

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 13, 2012
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Vice Chairman Wetzel 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, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:45 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock, Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman, Debra Eliassen from the Shamokin *News Item*.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 14, 2012 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Madara/Daubert 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

- 2011 Act 205 Report and Actuarial Valuation Report were compiled by Trollinger Consulting Group and signed by Chairman Wetzel and will be sent to Public Employee Retirement Commission prior to March 30, 2012 deadline.
- Letter was received from Trollinger Consulting Group which will now operate under the new name of Univest Municipal Pension Service.
- An email was received from PennDot in regard to the detour for Turkey Hill Road project in 2013. Secretary was instructed to follow up with a letter that the Township sees no problem with the plan.
- Letter from Northumberland County Association of Township Officers was received along with the 2012 dues statement.
- DEP notice of Violation by Vincent Rawa was received.
- Northumberland County All-Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting, Thursday, March 15, 2012. Supervisor Wetzel asked Supervisor Major to forward this on to the Township EMA Director.
- The Horne and Springer families sent thank you notes for memorials to the library in memory of their loved ones.
- Letter was received from the Law Offices of Dluge & Michetti asking for any documentation evidencing that South Street in Sunnyside was vacated. After discussion with Solicitor, Police Chief, Roadmaster and Code Officer and Supervisors it was decided that it is a paper street and the secretary was asked to send a letter back to Attorney Dluge stating that fact.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer Chairman

- Campground ordinance discussion took place. Chairman Boyer will look further into cabin square footage and update further.

- June 23 & June 24 will be Fire Cadet Weekend for youth 11 through 17 years of age at the Elysburg Fire Company. Last year 23 cadets graduated and now 8 of them are active in some sort of volunteer fire company.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was submitted.
- Telephone bids were received from 3 local stone vendors. Solicitor recommended that a letter be sent to Corson/Eastern accepting their prices for the stone for the next year for the Township. A contract is not necessary because we are under the \$18,500 bid requirement, but Solicitor will help Secretary write letter asking Vendors to sign off on their prices and ask them to sign and return to us.
- Street Department will attend the Equipment Show on May 16th at the Lycoming Fair Grounds. Lunch will be provided.
- Roadmaster has some ideas on summer paving /chip and seal projects. He will talk to PennDot Representative for some guidance and bring back to the board next month.
- It was noted that a street sweeper is probably not necessary this year with the small amount of screenings put down this winter.
- An application was made with SCI Coal Township for road side clean up help this summer.
- There was a discussion on the cinder spreader that needs to be repaired or replaced. It will be brought up closer to next snow season.
- Curbing on Bucks Road and Deerfield Development were discussed.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- None

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Madara

- 2 permits were issued and \$137.80 in fees were collected during February and issued several occupancy permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara

- Report was read.
- TRA Electric Incorporated gave Chief Appel an estimate on different options to repair the loop that has an electrical short. Toby from TRA will attend the May meeting.
- Chief Appel would like to commend Officer Grow for his actions on February 25th during the pursuit of a double homicide suspect. Officer Grow's actions were exemplary and very professional. Chief Appel cannot say enough about his diligence. The Supervisors asked the secretary to do a certificate of accommodation and have him attend the next meeting to do a presentation.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Playground bathrooms were discussed. They will be opened as soon as weather permits, around April 1st.
- New nets will be purchased for outside basketball courts.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Discussion took place on replacing or repairing the glass recycling dumpster. It is possible that the 902 grant Mr. Springer is going to discuss will possibly help out with the expense of this for the Township.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Springer was in contact with Bill Seigel, SEDA COG, and is sending a letter to County to ask them to oversee our CDBG Grant. Public hearing for this at next meeting of the Board at 6:30 p.m., on April 10, 2012. Bill Seigel, SEDA COG, would like to meet with Mr. Springer and at least one board member prior to the meeting to discuss potential projects. Mr. Springer will arrange meeting and let Supervisors know and hopefully one or two are able to attend.
- 902 Grant Application for recycling was announced. Mr. Springer will have pre-application meeting with Michelle Ferguson to see what the possibilities are within the grant. He also stated that the containers that we initially received were through DEP and we would need permission to destroy them.
- Met with FEMA last week in regard to MART and asked when they will come to discuss Township projects. He did not get a lot of information from them and was not told when they would be coming to our township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- PPL easement has not come through yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- No new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Insurance options from Jeff Kyle of DGK were discussed with no further action.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Major motioned to accept the 2011 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Madara read a quote from the Townships Today quarterly news letter that he thought was quite fitting for the duties of the Supervisors, "*the general governance of the Township and the execution of legislative, executive, and administrative powers to ensure sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the township.*"

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

There was an executive session held after the regular meeting for possible litigation issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary