

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 13, 2015
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:32 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, 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; Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer and 5 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Alvin Roadarmel questioned as to why the Township will no longer be collecting leaves in any outlying areas. It was explained that to keep equipment wear and tear down, etc. this would be the policy.

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 Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

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

Wetzel/Williams motioned to approve bill submitted for payment from Spotts Brothers and Larson Design for payment through CDBG funds for the Stormwater Channel Project to be forwarded to SEDA-COG. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- UCC 5 year audit review was received from PA Department of Labor & Industry with no findings.
- Letter from Reading & Northern Railroad regarding government versus free enterprise ownership of SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority was received. Supervisors want a letter sent to the County Commissioners asking for input and explanation.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letters dated 9-22-15 and 9-29-15 regarding GP Pinamonti Timber Harvest were received.
- Larson Design letter regarding Municipal Land Use letter for Ralpho Township Stormwater Channel Improvements was received. Municipal land use letter will be completed by Manager Springer and Code Officer Lyash.
- 2015 Annual Banquet of the Northumberland County Association of Township Officers will be held Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 5:45 p.m.
- Mid-Penn Engineering Corporation letter notice of Great Dane Air Quality Permit application was received.
- Notice was received that PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust contribution rate for 2016 will be 2.00%.
- DEP incompleteness review letter was received for Atlantic Sunrise Project.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Major/Wetzel motioned to follow the Planning Commission recommendation for approval for Olivieri Minor Land Development. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received.
- Wetzel/Major motioned to approve leaf collection flyer and to advertise one time in both the Shamokin News-Item and Press Enterprise. Motion carried.
- Major/Williams motioned to advertise and to place spreader with \$1,500 reserve and forks from loader tractor with \$100 reserve on Municibid with auction to end prior to November meeting. Motion carried.
- Safety meetings were discussed. Manager is going to check with DGK for discount at renewal.
- Progress road project started on Monday, October 12, 2015.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Major/Madara motioned to approve use of parking lot for trip on December 12th. Motion carried.
- Roadmaster will get price quotes on resheeting the shop and also to sand blast and paint for comparison.
- Playground bathrooms are closed as of today, October 13, 2015.

RECREATION - Madara

- Softball field/fence repairs were discussed, approximate cost \$3,500 to \$4,000. Organization is offering to do all the labor and asked the township to budget for the materials. Will be discussed further at budget meeting.
- Gym floor project is underway.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams

- 12 permits were issued and \$3,591.85 in fees were collected during September. 19 letters of correspondence were sent, 20 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, noise, grass clippings and etc.
- Code officer gave update on filings with Magistrate.
- Sign issue in right of way with PennDot was discussed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Wetzel

- Report was read.
- Traffic Signal changes were discussed. Follow up next spring or summer.
- Buckle up grant paperwork will be signed by Secretary.

RECYCLING – Daubert

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Madara/Major motioned to accept the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to have Solicitor adjust the grass clipping ordinance to state once grass is 8” tall it must be cut with no limitations as per date/time of year. Will be reviewed at November meeting and then advertise. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report received.
- Madara/Major motioned to approve additional and final Stormwater Channel Phase 1 project bill submitted for payment from Spotts Brothers for payment through CDBG funds for the Stormwater Channel Project to be forwarded to SEDA-COG. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Madara/Major motioned to approve house numbers for shared driveway off of Quarry Road, now referenced as Fallen Pines Road. Motion carried. Madara/Daubert motioned for Township to purchase and place the sign. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to ratify approval for Chairman to sign consent to sell repository property on Valley Avenue, Parcel No. 040-02-044-237-B. Motion carried.
- October budget meeting will be advertised for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. Wetzel/Major, motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

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

Executive session was held for personnel reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary