS – Wetzel**

- none

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams**

- 3 permits were issued and \$1,670.50 in fees were collected during December. 8 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 complaints were received for vehicles, trash and noise; and 1 burning permit was issued.
- TRI-County COG IBC Fee Increase was noted.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert**

- Report was read.

**RECREATION - Wetzel**

- Bus trip request to use parking lot on 3-14-15 was approved.
- AED has been ordered and Supervisor Wetzel will arrange with head of ambulance to get it placed in the gym and turn in invoice.
- Gym Lights will be replaced in near future, company is waiting for protective covers for lights.
- Madara/Major motioned to allow Meadowview Christian Academy to use the gymnasium for gym classes on 1/9, 1/23, 2/6 and 2/20, motion carried.

**RECYCLING – Madara**

- Glass vendor was changed to Sunbury and they request that blue and red bottles go with the green bottles from now on.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Company is offering a community grant. Please let Mr. Springer know if we have any ideas.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Public hearing was held. Williams/Major motioned to adopt Ordinance 183 participation in PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust, motion carried.
- Public hearing was held. Madara/Wetzel motioned to adopt Ordinance 184 participation in PSATS Pennsylvania Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust, motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- CDBG Channel project is still in process. Waiting on easements and moving of utility pole. Bids will be advertised and opened in March. Solicitor will call Verizon to expedite process of moving pole.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Madara/Daubert made a motion to pay any regular bills that come in after meeting date because of early meeting for the month of January. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05p.m. on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary