

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 13, 2017
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, Daniel Williams and Vincent Daubert. Also attending were: Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Drew Barton; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shadduck; Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News-Item*; Gary Pang *Press Enterprise*; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of May 9, 2017 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Major 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/Daubert motion, motion carried unanimously.

Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG was present for Public Hearing for CDBG FFY 2017.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2016 Annual Financial Statements for the Ralpho Township Police and Non-uniformed Pension Plans are available for review in the Township Office.
- Northumberland County Conservation District letter for most outstanding conservation group nominations was received.
- Kat Bullington email dated 5-12-17 with a follow up from May 9 meeting was received.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara/Major motioned to allow extension for Sheetz Land Development Plan. Motion carried.
- Major/Williams motioned to allow extension for Mychak Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Rose Marie Helfrick Revocable Trust Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Robert Lebo Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Wetzel

- Report was received.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Update on gym mats was given by Supervisor Major. Williams/Madara motioned to have Larson Design do a study on HVAC in gymnasium. Motion carried.
- Gym floor moldings will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Madara/Major motioned to have MA Landscape from Shamokin do tree and shrub trimming around municipal building for \$865. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to advertise the fuel bid, with bids to be opened at the July 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Williams

- Madara/Major motioned to ratify allowing SCA Girls Basketball use of gym on Monday nights from 6 to 9:30 from June 5 through July 3rd for a flat fee of \$125. Motion carried.

- Score board controller for the gym was discussed. Williams/Madara motioned to purchase a new controller from Nevco. Motion carried. Secretary is also supposed to check on sending in broken units and getting a quote for repair.
- No soda machine will be placed in the playground.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 10 permits were issued and \$2,205.13 in fees were collected during May. \$2,700 were collected for Amusement Devices. 19 letters of correspondence were sent, 10 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Major/Wetzel motioned to advertise SALDO Ordinances with hearing to take place at July 11 meeting. Motion carried.
- Geisinger Hospital is improving water channel along their property. They have all permits required.
- Mr. Rick Hornberger, 9 Aspen St., was present to discuss deteriorating Slagle property at 7 Aspen Street. He describes the property as caved in with varmints running rampant on the property. They are not able to use their property because of it. He states the value of his home is appraised down \$20,000 because of the mess next door. Solicitor and Code Officer will research and Code Officer will also cite them with the magistrate daily.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Madara

- Report was read.
- Accident report on incidents near Woodruff farm on highway 54 was received. PennDOT is going to move forward with possibly planting a living snow fence to help with this situation.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Mr. Kowalchick vacation July 8th through July 15th, Mr. Shaddock has all hours covered while he is away.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- none

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report received

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- All Home Days Board asked Supervisor Madara to attend a meeting. They are reviewing their bylaws and found they may need to update the bylaws for the future in case of the organization dissolves the land would revert back to the Township. Just a heads up for now.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

At 8:05 p.m. the board went into executive session for litigation/land acquisition issues. The board reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Madara/Daubert motioned to authorize Mr. Seigel, SEDA-COG, to sign agreement with Marcus A. Winnick, property owner at 131 S. Market St., for \$18,000 in exchange for release of restoration responsibilities and a temporary construction easement as part of Stormwater Channel Phase 2 project with allowable CDBG funds. Motion carried, Supervisor Major voted against.

Wetzel/Madara motioned to authorize 4th Amendment for Engineers Agreement for Stormwater Channel Phase 2 project, to increase funds by \$3,000. Motion carried, with Supervisor Major voted against.

Wetzel/Madara motioned to authorize engineer to advertise for bids for Stormwater Channel Phase 2 Project to be opened at the August 8, 2017 meeting. Motion carried, with Supervisor Major voting against.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m. on Wetzel/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary