

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - September 10, 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 6:35 p.m.), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Ron Bittner from Univest; and 1 interested citizen.

Ron Bittner Univest Municipal Pension Services gave a presentation on the Pension plans for the Township.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Doug Brubaker, 34 Circle View Dr., question on limitations on fire pits in yards and on decks becoming a nuisance.

Minutes of August 13, 2013 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- School bus stop sign request was discussed. Letter will be sent by Supervisor Williams and secretary.
- Penn Dot letter on bridge safety was received.
- Hampton thank you to supervisors was received.
- Notice was received from Dolittle Construction for a GP3 permit application for Mary Ellen Endrizzi property at 119 Reeders Grove Road.
- Northumberland County Conservation District review of SR 487 Bridge Crossing watermain replacement project was received along with notice from GHD for filing a GP-5 Permit application with DEP.
- Thank you was received from Ralph Youth Sports for the continuing support given to the program.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received
- After a lengthy discussion it was decided engineer will get prices for two different corrections for Craze/Drumheller projects, will e-mail to board for a phone vote decision to move forward.
- Leaf collection was discussed, Roadmaster will gather more information for the Board next month.
- Wetzel/Williams motioned to advertise for part-time help for the leaf collection season and also for snow removal. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- none

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read

- Letter was received from Ron Smith and Edward Linkus, Jr. from the Airport Board for commendation to officers Kreisher and Dailey for their handling of an incident at the Northumberland Airport.
- Williams/Wetzel motioned to transfer \$10,000 to the ambulance. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Wetzel

- 11 permits were issued and \$1,861.72 in fees were collected during August and addressed 12 complaints for junk, burning, vehicle, trash, grass, responded to (1) zoning clarification request, issued (4) temporary burning permits and issued (5) occupancy and use permits.
- Permit fees were discussed. Zoning officer Lyash will bring fees from around the area to a future meeting for comparison by the board.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- none

RECYCLING – Madara

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Health Insurance renewal was discussed. The premiums are going to go up by about 8% this year. It was noted that by implementing the \$1,000/\$3,000 deductible reimbursed by the Township last year there was a substantial savings. Supervisor Daubert will get Manager some info on a broker to possibly shop around.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Campground Ordinance was discussed. Solicitor will take info back to Planning Commission and hopefully bring an ordinance back to the board next month for review.
- Some discussion took place on sewer connection agreement from Municipal Authority.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Contractor Robert C. Young requested payment for the Miller's Run culvert replacement projects. Engineer recommended payment for work done, with exception of tar/chip to be done yet, while retaining 5% retainage for possible defects. Wetzel/Madara motioned payment of \$40,717.95, to pay funds received so far from FEMA/PEMA from the general fund \$22,932 and remaining \$17,785.95 from the State Aid Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Manager Springer is waiting to hear from a contact for hiring a consultant to possibly guide us through the process of accepting proposals from Pension Management firms.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Williams/Madara motioned Trick or Treat to be held on Thursday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Madara will call Pat Burke Aqua PA to see if when they mill Penn Ave they could place some of the left over on the lot on Penn Ave for police to park and monitor traffic.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary