

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 9, 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, William Wetzel 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 6:43 p.m.); Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer; Officer Joseph Samuels; and 3 interested citizens.

Chairman Williams administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Joseph Samuels

Regular meeting was recessed; called to order the Public Hearing for FFY 2015. Jamie Shrawder gave an overview of all documentation for CDBG. No public comment was received. Closed public hearing.

Regular meeting called back to order 6:42 p.m.

Major/Madara motioned to approve moving \$13,152.07 from clearance demo into the storm water improvements for CDBG 2012 Budget. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

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

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Northumberland County Conservation District letter regarding erosion and sediment control plan for Miller Gas and Oil at 6507 State Route 61 was received.
- DEP letter received for notification of contamination of a regulated substance at Rand Realty Facility owned by Ed Helfrick Jr.
- Letter was received from Jack McSherry Jr. regarding care of grounds near memorial in Ralpho Community Park. Supervisors asked secretary to forward this letter to the All Home Days Association.
- 2014 Annual Financial Statements for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Letter was received from Larson Design Group for GP-11 Permit Application for bridge rehabilitation project on T-302 over south branch of Roaring Creek. Engineers are planning a meeting with personnel from both townships in the near future for this project.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Wetzel/Major motioned to approve 90 day extension for GDK Development land development for Burger King. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Madara motioned to advertise and sell the following items on municibid with reserves: bin spreader \$2,000, pressure washer \$500, bermer \$850, with auction ending on July 14 prior to public meeting. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to purchase pole saw for \$587.08 from Clark’s Ag Inc. Motion carried.

- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to have Meckley's Limestone repair intersection on Southview Drive and Route 54 for quoted price of \$3,900. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major updated board on project to correct stream issue at Monastery/Hemlock Dr. property. Roadmaster Shadduck has retained the permit needed for the project and Township will handle this project.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Madara/Major motioned to advertise for fuel bid for August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016, with bids to be opened at July 14th meeting. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Madara

- Updated information was given on fundraisers for the gym floor project.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 16 permits were issued and \$1,325 in fees were collected during May. \$47 were collected for campground registrations. 7 letters of correspondence were sent, 13 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise and etc; 31 permits were closed; and 5 burning permits were issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Report was read.
- Discussion took place on new piece of fire equipment that Elysburg Fire Company would like to purchase and how much the Township is willing to donate toward that purchase. Captain Eric Haupt and Chief Harvey Boyer were in attendance to provide information.
- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to move \$10,000 budgeted for Fire Equipment account from General Fund to Fire Equipment account and to disburse \$25,000, \$22,854.14 from the Fire Equipment Fund and \$2,145.86 from the general fund, toward a future purchase of a rescue engine with an approximate cost of \$515,000. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- Supervisor Daubert checked into prices we are receiving from Jeff's Recycling. Research shows we are getting fair market price for items that are recycled.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Letter was received from PEMA recommending to FEMA that small cost overrun on two remaining project worksheets from Tropical Storm Lee in September of 2011 be paid to the Township. FEMA will now decide on the reimbursement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Public hearing was held. Madara/Major motioned to adopt Ordinance 185 amending chapter 21 regarding driveway design requirements, motion carried.
- Solicitor gave an update on SCTJSA PILOT. Solicitor Zurick is working on this with his board.
- \$316,000 federal grant was approved for the Progress Road project.
- Major/Madara motioned to adopt resolution 2015-04 authorizing chairman to sign reimbursement agreement with PennDot contingent upon review by Mr. Springer, Mr. Kerstetter and Chairman Williams and also receiving the indemnification agreement with the county. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received.
- Engineer touched base with Bob Kessler, subcontractor for Phase I Stormwater Channel Improvements. Project will start as soon as stream levels are appropriate.
- Meeting will take place last week in June for Phase II Stormwater Channel Improvements preparation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Secretary has sent letter to AFSCME representative to inform him that Manager Springer will be his contact for negotiations.

- Additional hydrants requested by fire company were discussed. Wetzel/Major motioned to allow the hydrant to be moved to East Center Street and Valley Ave and to not approve any additional hydrants in the Township. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was discussion over the amount of stipend the sewer authority members are paid per meeting.
- Catholic Church Knights of Columbus are hoping to donate new banners to the Township to be placed on posts which prior held Anniversary banners. Supervisor Major will bring design back to the board for approval.
- Mr. Wetzel is looking into buying diesel fuel in bulk. He will bring more information to a future meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary