

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - August 13, 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.

Moment of silence for the victims in the Ross Township shooting.

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 Shaddock; Harvey Boyer, Planning Commission Chairman; and Jamie Shrawder SEDA-COG and 2 interested citizens.

Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG, gave CDBG update on funding for 2013.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 9, 2013 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2013 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- Shamokin Terminal Annual Notification was received. Secretary will forward to both fire companies.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to allow Representative Masser to close the road that goes through All Home Days for an event being held on September 12th from 7a.m. to 3p.m. Motion carried.
- Letter received from Bryant Farrance for follow up of his questions last month in regard to the pipe being cleaned out on his property.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letter received in regard to encroachments and water obstruction on property at 131 Reeders Grove Road.
- All Home Days request for sponsoring a prize for Basket Bingo was read. The Supervisors are interested in donating \$10 each personally for a basket donation.
- PennDot letters of proposed project on State Rt 61 starting at Weigh Scales and ending at Paxinos; proposed project on State Rt 54 starting at Boyd Station and ending at Elysburg; proposed project on State Rt 61 starting at Uniontown and ending at Weigh Scales.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letter received in regard to encroachments and water obstruction on property at 137 Reeders Grove Road.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer

- Daubert/Madara motioned to follow the Planning Commission recommendation to approve Patrick D. & Paula M. Pugliese Final Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried with Chairman Major abstaining from the vote.

- Campground ordinance will be updated by Solicitor Kerstetter and brought to the Planning Commission meeting next month.
- Swales vs curbs were discussed at the August meeting. This discussion will continue.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received
- Madara/Daubert motioned to have Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. to do line painting on Montour Rd after paving project at a rate of \$797.63, with the additional expense of Turkey Hill Rd bridge if needed.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Steps on back of 2nd floor building need to be painted. Roadmaster has a contact to check to see if we can get prisoners to help out with the project possibly next year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read
- Harvey Boyer provided a report on the ambulance financials projected through the end of the 2013.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to sell 2003 Ford Expedition to Locust Township for \$3,500, motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Wetzel

- 13 permits were issued and \$1,251.40 in fees were collected during July and addressed 14 complaints for junk, burning, vehicle, trash, grass, responded to (5) zoning clarification requests, issued (1) burning permit and issued (4) occupancy and use permits.
- Permit fees were discussed.
- Code Officer Lyash was asked to contact, Steve at Tri-County COG to see if they could possibly reduce their inspection fees for Corporal David Noblit’s home being built by Homes for Our Troops Organization in Heartland Village.
- Chester Cooke, 113 S Market St, questioned if he was required to survey his property on Mill St if he chose to sell it, he was told no; he also wanted to know if he decided to subdivide would he have to have his property surveyed? He was told yes, it would have to be surveyed and brought to the Planning Commission.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- none

RECYCLING – Madara

- Mr. Springer will move forward with purchase orders for the grant the Township has been awarded to update the Recycling Center.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager Springer and Engineer Keister have written a letter to PEMA/FEMA for additional expenses incurred for completion of Craze/Drumheller road projects.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Donated property on Snyderstown road has been exempted from 2013 taxes. Secretary will verify with the tax collector.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Stormwater channel CDBG update, estimated project cost is \$186,000, Engineer will scope out the larger permit option which will allow the job to be possibly done in phases.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Solicitor Kerstetter and Manger Springer both looked thoroughly over the pension proposal that was offered from Jamie Wisloski of Wealth Professionals, Inc. Manager Springer will look into costs of hiring a consultant to guide us through the process of accepting proposals from Pension Management firms to see if it will be cost effective.
- Sewer connection agreement was discussed after the last Municipal Authority meeting. Municipal Authority and Township solicitors will discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Secretary compared the real estate tax rolls and the occupation/per capita rolls and found some residents were not on the occupation/per capita rolls. With instruction from Chairman Major she has compiled a list for the assessor to send letters to add them to the tax rolls for the Township. Township will incur the expense of printing and postage with the assessor handling all of the follow up to get them added for the 2014 tax year. Madara/Williams motioned. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary