

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - NOVEMBER 14, 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.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of all of our veterans

Chairman announced that an executive session was held on Tuesday, October 24 for personnel reasons.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Stephen Major, Vincent Daubert; Supervisor William Wetzel and Supervisor Daniel Williams were absent. Also attending were: Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Solicitor Todd Kerstetter; Police Chief Stu Appel; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin-News-Item*; and 5 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of October 10, 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, Major/Madara motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
CORRESPONDENCE

- Investment Summary Reports for period ending September 30, 2017 are in the Supervisor's office for review.
- Thank you was received from Marian & Jim Williams for use of the back parking lot for a bus trip.
- PennDot letter regarding maintaining railroad crossing pavement markings was received.
- Covanta Environmental Solutions Consulting letter was received regarding Clarks Feed Mills Inc. Air Quality State Only Operating Permit Application.
- PSATS letter regarding Act 42 of 2017 Notice was received regarding prohibiting Category 4 casinos in the municipality. Deadline to take action is December 31, 2017. This will be discussed further at December meeting.
- All Home Days Association donation request was received for Black Saturday fundraiser.
- PSATS Boot Camp for Township Officials flyer was received. Secretary forwarded this to elected supervisor Blaine Madara Jr. as well.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Major/Daubert motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Consider Cellco/Verizon Land Development Plan. Motion carried. Motion was rescind until December because of abstention and lack of quorum.
- Madara/Major motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Feese-Gish Final Subdivision Plan and to have chairman sign Developer's Agreement. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Hubler Stormwater Review. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Shamokin JW Stormwater Review. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Williams

- Report was received.
- Road signage was discussed. Chief Appel will follow up on this for December meeting.
- Major/Madara motioned to table 2018 Truck purchase until next month. Motion carried.
- Southview Drive was discussed where Aqua paving is not up to standards for the Township. Mr. Lyash in Roadmaster's absence was asked to follow up with Roadmaster to make sure we have an email stating their findings and that they will review this situation in spring. Bond was discussed as well.

BUILDINGS – Daubert

- Madara/Major motioned to allow Ralpho Township All Home Days Association to use the meeting room in 2018 for meetings. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to allow Ralpho Township Business Association to use the meeting room in 2018 for meetings. Motion carried.

RECREATION - Madara

- Volleyball and basketball team rent for gym were tabled until next month with discussion on gym time being used.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Major

- 7 permits were issued and \$1,023.65 in fees were collected during October. 17 letters of correspondence were sent, 7 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, dangerous structures, etc.
- Major/Madara motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$1,800 to Audrey Dunkelberger for Land Development review. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$44.32 to Andrew Bower for Land Development review. Motion carried.
- Major/Daubert motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$1,237.50 to Epic Construction for Land Development review. Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$686.25 to York Adams Transportation Authority for Land Development review. Motion carried.
- Madara/Major motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-08 to renew participation in the Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Major/Daubert motioned to move \$25,000 line item budget to Fire Equipment Donations account from General Fund. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Williams

- Jeff's Recycling will no longer be accepting plastics from the recycling center. Madara/Major motioned to have County Waste provide 2 containers for plastic recycling and also to haul it to their facility for \$125 per pull. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Atlantic Sunrise Grant for entrance cameras/security was not funded.
- Green Light Go Grant was submitted November 8, 2017; Township match would be \$99,825. Guideline says the awards should be made in January 2018 but is not expected until much later.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Daubert/Major motioned to return of \$1,000 storm water escrow on completed lot in Roseview Estates, Lot #5 owned by Brian & Ashley Carnuccio. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Major motioned to return of \$1,000 storm water escrow on completed lot in Roseview Estates, Lot #2 owned by Cory Kowaleski. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report received from Brad Aurland, new contact person from Larson Design
- Brookside Landscape Land Development for storage units was reviewed with letter with mostly stormwater issues.
- Joe Gallina Sketch Plan was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- none

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed Budget – Major/Madara motioned to authorize advertising and posting proposed 2018 budget. Real estate taxes 5½ mills; i.e. general purposes 4¼ mills; fire protection ½ mill; equipment ½ mill and library ¼ mill; street lighting per assessment formula. General Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2017 = \$1,717,052; budgeted expenditures = \$1,664,421 leaving a projected surplus of \$52,631. State Aid Fund anticipated receipts plus carry over from 2017 = \$301,803, budgeted expenditures of \$236,175 leaving a projected surplus of \$65,628. Motion carried.
Proposed Budget – Madara/Major motioned to authorize advertising current Act 511 taxes as follows

Per Capita	\$5
Occupation	100%
Real Estate Transfer	1%
Earned Income	1%
LST	\$52 on earnings exceeding \$12,000
TV Franchise	2%
Mechanical Amusement	\$50 per machine

 Motion carried.
- Major/Madara motioned to purchase \$25 gift cards to Boyer’s for employees for the holidays. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – Josh Hoagland was present and asked the Township to review a couple of areas in the Code for clarity. Rich Barrett and Bill Fracalossi from Sunset Drive were present to ask about water run off causing problems similar to Horizon Drive. Supervisors asked Mr. Lyash to refer this to Mr. Shaddock and also to include engineer if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. on Major/Madara motion and carried.

Executive session will be held for personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary