

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

Vice Chairman Wetzel 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 William Wetzel present; Supervisor Daniel Williams was absent for illness. 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 6:40 p.m.); Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; and 7 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Bevo Forti and 2 other members from the Knights of Columbus were present to ask for approval to order banners to be hung where the current anniversary banners hang in the township. Madara/Major motioned to allow them to purchase the welcome banners with a very big thank you. Motion carried.

Residents Leonovich, Kriebel and Bremigen from Quarry Road asked to have the private drive to their three properties be named for emergency purposes. Madara/Major motioned to allow the county 911 services to name the road leading to the three properties. The residents are responsible for purchasing the signage for the road. Motion carried.

Minutes of June 9 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

Daubert/Major motioned to approve bill submitted for payment from Larson Design for payment through CDBG funds for the Stormwater Channel Project to be forwarded to SEDA-COG. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter was received from William Henry requesting funds in escrow to be refunded. Major/Madara motioned to return \$2,173.62 remaining funds in escrow account. Motion carried.
- Atlantic Sunrise Project, Williams Pipeline PADEP permit application notification was received. Municipal land use letter will be completed by Manager and Code Officer.
- Shamokin Terminal Annual Notification was received, secretary will forward to both fire companies.
- DEP completeness notification for SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District review letter of Shamokin Valley Railroad Bridge Rehabilitation and Minor Stream Rehabilitation Project was received.
- Stadium Dirt Designs, Inc. earth disturbance inspection report was received from DEP.
- Received Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination report from Auditor General for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Full report is available in the office.
- Email was received from Ginny Lunger regarding left turn arrow at red light at intersection of Rt 487 & 54. Secretary will reply to email that we are looking into this further and Chief Appel will bring more information to the next meeting after talking with PennDot.
- All Home Days letter was received for advertising in the booklet for 96th Annual All Home Days celebration.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Major/Daubert motioned to sell pressure washer for \$600 to Jason Parks from West Chester, PA through Municibid auction. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to sell bermer for \$2,751 to Fredric Bermelin from Lake Ariel, PA through Municibid auction. Motion carried.
- Bin spreader did not meet reserve and will be up for Municibid auction again at a later date.
- Progress Road update was given. County will move forward with pipe replacement project. Major/Madara motioned for township to haul and purchase stone for project, have engineer do review and also for Solicitor to do easements. Motion carried.
- Spreader Major/Madara motioned to purchase spreader from Bradco Supply for \$3,878. Motion carried.
- Paving carryover will be discussed at budget meeting in October.
- Major/Daubert to approve pavement markings on Center from to Horizon to Bottle Drive for \$1,460. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Major/Wetzel motioned to award fuel bid for August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.169 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to have MA Landscape from Shamokin do tree and shrub trimming for \$835. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Madara

- Updated information was given on gym floor project. It is the hope that the project will be completed prior to season start in the fall.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 8 permits were issued and \$415 in fees were collected during June. 16 letters of correspondence were sent, 12 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise and etc; 17 permits were closed; and 1 burning permit was issued.
- Mr. Lyash informed the board of all the projects being done in the Township without permits. He asked that anyone seeing projects done please alert him. He also asked for permission to give fliers out to Township residents to alert them of why we do not allow grass clippings to be placed in the street because of blockage of storm drains.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- Jeff's recycling will be charging \$50 per load to haul plastic and cardboard from recycling to his facility.
- Clothes recycling bins were discussed and decided against this service.
- New recycling parking lot traffic pattern was discussed because of safety issues during drop offs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Major/Madara motioned for Ralpho Townships FFY 2015 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement fund for the following activities: Stormwater Channel Improvements Phase 2, 82%; and administration 18%. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vaulting team will store mats upstairs at the municipal building. Inform them it will be hot and Township is not responsible for any damages.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately Daubert/Madara 7:57 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary