

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 8, 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, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Vincent Daubert; Supervisor William Wetzel was absent. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Drew Barton ; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Ron Bittner and Barry Keck Uninvest Municipal Pension Services; Josh Hoagland Crossroads; and 8 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Dylan Kramer, Boy Scout Troop #247 was present asking if he could get preliminary approval to do an Eagle Project in the playground. He would like to build a Ga-Ga ball pit. Williams/Major motioned to give him preliminary approval with more information to come for placement and other details. Motion carried.

Bid opening was held for CDBG project Channel Improvements Phase II.

- Madara/Williams motioned to accept apparent lowest bidder Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. with base bid of \$220,000 and alternate bid of \$51,000 for the Phase II of Stormwater Channel Improvements through CDBG funds contingent upon engineer and SEDA-COG review/approval. Motion carried. Engineer will issue written notice of award.

Ron Bittner and Barry Keck, Uninvest, presented on pension plans and will return in September.

Linda and Brian Yeager, 188 Memorial Park Avenue, were in attendance with questions on stormwater runoff near their property.

Minutes of July 11, 2017 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Major/Madara motion and carried.

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

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

Williams/Major motioned to approve bill submitted for payment from Shamokin News-Item for payment through CDBG funds for the Stormwater Channel Project to be forwarded to SEDA-COG. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**  
**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter received from U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding FEMA Flood Risk Review Meeting Friday, August 18, 2017, was received. Code Officer Lyash will be attending the meeting.
- Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2017 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- DEP letters dated July 11, 2017, regarding Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline technical deficiency letter #3 were received.
- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received. Secretary will forward information to both fire companies.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- Madara/Major motioned to give preliminary approval for Feese-Gish Major Subdivision. Motion carried.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams**

- Report was received.
- Discussion took place on request from the fire company to place 2 new hydrants within the township. Major/Daubert motioned to move forward and have chiefs decide appropriate locations. Motion carried.
- Mr. Shaddock gave an update on overlay starting soon on Hwy 54. Project work will take place during night hours.

### **BUILDINGS – Daubert**

- Bids for vinyl molding replacement in the gymnasium were opened. Madara/Major motioned to accept the bid from Brent Rhoades Contracting for \$2,170. Motion carried.
- Big Ass Fan proposal was reviewed for gymnasium. Supervisor Madara is going to follow up on electrical supply and Supervisor Major is going to get further information from fan representative.
- Camera proposal was discussed for building and parking lots. Supervisor Williams will look into another quote for the project. Manager Springer will apply for Williams Atlantic Sunrise grant for the project.

### **RECREATION - Madara**

- none

### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major**

- 5 permits were issued and \$436.76 in fees were collected during July. 5 permits were closed, 21 letters of correspondence were sent, 14 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- County mitigation plan was explained by Code Officer Lyash. Roadmaster and Code Officer will attend next meeting with Eric Wendt at Northumberland County for next step in the process.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert**

- Report was read.
- Tabled allowing Officer Glen Wonsock to be part of the Columbia Montour Swat team.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to move Officer Chowka to Sergeant effective 8-12-17. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-07 authorizing sign placement for Fire Department Haunted House signs to be placed in 6 places within the Township. Motion carried.
- Fire Companies will be using the house next to Sheetz prior to destruction for training. Secretary will contact insurance.

### **RECYCLING – Williams**

- Camera update for recycling was discussed.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Committee will be meeting to move forward with Police negotiations.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- none

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report received
- Traffic study was discussed. Need further optimization details at the next meeting from Drive Engineering.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ralpho Township 2017 CDBG allocation will be \$84,685. Administration will be \$15,240, which leaves \$69,445 for the Channel Project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rotary would like to donate a tree to be planted in the playground. Supervisor Major will get more information.
- Roadmaster Shadduck and Code Officer Lyash went to a kick off meeting with Atlantic Sunrise. More information will follow.

**CITIZEN INPUT** – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10p.m. on Williams/Major motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary