

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING - AUGUST 9, 2011
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Edward Payeskie 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, Ed Payeskie, William Wetzel, Stephen Major and Vincent Daubert. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Office Howard Howal; Township Engineer Justin Keister (*arrived at 6:59 p.m.*), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shadduck, Debra Eliassen from the *Shamokin News Item*, Wayne Eliassen, photographer; and 10 interested citizens.

Roni LaRose Paramedic and Ryan Cotner EMT from Elysburg Ambulance Service were presented Stork Pins for delivering a baby while on duty on June 19, 2011. Baby Ellis Ulrich, Jr. and parents, Christine Nye and Ellis Ulrich, along with many other family members were in attendance for the presentation. Police Officer Chris Dailey will also be given a certificate of appreciation for helping get the father to the delivery site between Elysburg and Danville.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 12, 2011 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Madara/Major motioned to ratify the release of \$30,000 to the ambulance service on August 3, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pension investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2011 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- DEP Notice of Violation for Schuylkill Distributors Inc. of Frackville, PA, was received for accident on Route 487 and Bottle Drive where 20 gallons of gasoline was released to the ground on the roadway shoulder and the adjacent soil causing contamination.
- Shamokin Terminal Annual Notification was received and Secretary will forward this information to the two Fire Companies.
- Secretary filled out Federal Surplus Property Application and will get signatures from supervisors prior to mailing in.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING –

- Wetzel/Majors motioned to appoint Wendy Shirvinski to the open seat on the Planning Commission which expires December 2015.
- Wetzel/Daubert motioned on the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Michael & Mary Beth Leshock add-on subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jeremy Hoagland from Crossroads Group was present to discuss the Danson Subdivision with the Supervisors just to answer any questions they may have. There was much discussion about storm water at the development. This subdivision is in the hands of the Planning Commission and will move forward next month.

- Madara/Payeskie motioned to grant a waiver of Section 405.1.C of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance relating to grading within 10 feet of neighboring properties in order to allow tie-ins to existing roadway infrastructure to Dan Honaberger for the Danson Subdivision currently in the hands of the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Roadmaster Shaddock updated the Supervisors on the progress of the paving and seal coat contracts for the summer. The paving was completed from July 11-15th. The seal coat contract should be completed sometime next week.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to chip and seal area on Hemlock where pipe replacement took place. Motion carried.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to approve allowing the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township to use the trailer we recently purchased to transport their mower as needed. Motion carried.
- Line Painting discussion took place. Madara/Wetzel motioned to have Alpha Space Control Co., Inc. complete line painting on Center St from Market St to Horizon Dr, Southview Drive and Quarry Road for a total of \$2,790.96. Motion carried.
- Local delivery only signs will be placed on both ends of Southview Drive.
- Manager Springer looked into township's financial position to look at possibly purchasing a truck to replace truck that was sold this year. Mr. Springer's recommendation was not to move forward at this time and the board agreed.
- Allen Madara was in attendance with some concerns in regard to weeds in between his and his neighbor's property.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- none

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara

- Wetzel/Major motioned to approve advertising 2006 Cruiser for sale for bid with bids to be opened at September 13, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 6 permits were issued and \$501.00 in fees were collected during July. Several occupancy permits were issued and 2 properties with junk and debris were given warning.

RECREATION - Wetzel

- Wrestling match scheduled for July 30th was cancelled because of lack of interest.

RECYCLING – Major

- Supervisor Major reported that since we have switched to Jeff's Recycling for our transporter of recycled goods we have taken in \$4,887.65 for recyclables sold with zero expense for transportation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Springer will be contacting PSATS in regard to the 457 Plan. Several full-time employees did show interest.
- M&T Bank has told Mr. Springer that they are willing to waive their fees for the line of credit. Costs to the Township would include legal documentation to be completed. They would also be willing to finance the land acquisition over a five year period.
- EMA plan is still in process. Mr. Springer, Mr. Kerstetter and EMA Coordinator Spotts will work on this further.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Discussed earlier in the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- 2nd review was done on Danson Enterprises and forwarded to the Planning Commission and developer.
- Roseview Estates Subdivision plan was reviewed and forwarded to the Planning Commission and developer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Payeskie brought up Holiday decorations for discussion. Payeskie/Madara motioned to purchase 13 flags for the winter season to place on brackets in place with a maximum of \$2,000. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Major/Wetzel motioned to ratify decision to have Fleming's Nursery mulch and trim around playground and buildings in July. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

Mr. Wetzel brought up questions in regard to why cash carried forward from past year and Equipment account transfers don't show up on reports given. Mr. Springer stated will look into making manual entries to make those numbers show as he is requesting. There was discussion amongst the supervisors after Supervisor Wetzel questioned some budget items that are over or close to over budget already at this time of the year.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary