

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Vincent Daubert and William Wetzel. 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 6:42 p.m.); Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; and Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer; Ron Bittner Uninvest, and Josh Hoagland of Crossroads Group.

Ron Bittner, Uninvest Municipal Pension Services gave a presentation on the pensions.

- 2016 MMO's – Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Motion to approve MMO's as follows: Police Pension Plan = \$68,169 and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan = \$15,778 was made by Wetzel/Madara and motion carried.

Bid opening for Municipal Gym floor was held. Major/Daubert motioned to accept the apparent low base bid of \$54,678 plus alternate bid #1 \$315 and alternate bid #2 \$2,185 for a total project bid of \$57,178 to replace the municipal gym floor, contingent upon solicitor/manager review and also checking references given. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of August 11 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter received from Aqua Pennsylvania Incorporated, Eric Haupt, Construction Coordinator, informing the Township of extending both Overlook and Ralpho Phase 1 Water Main Replacement Projects. Code officer and Roadmaster will be in contact with Mr. Haupt; secretary will send a letter with recommendations of Supervisor Major.
- Letter was received from Elysburg Fire Department Auxiliary requesting help in raising funds for a new fire apparatus by donating toward Community Auxiliary Bingo, Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m.
- GHD letter for Aqua Pennsylvania General NPDES permit was received. Municipal land use letter will need to be completed by Manager Springer and Code Officer Lyash.
- Notice of violation was received for Ed Helfrick, Jr. for storage tank system release. Failure to complete site characterization report by August 16, 2015.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to approve a 90 day extension for Thomas Olivieri Land Development. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to follow the Planning Commission recommendation for preliminary approval for Andrew Bower Land Development, along with waiver to allow grading within 10' of each side of the property to allow for stormwater management. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- NRG Controls North, Inc. quote given on 3 cameras to be added to playground and back of building came in at \$10,447. Further discussion will take place on this.

RECREATION - Madara

- none

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 2 permits were issued and \$100.00 in fees were collected during August. 7 letters of correspondence were sent, 22 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise, grass clippings and etc; and 1 burning permit was issued.
- Code officer and solicitor will look at updating the grass cutting ordinance with recommendation for next month's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Report was read.
- Elysburg Fire Chief Harvey Boyer thanked the Township and the street crew for assistance at accident scenes.
- Haunted House is starting to be prepared for this season. October 10th is the start date and weekends through October 31st.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Springer applied for the grant with Williams Pipeline and should hear results in the next few weeks.
- Manager Springer updated the board on update received from Insurance Representative that rates will go up about 29%. Major/Madara motioned to renew GHP Contract. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Progress road update. Madara/Major motioned to ratify the submission of request for additional grant monies from the Appalachian Regional Commission to be signed by Chairman. Motion carried. Bids on the project will be opened on Friday, September 11.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received.
- Engineer gave update on Stormwater Channel Phase I completion and also on going forward with Stormwater Channel Phase II. Madara/Major motioned to approve moving forward and submitting for permits as long as garage on one of the properties can be removed with CDBG fund monies. Motion carried. Solicitor and Engineer will discuss garage removal details with Jamie Shrawder, CDBG representative prior to permit process.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Banners have been ordered by Knights of Columbus and will arrive shortly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Major motioned to hold Halloween Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Supervisor Madara wanted to commend the Ralpho All Home Days Association for an excellent celebration weekend. He stated the closing ceremonies remembering 9/11 were very moving. Secretary will send letter of appreciation to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary