

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 12, 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 Mark Lyash; Police Chief Stu Appel; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:44 p.m.*); Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; Harvey Boyer, Planning Commission Chairman; and 3 interested citizens.

Bidding process for fuel oil was officially closed.

Bids for fuel contract were opened, tabulated and considered. Major/Williams motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$.185 per gallon handling charge over cost on day of delivery from Miller Gas & Oil, Shamokin, PA for the fuel contract. Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from the vote.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of May 8, 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 Major/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Great Valley Consultants letter stating that Shamokin-Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority will be applying to the PA DEP for a renewal of their existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit was received.
- Department of Auditor General provided compliance audit reports for Ralpho Volunteer Firefighters’ Relief Association and Elysburg Volunteer Firefighters’ Relief Association for the period of January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010 were received and are available for review in the Township Office.
- PA Department of Transportation letter for yearly Maintenance of Traffic Signals was received.
- Notice of DEP General Permit Registration GP-3 for Sheldon and Judith Winnick, 1515 Reeder’s Grove Rd, Elysburg was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Chairman Harvey Boyer

- Madara/Williams motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Sanjay K. Sen & Alakananda Chakrabarty Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was submitted.
- Keystone Communications quote for narrow band compliance for the street department radios estimate was discussed. Daubert/Madara motioned to go forward with radio purchase to become compliant for \$3,476. Motion carried.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to advertise cinder spreader for sale and to open bids at July meeting. Motion carried.
- Detention pond ownership behind Philippines old bard in Pine Brook Development was discussed. Mr. Springer will look into finding original plans to determine ownership.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Air Conditioning at the Police Department was discussed and will be tabled until next month.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Madara

- 12 permits were issued and \$33,727.44 in fees were collected during May.
- Madara/Williams motioned to ratify hiring Mark Lyash as part-time Township Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, retroactive to his actual start date of May 23, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.
- Major/Daubert motioned to reimburse Mark Lyash \$20 per month for cell phone usage. Motion carried.
- Grass weed complaints on Aspen Ave., E. Valley Ave., Airport Road and Bloom Ave were received and Chief Appel handled them in the absence of a Code Officer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Major

- Report was read.
- Traffic signal was discussed. Wetzel/Major motioned to go ahead with the quote from TRA Electric to repair loop for \$1,922 and also have yearly maintenance done as well. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- none

RECYCLING – Williams

- 902 Recycling Grant was discussed. Supervisor Williams and Manager Springer met with Michelle Ferguson to discuss the application. Educating the public about our recycling program would be required to receive the grant. The Township is not mandated to have recycling so our chances at getting the grant are less likely.
- Williams/Madara motioned to have Solicitor Kerstetter prepare a draft of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance revision prior to the next meeting. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT.

- FEMA update. Hopefully they will be working on the paperwork to releasing some of the funds to reimburse the Township for expenses already paid out for repair of roads, etc. after Tropical Storm Lee.
- CBDG rep would like to meet with Manager, Engineer, any Supervisors who are available on Tuesday, June 26, to review the Stormwater Channel project as far as who we need to survey, eligibility and the scope of the project. Supervisors need to let Manager Springer know if they are available.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Madara/Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2012-05 to join Tri-County COG. Motion carried unanimously.
- Chairman Wetzel appointed Code Officer Mark Lyash to the Tri-County COG Board of Representatives with Manager Springer as alternate.
- Solicitor will send an e-mail to Mr. LaCrosse in regard to the tree question near his property.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Update on permits for closed roads Craze/Drumheller in the Township. Should be able to submit by next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- US Government Probation Office permission to park a government vehicle in the municipal parking lot overnight on a long term basis was discussed. Chairman Wetzel will be in contact with the person making the request.

CITIZEN INPUT – Rich Gusick and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nagy were present to ask if Code Officer Lyash has been able to address their concern in Reeder’s Grove. He informed them he was still in the investigation process, but if they had anything in addition they wanted to add they could. They thanked him for looking into the problem.

Supervisor Madara took a moment on behalf of the Board to congratulate the Southern Girls Softball Team and Coach Cihocki on their successful season and to wish them well on their trip to the State Championship in State College on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

An executive session was held after the meeting for possible litigation and personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary