

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - October 11, 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 Vince Daubert; Supervisor Daniel Williams was absent due to work; Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Justin Keister(arrived 6:50 p.m.); Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Larry Deklinski *The News-Item*; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 13, 2016 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received a letter from PennDot in response to speed study request on SR 54.
- Received Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan letter and survey. Code Officer Lyash is working on completing the survey. Next meeting will be held October 20th at 10 a.m.
- PSATS Unemployment Compensation contribution rate will be (1%) for 2017.
- Northumberland County Association of Township Officers Annual Banquet Thursday, October 27th, Masser's Banquet Hall. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by October 18th.
- Received a PennDot letter to inform of project to mill and resurface the pavement starting at SR 61 and ending at SR 54 possibly to start in spring of 2017. Letter will be sent to inform them that we are doing a traffic study and would like to share results with them prior to the project.
- Received Northumberland County Conservation District Completeness Notification letter and Technical Deficiency Letter for Geisinger site at old Paper Magic building.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Major/Daubert motioned to approve Secretary and Code Officer to sign Component II Sewage Planning Module for Epic Construction project. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara

- Report was received.
- Madara/Major motioned to approve leaf collection flyer and to advertise one time in both the Shamokin News-Item and Press Enterprise. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to hire Andy Mills for part-time help with the road crew as needed at \$12 per hour. Motion carried.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to order 2017 Ford F550 truck with all accessories from A&H Equipment for \$85,215 with delivery in February 2017. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Anderson Contracting will be coming to do the Police kitchen/bathroom renovation mid November or early December, Supervisor Major was asked to find out if they could give a price on fixing up the kitchen in the gymnasium concession stand.
- Flashing on gym roof was discussed.

RECREATION - Major

- Playground bathrooms will be closed on Friday, October 21st.
- Atlantic Pipeline grant results have not been posted as of yet.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Daubert

- 5 permits were issued and \$400.00 in fees were collected during September. 25 letters of correspondence were sent and 12 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures, 26 permits were closed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Williams

- Report was read.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to purchase a 2016 Ford Crown Victoria Cruiser from Kovatch Ford for \$24,900; if 2016 is sold, Chief Appel may proceed with purchase of 2017, for \$25,325, motion carried.

RECYCLING – Wetzel

- none

MANAGER'S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Traffic study information will be compiled and should be available at November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Madara/Major motioned to have Budget Planning meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Representative of Miller Brothers, PJ Malarchick, was present to inform Board of Supervisors of proposed addition to Dollar General Store in the near future. They are at the beginning of the process with a variance request, etc.

Phil Bueller thanked the board and Chief Appel for helping with the speeds on highway 54 and for sending the letter to PennDot.

Austin Zelinsky asked the question if a land development plan is not compliant with original plans what is done? Solicitor and Code Officer will look into matter.

Kathy Bullinton was present to thank the board for helping with the speed on highway 54 and also for sending the letter to PennDot; she also asked if the sign permit topic from last month was discussed further; Chairman Wetzel told her that we are looking into that and we are too late to do it this year for political signs, etc. Mrs. Bullinton also asked about using the gym for her homeschool children, Supervisor Major spoke with her prior to the meeting when this question arose to explain the fees for renting the gym.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m. on Daubert/Major motion and carried.

Executive Session was held after meeting for possible litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary