

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 8, 2011**  
*Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA.*

***Chairman Edward Payeskie called 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, Ed Payeskie, William Wetzel, Stephen Major and Vincent Daubert. Also attending were: Township Manager Joe Springer, Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:45 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Planning Commission Chairman Harvey Boyer; Debra Eliason from the *Shamokin News Item*; and 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Harvey Boyer, President and Assistant Fire Chief of the Elysburg Fire Company, reported on many problems that they are having with the 911 Center with examples as recent as yesterday. There was discussion as to what can be done to correct the issues at hand. Madara/Daubert motioned to have Solicitor Kerstetter send a letter to the County Commissioners, 911 Center. Motion carried. Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. will be the Northumberland County Commissioners Meeting at the Shamokin High School. All the supervisors were encouraged to attend. Secretary will remind Supervisors of the meeting next week. She will also update Mr. Kerstetter, who was absent from the meeting tonight for health reasons, on the supervisor's request for a letter to be sent.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara**

- Chief Appel praised the police department on taking care of business in his absence.

Chief Appel was excused from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Dennis Wydra, township resident, asked the supervisors to reconsider an exotic animal ordinance in Ralpho Township, or possibly a compromise of some sort. After a brief demonstration by Mr. Wydra Chairman Payeskie asked the board to think this over until the next meeting and then they would discuss it further.

Minutes of February 8, 2011 regular monthly meeting and February 22, 2011 special meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Major 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 Major Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously. It was decided that checks would be held until tax monies started coming in and then they could be released. Manager Springer was asked to look into a possible line of credit for the township.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from Dennis and Cindy Wydra was received thanking the street department and supervisors for the outstanding job performed for snow removal this winter.
- Letter was received from Brad Klebon personally thanking each board member for the opportunity to quote the township's insurance needs.

- Letter informing us that Northumberland County intends to submit a Municipal Waste Management Plan Revision to DEP.
- DEP letter for final report on Swank Site involved in Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority project.
- PSATS 2011 Proposed Bylaws changes were received.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Chairman Harvey Boyer**

- none

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie**

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to have the City of Shamokin come with the street sweeper at \$80 per hour for 2 days with the possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Motion carried.
- Roadmaster Shaddock updated the supervisors on the radios in the street department vehicles. These will be updated next year at least 90 days prior to when it is required.
- The 1996 Ford F350 broke down during the storm on Monday, March 7. Madara/Major motioned to advertise for sealed bids for the 1996 Ford F350 and post a for sale sign in the window. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 12 at the regular meeting. Motion carried.
- Wetzel/Madara motioned to authorize advertising for stone bids with 10% performance bond or 10% cash when bid is submitted. With bids to be opened at April 12 meeting. Motion carried.
- Discussion on what roads to pave this spring took place. Supervisors will get together with the Roadmaster Saturday, March 19 and survey the roads and come up with recommendations for next meeting
- Discussion on what roads to chip and seal also took place. Supervisors will get together with Roadmaster Saturday, March 19 and come up with recommendations for this for next meeting.
- Bucks road will be watched by Roadmaster for any need of future repair.

**BUILDINGS – Daubert**

- ORKIN will be coming into do a quote on the pest control in the Municipal Building.
- Roadmaster Shaddock will ask Doyle Horne to look into the roof leaks in the gymnasium.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Daubert**

- 2 permits were issued and \$136.50 in fees were collected during February. Several occupancy permits were issued and officer is proceeding with criminal investigation hearing.

**RECREATION - Wetzel**

- Wetzel/Major motioned to purchase a truck load of wood carpet for the playground from Zeager Brothers for \$2,250. Motion carried. Secretary/Roadmaster will look into possible help from SCI or Northwestern Academy.

**RECYCLING – Major**

- Recycling of electronics was discussed. It is on hold right now because person who does this is awaiting permits from DEP.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

- none

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Hearing was held for Ordinance #176 Act 51 for Killed in Service benefit to now be funded by the Commonwealth. Ordinance was adopted on a Wetzel/Major motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- New engineer was in attendance and updated the board on his start up in the township.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Madara/Major motioned to accept 2010 Audit and DCED report as presented by auditing firm Forgett & Kerstetter. Motion passed unanimously.
- Wetzel/Daubert made a motion to participate in the Joint Purchasing Council fuel oil bid for July of 2011 until June of 2012. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m. on Daubert/Payeskie motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary