

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 10, 2017**  
*Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA*

*Vice-Chairman Major 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, Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Drew Barton; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Jessie Smith Drive Engineering; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin-News-Item*; and 1 interested citizen.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 12, 2017 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

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

- PennDot responded to request for meeting with the Township in regard to upcoming bridge replacement on SR 54. Roadmaster and Police Chief will let secretary know which dates will work.
- Northumberland County Association of Township Officers Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. at Masser’s Banquet Hall. RSVP is due by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Williams will attend.
- DEP letter received regarding Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline Project to consider minor permit modification.
- Letter was received from Kathryn Bullington.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- none

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams**

- Report was received.
- Horizon Drive drainage and paving was discussed, with more discussion to follow at budget work session.
- Williams/Madara motioned to advertise Leaf Collection Schedule one time in both *The Shamokin-News Item* and *Press Enterprise*. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS – Daubert**

- Library a.c. units have been removed and walls repaired.

**RECREATION - Madara**

- Schedule for gym is being worked on by Supervisor Madara.
- Pepsi cooler in the concession stand that is not working will be picked up by Pepsi. Supervisor Williams has a call into them.
- Playground bathrooms will be closed October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Major**

- 10 permits were issued and \$16,908.41 in fees were collected during September. 27 permits were closed, 18 letters of correspondence were sent, 8 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Supervisors want officer to keep citing those in violation.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert**

- Report was read.

- Radio proposal was discussed to replace Kenwood personal radios that are not working appropriately. Will be discussed further at budget work session and at next month's meeting.

#### **RECYCLING – Williams**

- Gate is in place.
- Jeff's Recycling will not be able to accept black plastic anymore. Signs are in place to make the people aware.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Act 172 of 2016 possible credit of taxes for fire fighters was discussed. Manager will bring information forward to budget meeting.
- Geisinger Health Plan was discussed for renewal November 1<sup>st</sup>. Madara/Williams motioned to take manager's recommendation and choose the Geisinger Marketplace PPO Extra 10/40/250, with GHP managing the \$250 deductible HRA to be paid by the Township. Motion carried.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- none

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report received
- Traffic study was discussed. Jesse Smith from Drive Engineering was present to give update on meeting that took place in the morning with PennDot. Manager Springer will apply for the Green Light Go grant after it is completed by Jessie Smith and Drew Barton. Letters of concerns with the intersection and/or financial support will be sought from Great Dane, Knoebels, PSSA, Geisinger and Southern Columbia School District to be sent along with the grant application. Williams/Madara motioned to send 20% commitment letter for the Township with funds being used from Liquid Fuels funds along with the Grant and for approval for Mr. Springer to be the person to submit the application. Deadline for the paperwork is November 1<sup>st</sup> with the grant to be submitted by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara motioned to approve Jessie Smith from Drive Engineering to do the optimization of the timing of the traffic signal for a quote of approximately \$1,350 and also for him to assist Mr. Springer in applying for the Green Light Go Grant for a quote of approximately \$1,350. Motion carried
- CDBG Phase II Ralpho Township Channel Improvement pre-construction meeting was held with Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc. They will be doing the box culvert part of the project in approximately mid December.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- none

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Major/Williams motioned to have Budget Work Session on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Motion carried.
- Patron asked Supervisor Madara the possibility of having a farmer's market in Elysburg. A few locations were discussed.

#### **CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Executive session will be held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary