

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 10, 2018
Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA

Chairman Major called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara Sr., Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Township Engineer Brad Aurand; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Larry Deklinski Shamokin News-Item; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; and 1 interested citizen.

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Madara Sr./Williams motioned to accept the apparent low bid of \$178,189 from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. for the Paving Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Linda Sterling was present with discussion of future projects for CDBG funds.

Madara Sr./Williams motioned to authorize Linda Sterling/SEDA-COG to move forward with survey of North extension of stormwater channel for CDBG funds. Motion carried.

Sheetz Inter-Municipal liquor license transfer hearing was held. Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to adopt resolution 2018-06 approving the transfer of restaurant liquor license No. R-17627 into Ralpho Township. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of March 13, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Sr./Williams motion and carried.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- 2018 Proposed Resolutions and Nominations Report was received from PSATS.
- A request for modification of 2017 Occupancy Tax was received from Susan Helfrick on behalf of her father Edward William Helfrick. Major/Williams motioned to continue with our policy of no refunds and not getting involved with accounts once they become delinquent and are with Statewide Tax Collection. Motion carried with Daubert and Madara Sr. voting against.
- PennDot letter giving notice of permit application for the replacement of bridge on SR 2008 was received.
- PennDot letter regarding minor permit amendment for Atlantic Sunrise Project was received.
- PA Office of the Budget letter to close Progress Avenue Project was received.
- Service Electric information on upcoming rate increase being sent to customers in Ralpho Township was received.
- Notice was received from Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to inform Township receipt of transfer application for Turkey Hill Minute Market #207 from GIARD Inc.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara Jr./Major motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Via Dante Subdivision with the condition of the execution of a developer's agreement. Motion carried. Daubert/Madara Sr. voted against.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to approve extension for Whitetail Run Subdivision until June 30, 2019, with notation that we are only able to give extension for our requirements of the Ralpho Township Code of Ordinances and that final plan shall match the preliminary plan submission. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to approve Chairman Major to sign the sewage waiver for the Yost Subdivision after Municipal Authority approved EDU's. Motion carried.
- Code Officer Lyash, Engineer Aurand and Supervisor Williams have been asked to review stormwater chapter of zoning book and bring recommendations back to the board.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.
- Roadarmel Lane road damage was discussed. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to have Engineer Aurand do survey of Roadarmel Lane and provide guidance on possible weight limit restrictions. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. motioned to buy new radio at a price of \$943 from Keystone for truck purchased and then use the radio from the truck that was just sold in the bucket truck. Motion carried.
- Kase Street tree trimming will take place prior to paving project.
- Street sweeping will commence tomorrow and Roadmaster stated he may need more than the original \$2,000 budget to complete, the board was ok with that.
- Supervisor Madara Jr. had a taxpayer ask about the drain boxes on Hwy 54 just down from the Lutheran Church being lower than the roadway. Supervisor Madara Jr. and secretary will write letter to PennDot with the Township's concerns.
- Supervisor Williams asked when the man holes involved in last year's paving projects by PennDot on Hwy 54 and Hwy 487 will be raised. Supervisor Major stated that the sewer authority is waiting for the asphalt plants to open and then they will be taken care of.

BUILDINGS – Major

- none

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Playgrounds bathrooms will be open Friday AM.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Williams

- 4 permits were issued and \$5,025.65 in fees were collected during February. 18 letters of correspondence were sent, 10 permits were closed and 11 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping and dangerous structures.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to have First Columbia Bank release the William Henry holding tank escrow because Mr. Henry has sold the property and the new owner has a bond in place for the holding tank. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.
- Locust Township letter requesting assistance with pro-active patrols both inside and outside the buildings on Southern Columbia campus was received. Board is in agreement with this request.
- Sergeant Chowka, Officer Filarski and Officer Wonsock are being recognized at an event this evening for assistance in the recent shooting incident in Shamokin. Chief Appel attended the recognition as well.
- Supervisor Daubert asked for permission to allow Chief Appel to purchase plaques for 2 citizens that helped out with incident recently on Hwy 487. They will be recognized at a future meeting.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager Springer informed the board that the Safety Committee is researching the possibility of security cameras for municipal building and he will update them in the coming months.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to authorize signing of easement paperwork requested by PA Dot on Penn Ave. property. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.
- Engineer brought forward an option for Horizon Drive drainage problem which is updated from a prior option. This will be looked at for future projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to go ahead with 10 holiday lights, possibly up to 14 depending on sponsors. Motion carried. Township will cover the cost of the materials to hang the lights and letters will be sent to local businesses/organization for sponsorship of actual light decorations. Motion carried.
- Street Light at intersection of SR 487 and Bottle Drive. Supervisor Daubert indicated that PPL needed to move a transformer and there would be an additional cost of \$715. Daubert/Williams motioned to approve the additional cost for the street light to be installed. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider Appointment for Vacancy Board
- Southview Drive Aqua paving area with concerns was discussed. Roadmaster will follow up with Eric Haupt, Construction Manager from Aqua.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary