

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

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors William Wetzel, Blaine Madara, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert and Daniel Williams. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson, Township Manager Joseph Springer, Code Officer Mark Lyash, Township Engineer Justin Keister (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; and 2 interested citizens.

Code Enforcement Hearing "Notice of Nuisance" for William Burris was held. Daubert/Madara motioned to extend deadline until September 21, 2013 to come into compliance with notice of nuisance mailed June 9, 2013. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Bryan Farrence, 335 Hemlock Lane, came to ask for assistance with a pipe blocking in his neighborhood. Mr. Farrence did meet with the Roadmaster and Solicitor last year about this and was asked to sign an easement to come on his property and he would not comply with that. Solicitor will look into if it is the Township's responsibility to clean the pipe and if easements are needed.

Minutes of June 11, 2013 regular monthly meeting and June 26, 2013 special meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- KPI Technology notification to apply for Water Quality Management Part II Permit to allow for added capacity was received.
- Information was received from "Homes for Our Troops" who will be building a home for Marine Cpl David Noblit at 26 Heartland Blvd. Groundbreaking ceremony will be July 20 at 10 a.m. Chairman Major will follow up and see who can attend and reply to email requesting someone participate in the ceremony.
- PennDot follow up letter to Dennis Wydra concerns was received.
- Thank you was received from Tax Collector, Charlene Zeigler, for flowers and donation to Ralpho Public Library in memory of her husband.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Commission asked for Solicitor and Engineer to attend a meeting to talk about Campground Ordinance and curbing vs swales as well. Board approved they both attend the August meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received
- Supervisor Williams asked that the Board look into residents dumping yard waste, etc. into swales, ditches within the Township. Supervisors were asked to put thought into this and come back for discussion next month.
- Pipe on 3rd Ave and Penn Ave will be replaced Monday a.m., Aqua PA will pave after the replacement.
- Township Manager will check on plans to see if we are responsible to mow retention pond on Horne Dr.

BUILDINGS – Major

- none

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read
- Locust Township has given an offer of \$2,500 to purchase the used Ford Expedition. Wetzel/Williams motioned to have Chief Appel contact Locust for a counter offer of \$3,500. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Wetzel

- 20 permits were issued and \$3,716.05 in fees were collected during June and addressed 19 complaints for junk, burning, vehicle, trash, grass. Attended (1) Zoning Hearing Board decision, responded to (3) zoning clarification requests, issued (3) burning permits and issued (7) occupancy and use permits.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to have Richard C. Parsons Associates update Zoning Map with corrected 911 street names, for no more than \$750. It to be an electronic version, which will be able to be updated more easily in the future. Motion carried.
- Solicitor and Code Officer are going to look into some properties in the township not being mowed to see what steps the Township can take.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to have MA Landscape, Shamokin, do tree and shrub trimming, etc. at Municipal Building and Playground for quoted price of \$849. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Madara

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- FEMA needs a letter detailing why the Craze/Drumheller projects are going to be higher than the initial scope of things. Manager and Engineer will take care of this.
- In reviewing insurance the Manager found a charge of \$1,200 for volunteer ambulance worker’s comp. In review it was found that we need to have this coverage at this point even though the Ambulance has coverage for its paid employees.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Wetzel/Williams motioned acceptance and recording of deed to Snyderstown Road property. Motion carried. Mr. Springer will contact insurance to get coverage for the parcel.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Craze/Drumheller projects for Miller’s Run were awarded to Robert C. Young, Inc. of Mifflinville. Engineer will have pre-engineering meeting in near future so projects can get started. He will have Manager and Roadmaster attend the meeting as well.
- Dave Gutelius Excavating will start Pinebrook Basin project next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sewer co-committee meeting took place on June 26th. Supervisors Daubert and Wetzel attended the co-committee meeting with Scott Damgaard and Ted Yeager of the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township. Chairman Major will go to Municipal Authority meeting July 11 with input from the Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary