

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - April 9, 2013
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major 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 Blaine Madara, William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert and Daniel Williams. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, 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 Shadduck, Stephanie Geise from the Shamokin *News Item*, Pat Shultz Ralpho Township Public Library Board; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission and 1 interested citizens.

Pat Shultz was in attendance to give an overview of the Ralpho Township Public Library.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Peter Tipka, resident from Schoch Rd, came to discuss a barricade that was on the road previously. Mr. Tipka will get a PENNDot representative number he was in contact with prior to this and forward it to Howard Shadduck. Mr. Tipka also questioned a neighbor using part of the road to park vehicles on. Supervisor Madara informed him that our solicitor is absent tonight and we will need him to look into this matter and advise whether the Township has authority on that issue.

Minutes of March 12, 2013 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Wetzel/Madara motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mails were received from Dennis Wydra regarding the safety concerns on Rt. 54 after recent accident. There will be a meeting at the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. Those who will attend will be Manager Joseph Springer, Police Chief Stu Appel, Dennis Wydra and 3 PennDot representatives, as well as Harold Hurst from Representative Massers’s office. Any Supervisors who are able will also try to attend.
- Earth Disturbance Inspection Report was received from Northumberland County Conservation District in regard to property owned by Tom Szezepkowski at 706 Airport Road.
- Letter was received from Representative Kurt Masser in regard to Firefighter Cancer Presumption Legislation.
- Service Electric sent notice of a rate increase for May 2013.
- Thank you letter and \$40 donation were received from Meadowview Christian Academy for use of the gym.
- PA Emergency Management Agency letter received to inform Township of an additional 6 months to complete permanent work projects from Tropical Storm Lee.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to follow the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Henry P. & Kathleen Louis Hynoski Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Since developer has not provided the updated financial security, Wetzel/Madara motioned to rescind approval given for Heartland Subdivision at February meeting and grant extension until May 14, 2013 meeting to enable Heartland to prepare a revised plan. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to sell stone rake to Franklin Township for \$350. Motion carried.

- Supervisor Williams will discuss advertising the snow blower and tool box for sale with the solicitor and bring back information to the May meeting.
- 2013 Paving Project – Wetzel/Daubert motioned to authorize advertising 2013 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on 2850’ of Montour Blvd at 4” depth; tar & chip 280’ of Kase St., 860’ of Hemlock Ln.; 200’ of Jepko Rd; 14’ of Craze Rd; 16’ Drumheller Rd; 55’ Hower Rd; 500’ of Clark Rd; 140’ of Hower Rd and 580’ of Schoch Rd. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of May 14. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to allow Roadmaster and Supervisor Williams to attend 14th Annual Equipment Show and Training Day at Lycoming County Fairgrounds on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Floor mats for the municipal building will be tabled until next month. Supervisor Wetzel will bring prices at that time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Wetzel

- 4 permits were issued and \$2,732.88 in fees were collected during March and addressed 9 complaints for junk, burning, vehicle and trash. Also performed research for 6 subdivisions and issued one burn permit.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to increase Code Officer’s hours up to 20 hours per week as needed through summer. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Addition of a swing set to the playground took place on April 8th and 9th.
- Playground carpet mulch was discussed. Northwest students will be coming to help with the spreading of the mulch on April 27 at 8:30 a.m. Wheel barrows, etc. will be needed and it will help if Supervisors can attend as well.
- Williams/Madara motioned to replace a broken outdoor basketball hoop with a price not to exceed \$200. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Madara

- We have not heard back from the state on the grant we have received since signing all appropriate paperwork.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Tax collection committee meeting on April 17. Manager and possible alternate Supervisor Wetzel will attend.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Solicitor was absent from meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Pinebrook Stormwater Basin project has all permits in place and is waiting for one more easement that the solicitor is working on and then we can move forward with the project. Engineer will be in contact with Gutelius Excavating on price and the start of the project.
- Township Manager Springer, Supervisor Madara and Supervisor Williams will be representatives for meetings on stormwater basin repairs with CBDG funds.
- Drumheller and Craze road culvert crossings. Solicitor has construction easement exhibits for review and engineer is preparing bid documents. Engineer feels this will be able to be advertised after May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to allocate Township's 2013 CDBG funds as follows: 18% administration, 30% demolition, \$10,000 private sewer lateral grants and all remaining funds toward stormwater channel improvements. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Multi-municipal planning was discussed and it was decided it is not feasible at this time.
- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to accept 2012 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m. on Daubert/Wetzel motion and carried.

Executive session was held after adjournment for possible land acquisition and personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary