

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - July 12, 2016
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 William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert and Daniel Williams; Blaine Madara was absent. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Manager Joseph Springer, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Justin Keister (arrived at 6:48 p.m.), Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Bill Seigel SEDA-COG; and Larry Deklinski, *Shamokin News-Item*.

Bill Seigel, CDBG Representative, SEDA-COG was present for public hearing for 2016 CDBG Projects.

Major/Williams motioned to reapprove Federal 2013 CDBG Agreement with Northumberland County. Motion approved.

Major/Daubert motioned to abandon the demolition of 52 Mountain Road as a 2013 CDBG project and move funds to the Elysburg Storm Water Channel Improvements, Phase 2; furthermore, to request Northumberland County Commissioners to authorize a modification to its Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program Budget that moves \$2,500 from the Clearance/Demo line item for 52 Mountain Road to the Elysburg Storm Water Channel Improvements—Phase 2 line item, furthermore to approve writing a check in the amount of \$7305.93 to Northumberland County to reimburse CDBG funds spent to date on the clearance/demo project and to be held for use on the Ralpho Township Storm Water Channel Improvements Phase 2 project. Motion carried with Supervisor Wetzel voting no.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of June 14, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination report from Auditor General for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Full report is available in the office.
- 2015 Annual Financial Statements for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Larson Design has gifted the Township with Williamsport Crosscutters vouchers in appreciation of working with us.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Progress road update was given, awaiting the road dedication from Northumberland County.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Library air conditioning was discussed.
- Wetzel/Williams motioned to award fuel bid for August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.1775 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.
- Major/Daubert motioned to have MA Landscape from Shamokin do tree and shrub trimming for \$835. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to purchase camera to attach to existing surveillance system for the salt shed area at a price of \$1,680. Motion carried.
- Car wash for Tiger Youth Cheerleading in the parking lot was discussed. Not permitted at this time.

RECREATION - Major

- Gym painting has begun and will take 3 to 4 weeks.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 11 permits were issued and \$2,623.25 in fees were collected during June, 1 transient merchant license \$25 and 2 mechanical device licenses for \$250. 10 letters of correspondence were sent and 14 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures; and 3 temporary burning permits were issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Wetzel

- Mr. Lyash is filling in for Mr. Kowalchick while away on vacation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Web site was updated recently.
- Crosswalks in the Township were discussed. Mr. Lyash and Mr. Shadduck will get further information from PA DOT.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor gave update on records disposal.
- SCTJSA PILOT agreement was received. Chairman Wetzel will sign document tonight.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Traffic study was discussed. Penn Dot needs a letter from Township with request and issue to be addressed with the traffic study. Major/Williams motioned to have Chief Appel and Secretary do letter. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Daubert motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment with PPL to convert the remaining street lights within the Township to LED. Motion carried. Mr. Major will contact PPL to go ahead with project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- none

Michelle and Joe Lynch, 176 Butternut Lane, were present at the meeting to discuss a water issue in front of their property.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive Session was held for possible litigation and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary