

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 8, 2014
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Vice Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Vince Daubert; Chairman Madara was absent because of work out of town. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Engineer Justin Keister (arrived at 6:47p.m.), Roadmaster Howard Shadduck, Code Officer Mark Lyash, Township Manager Joe Springer, Police Chief Stu Appel; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Harvey Boyer, Planning Commission Chairman; Scott Kerstetter and Clint Herr, Ralpho Fire Company and Dennis Kroh, Elysburg Fire Company.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of June 10, 2014 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/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 Williams/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter was received from Ecology and Environment, Inc. regarding Atlantic Sunrise Project. Code Officer will follow up with requested information.
- Letter received from North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy regarding conserving working farms and forests.
- Formal 2013 Financial Statements for each the Ralpho Township Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans were received and are in the Supervisor’s office for review.
- Statewide Health Final Report Approval was received from DEP regarding Catawese Coach/Shaw Residence.
- KPI Technology letter for NPDES General Permit received along with Municipal Land Use Letter on behalf of Stadium Dirt Design. Township Manger will prepare Municipal Land Use Letter.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Discussion took place on curbing and swales at last Planning Commission meeting and Solicitor will make a few minor changes and return it to Planning Commission for their August meeting with them possibly bringing it forward to the next Supervisor’s meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Major

- Report was received
- Jim Martini asked if it was possible for him to pave the street in front of his home at his own expense. After discussion it was decided that would not be approved. It was noted in the fall the street department will cold patch the concerned area on the street.
- A pipe on Sunset Drive was discussed. Supervisor Major will follow up with resident.
- Arm mower has needed repairs, it appears now that after two different repairs it is up and working now.
- Mr. Major will work with Chief Appel, Roadmaster and solicitor to send a letter to PA Dot in regard to sinking grates on Rt. 54.

BUILDINGS – Wetzel

- none

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 14 permits were issued and \$1,580.00 in fees were collected during June. \$25 was collected for solicitor's license, 3 burning permits were issued, 10 permits were closed, 7 letters of correspondence were sent, 17 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, grass/weeds and pools.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Harvey Boyer of the Elysburg Fire Company and Clint Herr of the Ralpho Fire Company were present and requested financial help from the Board of Supervisors to help purchase the required new radios for the emergency vehicles. Federal Grants are being awarded weekly and it will be a waiting game to see if they are a recipient. Supervisors thanked them for bringing it to their attention. Supervisor Wetzel asked them to meet with Jamie Shrawder to see if funds could be used through CDBG.
- Harvey Boyer thanked the Township for their help during the Fire Cadet Weekend. Mr. Boyer and Mr. Herr also thanked the Township street department for their help all year long.
- Supervisor Williams thanked both fire companies for the Fire Cadet Weekend he felt it was an excellent community event.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Wetzel/Williams motioned to accept the landscape tree and shrub quote for \$835 from MA Landscape. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to allow Sunoco recreation group to use the gym for \$300 per month. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Madara

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- FEMA application for Tropical Storm Lee reimbursement is still being looked at. Manager received an email requesting further information this week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Public hearing was held for Act 90 Amendment to Dangerous Structure Ordinance. Wetzel/Major motioned to adopt Amendment to Dangerous Structure Ordinance #181. Motion carried.
- Happy Valley road/Bear Hollow road on maps was discussed for emergency access in Columbia County and Northumberland County. Chief, Code Officer and Solicitor will look into this further.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Update on Stormwater Channel project was given.
- Wetzel motioned to take William Henry property to the magistrate. Motion failed for lack of a second. Solicitor will send a letter to Henry's attorney.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bids for fuel contract were opened, tabulated and considered. Major/Wetzel motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$.179 per gallon handling charge over cost on day of delivery from Miller Gas & Oil, Shamokin, PA for the fuel contract and \$65 day/nite hourly and \$85 hourly weekends and fixed mark up for materials of 20% maintenance. Contract runs from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015. Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from the vote.
- Revisiting cruiser purchase was discussed and be on August agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Major/Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution 2014-04 Police Pension Fund Member Contributions. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

Executive session was held for possible litigation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary