

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 10, 2012
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Wetzel 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 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; Code Officer Howard Howal; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:53 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shadduck, Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman, Debra Eliassen and Larry Deklinski from the Shamokin News Item; Jamie Shrawder SEDA COG; Officer Christopher Grow, Maria, Jacob and Jude Grow; Bill and Carol Grow; Fire Chief Denny Kroh, Corporal Bryon Chowka and Officer Steve Spade.

Presentation of a Certificate of Commendation to Officer Christopher Grow in recognition of his exemplary and professional action while in pursuit of a double homicide suspect on February 25, 2012.

Regular meeting was recessed at 6:35 p.m. to start the CDBG Hearing.

Jamie Shrawder of SEDA-COG held the Public Hearing to discuss the CDBG program. Hearing was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Regular meeting was called back to order at 6:52 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of March 13, 2012 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

- Thank you from Steve and Vanessa Major was received.
- Thank you and donation from Meadowview Christian Academy for use of the gym over the winter months was received.
- Flyer from All Home Days Association looking for sponsorship in advertising was received.
- Notice was received from PSATS for bylaw changes. Ralpho Township current annual dues would go from \$805 per year to \$837 per year if approved by the association at the annual conference.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-14 Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary will send copies to local legislators as well.
- Letter was received from Service Electric explaining proposed rate modifications for May 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer Chairman

- Campground ordinance discussion took place and will be discussed further at next PC meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was submitted.
- 2012 Paving Project – Wetzel/Madara motioned to authorize advertising 2012 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on 1030’ of Hemlock Lane and 420’ of Butternut Lane at 3.5” depth; 1500’ of Overlook Boulevard at 4” depth; tar & chip 250’ of Sunset Dr., 595’ of Horizon Dr. and 550’ of Southview Dr; dust oil 150’ of Clark Rd and 540’ of Schoch Rd. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of May 8. Motion carried unanimously.
- Roadmaster and Supervisor Daubert put the cinder spreader for sale on Asset Auctions with guidance from the Solicitor and a reserve of \$900; and also possibly post at the upcoming trade show in May at Lycoming County Fairgrounds.
- Wayne Horne will attend required flagger training on May 11 at Buffalo Township Municipal Building in Mifflinburg, PA at a cost of \$50.
- Roadmaster Shadduck was approved to have Doyle Horne work up to 32 hours per week while Wayne Horne is mowing ditches, etc. in the Township.
- Penn Dot Open House & Job Fair flyer was received.
- Hauling stone to baseball field for Ralpho Youth Sports was discussed.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Scicchitano Hardware in Mt. Carmel will be called for repair of the fountain in the Municipal Building.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 8 permits were issued and \$263.00 in fees were collected during March and issued several occupancy permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Major

- Report was read.
- Toby from TRA Electric Incorporated will attend the May meeting to discuss Traffic Signal repair.
- Unmarked car needs about \$400 in repair to pass inspection, after discussion it was decided to go ahead with repairs.
- Neighborhood watch was discussed and if a group of neighbors would contact the board in the future it could be discussed further.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Playground bathrooms were opened in late March.
- New nets were purchased and installed for outside basketball courts.
- Madara/Major motioned to allow Crawl Basketball Tournament April 21st and 22nd in the Municipal Gym with all players signing Release and Indemnification forms. Motion carried.
- Replacing trees in playground was discussed. Supervisor Williams will follow up with the possibility of girl scouts taking on this project.
- Daubert/Madara motioned to allow Relay for life “Glow in the Dark Zumba” at the gym for \$40 rent. Motion carried.
- 3B floor services will be cut back to basketball off-season services.

RECYCLING – Williams

- 902 Recycling Grant was discussed. Supervisor Williams has started quote process for 3 compartment container for glass and will obtain a quote for a camera system for security. Mr. Springer/Mr. Williams will continue to work on this.

MANAGER’S REPORT.

- FEMA has met with Manager Springer and Roadmaster Shaddock on projects already completed since Tropical Storm Lee and also on Drumheller and Craze Rd repairs being completed in the near future. The FEMA representative will be writing the Project Worksheets for all projects in the next couple of weeks.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to select a project and pass a resolution requesting Northumberland County to apply to DCED on behalf of Ralpho Township for the 2012 CDBG funding and authorize the chairman to sign the applicable CDBG forms for the application. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Whitetail Run Subdivision from Hoagland’s will be reviewed by Township Engineer to make sure all conditions from past engineer’s letter from 2008 were met and hopes to have report for next meeting with a recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Training for Secretary was removed from agenda because of a scheduling conflict.
- The future of the Elysburg Ambulance Service was discussed at length. Harvey Boyer and Denny Kroh representatives for the Fire Company expressed their concerns of no longer being able to support the service as much as they have in the past. It is making it difficult for them to function as a volunteer fire company with the expenses of equipment up keep, etc. It was stated that the public needs to know that this service could be gone by October without donations or other help.
- Major/Williams motioned to transfer \$20,000 from the Equipment Fund to the General Fund; and to distribute \$20,000 of the general fund budgeted amount to the Elysburg Ambulance Service per their request. Monies transferred from Equipment Fund will be replaced as soon as taxes come in.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:02 p.m. on Daubert/Madara motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary