

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2012
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

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; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Police Chief Stu Appel; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived 6:54 p.m.*); Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Debra Eliassen, *Shamokin News-Item*; and 1 interested citizen (*arrived 7:00 p.m.*).

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 11, 2012 regular meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Williams motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mail from Keelie Schock in regard to Trick or Treat Night was read.
- Letter from PA Public Utility Commission regarding application from AQUA was read.
- Letter was received from DEP stating the township was reimbursed \$812.50 for enforcing the PA Sewage Facilities Act for the year 2010.
- The formal 2011 Financial Statements for the Police and Non-Uniformed Pensions are available in the Township office.
- PA Dot letter giving notice of emergency repair work to State Route 2016 for pipe replacement.
- Great Valley Consultants letter was received for notice of GP-4 Permit Application for Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Chairman Harvey Boyer

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Daubert

- Report was submitted.
- Major/Madara motioned to advertise leaf collection in the Township from Monday, October 29 through Wednesday November 21st. It will be published one time each in the News-Item and Press Enterprise. Motion carried.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to purchase a pallet of crack sealer from Bradco, Inc. for the price of \$2,137 from State Aid Funds. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Building lighting was discussed. Madara/Major motioned to move forward on lighting replacement with Lenape Solar with the E-Power Program through PPL for the library and the police department at this time at a price of \$701.86, check will be picked up with contracts; will discuss the rest of the proposals in the future.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Madara

- 3 permits were issued and \$314.60 in fees were collected during September. Addressed 11 complaints: junk, burning, pool, vehicle, code violations; researched three (3) variance application requests and one (1) appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board; removed notification signs for Danson “Conditional Use” request. Issued occupancy and use permits.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Major

- Report was read.
- Traffic signal repair took place with the loop being repaired. Invoice for repair will follow.
- Major/Williams motioned to purchase 2 bullet proof vests for \$1540.56 from Atlantic Tactical. Motion carried.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to give a \$10,000 donation from the Fire Equipment Account to Ralpho Fire Department contingent upon actual sales agreement for 2002 AM LaFrance Quint truck. Motion carried unanimously. Further donation will be discussed at budget meeting later this month.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Supervisor Wetzel will bring more information to the January meeting for possibly adding a swing set to the playground. Roadmaster will remove the current diggers and sand either now or in the spring.
- CYO and Tiger Youth Basketball team rent for gym will be discussed in November.
- Roadmaster will keep watch on playground bathrooms to be closed.
- Water fountain in the gym will not be repaired at this time.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Recycling is now accepting #1 through #7 plastics.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Madara/Major motioned to renew 1 year contract with Exelon for electricity at a rate of \$.07074 per/kWh. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Wetzel motion to rescind motion from last month to update GHP Contract. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Wetzel motioned to accept updated GHP contract with deductible of \$1,000 per member, \$3,000 per family maximum to be reimbursed by Township and leave copays as they were. Motion carried.
- Set budget meeting for Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. Will advertise special meeting in News-Item. Wetzel/Madara motion to advertise.
- The PA Film Office from Harrisburg, called Manager Springer to let us know Optimin Productions Company will be doing filming in Elysburg. They will contact him when they are coming and the police will be notified. The program is “Mysteries at the Museum” on the Travel Channel; they will be doing a story on the Anthracite Mining Museum at Knoebels.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Liquor Control Board Hearing will be held on Friday, October 12, 10 a.m., Municipal Building, for Ralpho Township Noise Exemption Application.
- Real Estate hearing letters for an appeal for Polar Tech were received for a hearing to be held October 11, 2012. Solicitor was not asked to attend.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Justin has worked with Mike Krepshaw from Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. since the last meeting on the Pine Brook Stormwater Basin repair plan. This will need to wait until spring.
- Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority reviews are moving along. DEP was at site and requested an additional permit.

- Drumheller and Craze roads. Feedback was received on the DP-11 permits from DEP. They requested a full blown hydraulics package to go along with the initial submission. The engineer took a couple of hours and put that together for them.

OLD BUSINESS:

- AFSCME representative has not contacted Manager Springer.
- Trick or Treating will take place in Ralpho Township on Monday, October 29 from 5 to 8 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor's office will be closed October 15th through the 19th while secretary is on vacation.

CITIZEN INPUT – Carol Phillips of Sunnyside Overlook was in with a MASO sewer complaint. Smell of sewer in her neighborhood. Mr. Madara contacted Sam Rumberger, plant operator. She also had a question on a state highway in her neighborhood, Roadmaster Shaddock told her PennDot is aware and stated to him that they will take care of it within a couple of weeks. She also wanted to know about removal of the blighted property in Sunny Side Overlook. Chairman Wetzel told her money for that will come from the CBDG funds and there is a process you have to go through to get it completed, but it is on the list.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary