

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

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

*A moment of silence was held to honor our veterans.*

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Vince Daubert. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Manager Joseph Springer; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock, Code Officer Mark Lyash; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG; Kevin Strunk Crossroads Group LLC and Mark Gilger, *Shamokin News-Item* and one interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of October 14, 2014 regular monthly meeting and October 28, 2014 Special Meeting/Budget Work Session were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams 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, Miller’s Gas and Oil check to be held until further explanation of the charges, on a Williams/Madara motion, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Notice was received from Reidinger Trucking, Inc. that they will be permanently closing the recycling center as of November 30, 2014. They will no longer be accepting glass recyclables after that date. They want to thank the Township for their past support in recycling.
- Investment Summary Reports for the period ending September 30, 2014 are in the Supervisor’s office for review.
- Letter was received from Willams in regard to Atlantic Sunrise Community Grant Program.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- Major/Williams motioned to follow the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Richard J. Durdach Final Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Major**

- Report was received

**BUILDINGS – Wetzel**

- none

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams**

- 5 permits were issued and \$225 in fees were collected during October. 6 letters of correspondence were sent, 14 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, grass/weeds, noise and pools; 2 burning permits were issued and 18 permits were closed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert**

- Report was read.
- Police vehicle/dash cams were discussed with the cost being approximately \$3,500 and \$5,000 each. May be discussed at a later date.
- Wetzel/Major motioned to advertise 2008 Crown Victoria for sale by bid, with bids being opened at December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.
- Chief Boyer was in attendance to thank the Township for any and all support during the Haunted House fundraiser, it was very successful. He also wanted to tell Township how much Elysburg Fire and Ambulance appreciate their support in the purchase of the 2007 ambulance. He also updated the board on the possible cost of radios for both fire companies with the update required by the County 911 services.

**RECREATION - Wetzel**

- Wetzel/Major motioned to charge CYO and Tiger Youth Basketball \$500 per team rent for gym. CYO has 5 teams this year and Tiger Youth Basketball has 12 teams, Supervisor Wetzel will advise secretary if the number of teams changes. Motion carried.
- AED for the gym was discussed.
- Exhaust fans for the gym were discussed.

**RECYCLING – Madara**

- none

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Madara/Major motioned for Solicitor to advertise ordinance/resolutions for pension December meeting. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

- Report was received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2014 CDBG Application was signed by Chairman.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Proposed Budget - Authorize advertising and posting proposed 2015 budget as printed on the agenda was approved on a Wetzel/Major motion. Motion carried. Real estate taxes 5½ mills; i.e. general purposes 4¼ mills; fire protection ½ mill; equipment ½ mill and library ¼ mill; street lighting per assessment formula. General Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2014 = \$1,411,120; budgeted expenditures = \$1,365,916 leaving a projected surplus of \$45,204. State Aid Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2014 = \$237,960, budgeted expenditures of \$192,981 leaving a projected surplus of \$44,979. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Budget – Authorize advertising current Act 511 taxes as follows

Per Capita	\$5
Occupation	100%
Real Estate Transfer	1%
Earned Income	1%
LST	\$52 on earnings exceeding \$12,000
TV Franchise	2%
Mechanical Amusement	\$50 per machine

- Wetzel/Williams motioned to purchase turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas for the full-time and regular part-time Township Employees. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT** – John Holland, Pearle Street, thanked Code Officer Mark Lyash for coming to his property to check on a tree situation. He asked that the elected officials look into helping with these types of matters in the township.

**ADJOURNMENT** – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m. on a Wetzel/Williams motion and carried.

Executive session was held for personnel and possible litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary