

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 11, 2014
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Madara 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, William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Supervisor Vince Daubert. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Engineer Justin Keister (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), Roadmaster Howard Shaddock, Code Officer Mark Lyash, Police Chief Stu Appel; Jamie Shrawder and Tyler Dombroski SEDA-COG; Dave Nowroski from *Shamokin News-Item*; and 2 interested citizens.

Jamie Shrawder was present to hold public hearing for CDBG and will be at next meeting for project selection for CDBG funds.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – William Burris from 10 3rd Ave, Elysburg was present to discuss burglaries in his home and at a neighbor's residence. Chief Appel and Chairman Madara responded to him.

Minutes of February 11, 2014 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Act 167 Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting notice was received. Code Officer Lyash will be attending this meeting Thursday evening.
- More correspondence was received from Robert Slaby, Jr., Coal Township Manager, in regard to regional policing. Supervisors are not interested at this time.
- PSATS 2014 Proposed Bylaws changes were received.
- Ralpho Youth Sports request for funding was received. Williams/Daubert motioned to release \$2,500 budgeted for 2014. Motion carried with Supervisor Wetzel abstaining.
- Thank you for appreciation to the Supervisors, Police Department, Street Department and Ambulance Service was received from the Deerfield Development Board of Directors.
- Notice was received from Penn Dot regarding traffic counting on municipally owned roads.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received
- Fax bids were received from 3 local stone vendors. Major/Williams motioned that letters be sent to Corson/Meckley's Limestone accepting their prices for stone for the next year for the Township at the discretion of the Roadmaster as to where to get it. A contract is not necessary because we are under the \$18,500 bid requirement. Vendors will be asked to sign off on their prices and return the letter to us. Motion carried.
- Cinder sweeping was approved up to \$1000 per motion from Madara/Daubert. Motion carried.

- Wetzel/Madara motioned to allow the CASE dealer who we are purchasing the new backhoe from to bring a similar piece of equipment to our grounds and do a demonstration for other local municipalities. CASE will provide an insurance liability certificate. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Major informed the board that when Truck #4 goes in for inspection in the spring it will need major exhaust repairs and etc. with an approximate cost of \$1,600.
- Community Work Program from SCI was approved to have prisoners come in to paint old recycling containers and the steel railing and stairway on back of municipal building. Roadmaster will supervise the projects.
- Request was received from local Cub Scouts to meet with Roadmaster and tour the facilities and plowing equipment, etc. Major/Madara motioned, motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Wetzel

- The generator annual service invoice was discussed. Roadmaster Shaddock will check on draining the fuel and report back to the board.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 2 permits were issued and \$189.00 in fees were collected during February.
- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to return \$76,950 of escrow to Mr. James Levan for burned/demolished property on East Mill Street with the exception of \$1,650 pending completion of landscaping when weather permits. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Major/Daubert motioned to purchase Ricoh Printer/Copier/Scanner/Fax from Computation for price of \$809 including installation. Motion carried.
- Major/Wetzel motioned to advertise for sale by bid for the 1995 Chevy Caprice unmarked police cruiser. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Major/Daubert motioned to revise the amount the adult volleyball teams will pay in the future to \$250 per year for 2014-15 and 2015-16 and \$300 for the 2016-17 year and forward. Motion carried. Secretary will send a letter informing the organization.
- Madara/Major motioned to allow the Crawl Basketball tournament fundraiser to be held in the gymnasium April 5 and 6th. Motion carried.
- A Relay for Life fundraiser team will be allowed to use gym for 2 hours for a Zumba class at a reduced rate. Williams/Madara motioned. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Madara

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manger submitted the request for reimbursement from the grant for the containers, cameras, etc. that were purchased. It will be approximately \$30,000. Signage is the only thing left to take care and will be handled when the weather improves.
- FEMA/PEMA final paperwork for Craze/Drumheller has been re- submitted and is in process.
- Columbia County Tax Collection Commission meeting was held this month and H.A. Berkheimer was renewed at a reduced 1.59 % for a 3 year contract extension.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Campground Ordinance public hearing was held. Daubert/Wetzel motioned to adopt Campground Ordinance #179. Motion carried.
- Fee Adjustment Ordinance public hearing was held. Major/Williams motioned to adopt Fee Adjustment Ordinance #180. Motion carried.

- Major/Madara motioned to adopt resolution 2014-01 Fee Schedule Update. Motion carried.
- Major/Williams motioned to refund the transfer tax to the Fleetwood Liquidating Trust in the amount of \$11,880.05, pursuant to agreement discussed between Solicitor and their attorney. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Will be meeting Roadmaster next week on Hemlock Lane paving for this summer.
- Engineer is working with Manager and Solicitor on some issues for the CDBG stormwater project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-02, the Order of Succession Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:43 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel and land aquisition.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary