

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION  
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 14, 2015  
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA**

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

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert and Daniel Williams; supervisor Wetzel was absent. 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 6:45 p.m.); Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; and 2 interested citizens.

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara/Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$86,118 and \$30,181.50 for the alternate bid from Meckley's Limestone Products, Inc. for the Paving Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Bids for seal coat contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara/Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$22,461.34 from Hammaker East Ltd. for the Seal Coat 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 10 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Major/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.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter was received from Robert Martynowych and Nancy McLaughlin thanking Corporal Chowka for assisting in an emergency.
- Email was received from Williams Atlantic Sunrise Project informing the Township that it filed its certificate application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeking authorization to expand the existing Transco transmission pipeline to connect natural gas producing regions in northern PA to Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern states by 2017.
- Letter received from Northumberland County Conservation District asking for input to honor an organization that has promoted natural resource conservation during the previous year.
- Letter received from Northumberland County Conservation District in regard to Aqua Completeness Notification Letter General NPDES Permit for Phase I watermain replacement, minor modification.
- Letter was received from Keller Engineers regarding Act 14 Notification Shamokin Valley Railroad Bridge rehabilitation over Shamokin Creek.
- Lower Anthracite Region United Way letter regarding "Day of Caring" event was received. They are asking for a list of projects that volunteers can complete during the event.
- Crossroads Group, LLC application to DEP for NPDES Permit for Stormwater discharges associated with construction activities on Andrew Bower Land Development site was received. Manager and Code Officer will need to complete Land Use letter.
- Copy of letter and map sent by Aqua PA, Inc. to all township residents affected by Phase 1 watermain replacement was received.
- Letter was received from Ruth Ann Helfrick from 'Steppin Out' Women's group to hold a 5K run and 1 mile walk on June 20<sup>th</sup> in the Township. Motion carried with understanding that Chief Appel may need to tweak the route for safety of participants.

## **COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- Madara/Major motioned to grant a 90 day extension to York Adams Transportation Authority land development. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to grant a 120 day extension to Andrew Bower land development. Motion carried.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received.
- Coal ash will not be accepted at Township shed from now on.
- Williams/Major motioned to allow Aqua to pave 4” base wearing course over entire cartway on Sunnyside/Overlook watermain replacement project. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to award bid for Flink Model LMC5H Spreader to apparent high bidder Jerry Mills of Castleton, VA for \$4,600. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to purchase spreader from A&H Equipment from Harrisburg for a purchase price of \$3,350. Motion carried.
- It was noted that flowable backfill will be used for pipe in Sunnyside Overlook and in a drain box on Grande Avenue. There is a 3 yard minimum purchase for the fill at \$309.

### **BUILDINGS – Madara**

- none

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

- 5 permits were issued and \$984.25 in fees were collected during March. 10 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise and etc; 13 permits were closed; and 3 burning permits were issued.
- Three will be 2 zoning hearing board meetings for variances, meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2015.
- Madara/Major motioned to give a 30 day extension to Fred Hummel for his “Notice of Nuisance” hearing. Motion carried.
- There was discussion on addresses of properties off Quarry Road. Code Officer will contact taxpayer and work with Eric Wendt at the County to fix the problem for emergency purposes.

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

- Report was read.
- Major/Daubert motioned to pay for repairs in the amount of \$1,033.45 to vehicle owned by Jodi Martino at 151 Pearle Street caused by snow plow incident. Motion carried
- Chief gave an update part-time help, he is waiting for vests and some uniforms for them to start working. At this point some have done ride alongs on their own time to learn boundaries, etc.

### **RECREATION - Madara**

- Playground bathrooms are open.
- New tennis nets will be put up soon.

### **RECYCLING – Daubert**

- Thanks to Howard and Mark for helping with recycling center while Charles was out on leave.
- CFL recycling is now available in Municipal Building in the main hallway.

### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Solicitor, Engineer and Roadmaster have met and discussed the Township driveway permit process. Solicitor will bring document to next meeting and then it can go forward for adoption.
- Solicitor gave an update on SCTJSA PILOT. Solicitor will forward document to their attorney.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report received.
- More information on future stormchannel improvement projects for CDBG funds will be brought back to next months meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Madara/Daubert motioned to accept apparent lowest bidder Spotts Brothers, Inc. with base bid of \$22,622 and alternate bid of \$9,285 for the Phase 1 of Stormwater Channel Improvements through CDBG funds. Motion carried. Engineer will issue written notice of award.
- Junior class of Southern Columbia Area School District has decided to hold Promenade in the High School Gym this year. They were very thankful for the offer to hold it on the road at Memorial Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- none

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m. on Daubert/Madara motion and carried.

Executive session was held for Personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary