

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REORGANIZATION
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 11, 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, Daniel Williams and William Wetzel present; Supervisor Vincent Daubert was absent. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Justin Keister (arrived at 7:05 p.m.); Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; and Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 14 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Wetzel motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Wetzel/Madara 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

- Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2015 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- All Home Days request for sponsoring a prize for annual bingo was read. The Supervisors may donate \$10 each personally for a donation for the bingo.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to approve a 120 day extension for Andy Bower Land Development. Motion carried.
- Major/Williams motioned to ratify advertising for a special Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015. Motion carried with Supervisor Wetzel voting against.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Progress Road update was given. Madara/Major motioned to adopt resolution 2015-05 authorizing concurrence and execution of Progress Road project contract, related documents and taking other necessary action regarding project. Motion carried. Roadmaster Shadduck is going to stage stone for the pipe project in the next few days.
- Major/Madara motioned to purchase a pallet of crack sealer from Bradco Supply, Co. at a price of \$2,137.50. Motion carried.
- Roadmaster updated the board on Aqua projects within the Township.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Madara/Wetzel approved use of back parking lot for 10-15 cars for October 5th through the 8th. 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.
- Madara/Major motioned to apply for Williams Sunrise Community Grant for the new gym floor. Motion carried.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to advertise for gym floor project with bids to be opened at September 8, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

- Vandalism in the playground was discussed. Adding additional cameras to the recycling system was discussed.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 14 permits were issued and \$7,004.44 in fees were collected during July. 7 letters of correspondence were sent, 11 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise and etc; 8 permits were closed; and 1 burning permit was issued.
- Mr. Lyash informed the board corrective measures on past nuisances filed are not being followed through on. Board gave him approval to move to the Magistrate on properties on Apsen Street, Spruce Street and Hwy 54.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Report was read.
- Discussion took place on the red light again because of traffic concerns. Supervisors will collect more information from PA Dot and Chief Appel in the future.
- Mr. Boyer gave an update on future purchase of equipment for Fire Company.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Springer updated the board on update received from Insurance Representative that rates could possibly go up a great deal at renewal time. Should have numbers in time for budget process.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received.
- Channel project update. All rip-rap is in. Found two things on project: walls to bridge were less competent than expected; 13" concrete slab was found in channel, in hindsight would have designed things a bit differently having known the footer was there. In the next phase of project will need to replace bridge by putting a box culvert in, concrete end wall in phase would limit that and make it difficult to work with, got pricing for blocks to finish this phase of the project so it is competent when moving to next phase. Phase II meeting tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Solicitor spoke to attorney in regard to land purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m. on Major/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary