

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - August 9, 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, Blaine Madara and Daniel Williams; Vince Daubert 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; Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; Police Officer Matthew Filarski; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG CDBG; and 2 interested citizens.

Pamela Yeager and Jack Crowl from the Elysburg Methodist Church were in attendance at the meeting to discuss an issue with an electric fence near the church parsonage. They ask that it be addressed for the future. Board asked solicitor to look into updating fence ordinance.

Williams/Madara motioned to hire Matthew R. Filarski as Patrol Officer II at \$22.75 per hour, effective August 4, 2016. Motion carried.

Chairman Wetzel administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Matthew R. Filarski.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of July 12, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Williams motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Major/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. Check to Robert Bierowski will be held until gym painting is complete.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received, secretary will send letter to Fire Companies.
- Annual Notification Miller's Gas & Oil Service, Inc. was received, secretary will send letter to fire companies.
- Pension Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2016 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- Notice was received from DEP regarding surface mining permit renewal for Split Vein Breaker Operation.

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.
- Discussion for proposed excavating for water line replacement on upper Pine Avenue took place.
- Roadmaster is going to start process of moving forward with truck purchase.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Major/Madara motioned to allow Meadowbrook Homeowner's Association permission to use Municipal Meeting room for annual meeting, Thursday, September 15 for one hour, motion carried.

RECREATION - Major

- Gym painting will be finished this week. Check for services will be mailed after completion.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 15 permits were issued and \$1,518.00 in fees were collected during July. 8 letters of correspondence were sent and 9 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, 2 permits were closed; and 1 temporary burning permits were issued.
- Discussion took place on staging area used by Aqua on Hillside Ave for construction. Justin and Mark will look into how to address this in the future with an adjustment to ordinances.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Williams/Madara motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Joseph G. Samuels as police officer effective August 6, 2016. Motion carried.
- Chief Appel and Daniel Williams will interview part-time officers and get approval next month.

RECYCLING – Wetzel

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Solicitor gave update on records disposal. School and County solicitors have given approval for destroying past tax collector's records. A resolution will be forthcoming next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Traffic study at light will take place one week day and one weekend day this week.
- CDBG Stormwater channel restoration project was discussed. Engineer updated on the funds available and the funds from 2016 to be enough in total to complete the project. It was noted that the Township would possibly have to front the 2016 funds until the 2016 funds are released from CDBG through DCED in 2017. Linda assured the board that if the project is completed by end of 2017 the Township is in good shape.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara/Williams motioned to request that Northumberland County, on behalf of Ralpho Township, submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Township's FFY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funds for \$85,548 to be used for: Elysburg Stormwater Channel Improvements, Phase II, \$70,248; Administration, \$ 15,300. Motion carried unanimously.
- Major/Madara motioned to have Jessica Henrichs, Southern Columbia senior, work with Police Chief through the co-op program at Southern Columbia as a volunteer for the school year of 2016-2017. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Phil Bueller, 232 N Market St. was in attendance with question about water run-off near his property in creek; and, also about the traffic speeds through city near his property.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m. on Williams/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary