

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 15, 2017*(meeting held Wednesday because of inclement weather)*
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Daubert 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 Blaine Madara, William Wetzel, Stephen Major, Supervisor Williams and Vincent Daubert. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; P.J. Melochick MBC Development and 2 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of February 14, 2017 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara/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, with the exception of Sports Graphic check being held until job is complete in gymnasium, on a Madara/Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letters were received from Dennis and Cindy Wydra for the Police Department, Road Crew, Secretary and Code officer for the excellent job they do.
- PSSA 2017 Shoot Dates were sent to the Township for the upcoming season.
- Invitation to Mooresburg Presbyterian Church in Danville for special service to honor National Police Week May 7 at 9:30 a.m. was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District technical deficiency letter – General NPDES Permit for Stormwater discharges Associated with Construction Activities Elysburg Sheetz Rebuild (letter dated 2-9-17) was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District Permit Authorization NPDES Permit Elysburg Sheetz Rebuild (letter dated 2-28-17) was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District General Permit (GP) Acknowledgement Notification underground phone line crossing wetland & minor road crossings TS Evergreen Corp. was received.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letter review of erosion and sediment control plan for construction TS Evergreen Corp was received.
- PA DEP letter regarding technical deficiency #2 Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to give extension until June 30, 2017 for Sheetz Land Development Plan. Motion carried
- Madara/Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-05 allowing waiver of traffic study for MBC Development (Dollar General) Final Land Development Plan with the agreement of developer submitting \$1,500 toward comprehensive intersection traffic study being done by Township in lieu of doing their own study. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to approve MBC Development (Dollar General) Final Land Development Plan on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, including waiver of preliminary plan, motion carried.

- Madara/Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-06 allowing waiver of traffic study for Sheetz Land Development Plan with the agreement of developer submitting \$18,000 toward comprehensive intersection traffic study being done by Township in lieu of doing their own study. Motion carried.
- Madara/Williams motioned to give 90 day extension for Michael & Joyce Mychak Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara motioned to approve Sidney E. & Dorothy S. Gass Final Add-on Subdivision plan on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- Major/Wetzel motioned to allow waiver requests for preliminary plan and drawing scale of no greater than one inch on Final Subdivision Plan for Rose Marie Helfrick Revocable Trust Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Wetzel

- Report was received.
- Discussion took place on purchasing a scissor lift for the gymnasium. Wetzel/Major motioned to have Howard Shaddock look into getting one, not to exceed \$4,500. Motion carried.
- Phone bids were received from 2 local stone vendors. Madara/Williams motioned that letters be sent to Corson/Meckley's Limestone accepting their prices for stone for the next year for the Township at the discretion of the Roadmaster as to where to get it. Vendors will be asked to sign off on their prices and return a letter to us. Reidinger will haul anti-skid from Meckley's Limestone for \$4.50 per ton delivered to the Township shed. Motion carried.
- 2017 Paving Project – Major/Wetzel motioned to authorize advertising 2017 street paving project which includes – base repair and wearing course on Montour Road, Pearle Street and Luzerne Ave; seal coat on Wonderview Road, Moore Road, Yucha Road, Fredrick Road, Drumheller Road, Sugar Hollow Road, Bear Hollow Road, All Saints Road, Franklin Road, Sleepy Hollow Road and the back side of Leiby Road. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of April 11. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tree limb on Monastery Road was discussed. Supervisor Wetzel will give the go ahead on removing the limb.
- Roadmaster gave update on snow removal. Have to hire McAndrew with bulldozer to clean out Richards's Road at top near Green's nursery tomorrow. Board commends the street crew for doing the great job they have done with the quantity of snow we have received.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- none

RECREATION - Williams

- Madara/Wetzel motioned to order truck load of playground carpet for price of \$2,428.50 from Zeager Brothers. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 3 permits were issued and \$175.00 in fees were collected during February. 16 letters of correspondence were sent, 7 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Supervisor Major gave an update with Zoning/SALDO changes discussed when he met with Roadmaster, Code Officer and Engineer. He will get with Solicitor to bring ordinance changes discussed with supervisors forward at next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara

- Report was read.
- Notice the Police Officers Association of Ralpho Township wish to begin the collective bargaining process was received. Agreement will expire December 31, 2017.
- Chairman appointed Manager Springer, Supervisor Williams and Supervisor Daubert to be on the committee to negotiate with the Police Officers Association.

- Madara/Major motioned to put police cruiser on municibid, and also the sink/countertop from gymnasium kitchen; and the giraffe ladder in the gymnasium. Motion carried.
- Chief Boyer was in attendance at the meeting asking for attention at the top of the hill near Woodruff's Farm for safety issues. Chief Appel will check on snow fence policy with PennDot. After research would like to send letter to PA Dot and Representative Masser's office with our Townships concerns for safety on the road.
- Elysburg Fire Department was put on alert for snow incident over the last few days. Many of the fire staff did volunteer for 2 and ½ days. Both ambulances are down for repair. EMT Supervisor is feverishly working on this. The Board wants to thank the Fire Companies by sending a letter to both companies and also to the Adams family on Bear Gap Road in helping the ambulance service on a call yesterday.
- Secretary will check with Jeff Kyle to see what is needed for mutual aid for plow equipment in case of an emergency in outlying townships. Madara/Williams motioned, motion carried.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Closed because of snow storm but will reopen Thursday.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received, engineer absent from meeting because of other commitment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Madara motioned to approve sub-recipient agreements with Northumberland County for 2014 and 2015 CDBG funding and approve Chairman to sign documents. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Kathy Bullinton, 224 North Market St., spoke of safe pathways for kids getting to the park; asked if any plans to connect Ultra Vista to the rest of the community; asked if there is a water ways management plan in Elysburg; also, questioned why impervious coverage is not compliant at the Elysburg Fire Company; is the Township comprehensive plan going to be updated; what is the character of Elysburg; Phil Bueller, 238 Market St., also interjected in regard to a discussion he had with PA Dot with the traffic study that was completed, he also personally thanked Chief Appel for keeping the residents of Elysburg safe.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Wetzel/Major motion and carried.

Executive session was held for land acquisition and personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary