

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - JULY 12, 2011
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Edward Payeskie called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 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 Shadduck, Debra Eliason from the *Shamokin News Item*; and State Representative Kurt Masser.

Chairman Payeskie thanked Representative Kurt Masser for stopping in at the meeting for a visit. Rep. Masser stated if the township is in need of his help they should just contact him and he will try to help in any way he can.

Bids for fuel contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Major/Wetzel motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$.195 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 June 14, 2011 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Wetzel 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 Madara/Major motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you from Elysburg Fire Department was received and read with special thanks to Officer Dailey and Officer Spade for taking part in the event. 23 local youth took part in the "Fire Cadet Weekend". The event was a huge success and they look forward to next year.
- DEP letter for final report on Tri-State Investment Site involved in Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority project.
- Veterans group working on the ceremony for All Home Days to remember the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 asked that the township do a proclamation and present it at the event on Saturday at approximately 1 p.m. after the parade. Wetzel/Madara motioned to do proclamation, Chairman will attend service along with any other members of the board who chose to attend and the proclamation will be read. Motion carried unanimously. Secretary will have proclamation prepared for next month's meeting.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING –

- Major/Wetzel motioned to accept with regret Dana Carroll Lucas's resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried. Ms. Lucas is moving from the area. Secretary will send a letter of thanks to her for her service.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Part-time Street Department Employee, Doyle Horne, had a minor burn from tar on his finger on 7/11/11. He was taken to the hospital and was back to work after being treated.
- SCI Coal Township Prison Trash Detail will be in the township to work on July 27 and July 28 starting at 9 a.m. We will need to provide trash bags and a truck to follow them to collect the waste.
- Roadmaster Shaddock updated the Supervisors on the progress of the Paving and Seal Coat contracts for the summer. The paving contractor started today 7/12/11.
- Chairman asked Manager Springer to look into financial position to look at possibly purchasing a truck to replace truck that was sold this year. Mr. Springer will follow up for next month.
- There was a discussion of the Street Department budget and part-time wages.
- Hemlock pipe project was completed successfully.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Best Cleaners will clean the carpets in the office suite, Code Office and meeting room on July 13 at 4 p.m. Secretary asked all to help move the chairs out of the meeting room after the night's meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara

- The Emergency Operation Plan for the Township was discussed. Supervisors asked Township Manager to work with EMA Coordinator Donald Spotts Jr. to work on the document.
- Tabled considering to advertise the 2006 Cruiser for sale for bid until next month. Chief Appel informed the board that there is another municipality interested in purchasing the cruiser from us and they will get back to him prior to next month's meeting after their monthly meeting.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 6 permits were issued and \$241.30 in fees were collected during June. Several occupancy permits were issued.
- Daubert/Madara motioned to return escrow remaining balance of \$2,925.36 to Cancer Care Center after final review by Michele Auckerman of Uni-Tec Engineering was completed. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to allow a Pro Wrestling match to be held in the Municipal Gym on Saturday, July 30 with a portion of the proceeds going to the Ralpho Youth Sports Association. Ralpho Youth Sports will be in charge of cleaning up after the event. Motion carried unanimously.
- A snake has been spotted in the playground. Ehrlich Pest Control did an initial \$165 treatment on the playground for snakes and will follow up with monthly treatments for \$75 during the playground season. Charles will be asked to take care of any weeds in the area of the playground.

RECYCLING – Major

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MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Springer is surveying the full-time employees to see if they are interested in the 457 plan with PSATS to be returned by July 29th to the Secretary. He will report further at the August meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-06 to amend the fee schedule for Engineering Fees. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Wetzel motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-07 to amend the fee schedule for Sewage Enforcement Fees. Motion carried.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-08 Tax Duplication Fees. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Shamokin-Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority Project has escrow account established for construction observation and engineer is waiting for project to begin.
- Danson Enterprises Subdivision review letter was sent to Planning Commission, developer's engineer and surveyor. The developer's engineer plans to attend the next Planning Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Payeskie brought up Holiday decorations for discussion and will have more information at August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Township was informed that the bidding process for COSTARS Road Salt has completed and bid price for Northumberland County is \$65.71 per ton. Increase of \$1.51 per ton from last year's contract.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. on Daubert/Madara motion and carried.

An executive session was held after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary