

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION  
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 10, 2015  
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

**Chairman Madara called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

*Moment of silence in memory of Ted Jasinski, past board member, was held.*

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; Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Jamie Shrawder SEDA-COG and 14 interested citizens.

Bid opening was held for CDBG project Channel Improvements Phase 1. Bids were tabled pending review by engineer and SEDA-COG. Bid will be awarded at April meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 10 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Received KPI Technology letter notification to submit an application to DEP for NPDES Permit for Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township.
- Received PennDot letter to inform Township of resurfacing and seal coat projects scheduled for 2015 season, State Route 61 to Shamrock in Ralpho Township
- Tax Collector Amy Snyder was exonerated from further collections on the 2014 tax duplicate on Madara/Daubert motioned and carried.
- E-mail was received from President of the Class of 2016 at Southern Columbia Area School District requesting to have promenade on a street in Elysburg. Blair Johnston and Jansen McDonald were present from the Class of 2016. After discussion it was decided the promenade could be held on Veterans Way, near All Home Days. Roadmaster and Police Chief will be contact persons.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- Wetzel/Major motioned to recommend approval of Land Development for V.C. Development upon Planning Commission review and completion of requirements under chapter 22, section 307 of the Township Code and with the stipulation of starting work within 6 months. Motion carried.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received.
- Phone bids were received from 3 local stone vendors. Wetzel/Daubert 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.

- Bid spreader for truck #5 is in need of repair. Madara/Major motioned to place spreader on Municibid website for sale with a minimum bid of \$1,800, with sale being complete prior to April meeting. Motion carried.
- 2015 Paving Project – Major/Daubert motioned to authorize advertising 2015 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on West Center St from Horizon to Roadarmel; base repair on West Center St from Roadarmel to Bottle Dr; alternate bid wearing course West Center St from Roadarmel to Bottle Drive; bit seal coat(double application) West Center St from Roadarmel to Bottle Drive; tar & chip Swift Road. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of April 14. Motion carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Major and Roadmaster will review truck replacement schedule for future budgeting purposes.
- Cinder sweeping was approved for 4 or 5 days at \$225 per day per motion from Madara/Wetzel. Motion carried.

#### **BUILDINGS – Madara**

- Municipal building heat problem update.

#### **ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams**

- 4 permits were issued and \$1,540 in fees were collected during February. 8 letters of correspondence were sent, 6 complaints were received for vehicles, trash and noise; and 1 burning permit were issued.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel**

- Report was read.
- District Attorney purchased a receptacle for Township to become a location for Prescription Drug Take-Back program. It will be located in the municipal building hallway.

#### **RECREATION - Madara**

- Daubert/Major motioned to purchase two tennis court nets. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Wetzel gave a gym floor update. Tiger Youth Basketball is doing a fundraising campaign with the hopes of raising \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the project, CYO has been contacted to help out and he has not heard back from them. There is also the possibility of a grant through the Williams Pipe Line Community grant program. The board discussed the possibility of moving forward with this project. Majority are on board.
- Tiger Youth Basketball is holding a 5K race on May 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be using the All Home Days route through Elysburg.

#### **RECYCLING – Daubert**

- Supervisor Daubert will meet with organization on March 18<sup>th</sup> to look into being a drop off for CFL recycling.
- Charles Kowalchick will be off work for 2 weeks starting March 24<sup>th</sup>. Code Officer Mark Lyash will help out in his absence along with Supervisors volunteering as well.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- Multimodal Transportation Fund grant is available. Manager Springer will look into this further. Deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Solicitor, Engineer and Roadmaster have met and discussed the Township driveway permit process. They will meet again and bring recommendation to the board.

#### **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Report received.
- Reviewed Bower Land Development, YATA Land Development and VC Development Land Development and gave recommendations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Wetzel/Major motioned to accept 2014 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion carried unanimously.
- Supervisor Major will research the EDU situation at the municipal authority and he will update the board via e-mail.

**CITIZEN INPUT** – Scout Troop #247 of Elysburg was present at the meeting working to earn their merit badge for citizenship in the community. Supervisors explained briefly about local government and then took questions. Scout Masters Knisely and Kandrot along with scouts Isaac Wynn, Joseph Lobus, Johnny Knisely, Kevin Olvany, Domini Kandrot and Johnathan Helfrick all brought up good discussion topics. Scout Master Knisely thanked the board for being so supportive of the scouts and for taking the time to help them out.

At 8:21 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel issues. The board reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

Supervisor Wetzel informed Chairman Williams that he would refrain from any comments and abstain from all voting for the next issue.

Madara/Major motioned to hire the following police officers with more than 1 year experience part-time at \$15 per hour: Joseph Samuels, Matt Filarski, Justin Stelma, Matt Dunn, Glen Wonsock; and the following police officers with less than 1 year experience part-time at \$12 per hour: Donald Spotts and Kevin Herring. Motion carried with Supervisor Wetzel abstaining from the vote.

**ADJOURNMENT** – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 p.m. on Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary