

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 8, 2018**  
*Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market St., Elysburg, PA*

*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 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; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Linda Sterling SEDA-COG; Andrew Bell and Tyler Bendas from the Southern Columbia State Championship Football Team; Eric Santor of the Ralpho Fire Company; Larry Deklinski Shamokin News-Item; and 7 interested citizens.

Ralpho Fire Company President Erik Santor was in attendance to invite the Supervisors to an Open House they are having on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9 p.m. They also honored the Board of Supervisors with a plaque thanking the Township for their commitment and support to the Company in keeping our Township residents and firefighters safe. They also updated the Board on future projects for the company.

Andrew Bell and Tyler Bendas, members of the State Champion Southern Columbia Football Team, were present to accept a trophy from the Board of Supervisors to honor their outstanding season.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Jean Schutt, 175 Orange Street, was present to discuss the terrible condition of Orange Street, which is a paper street. She asked to see if there is anything that could be done by the Township to correct the problem. Jean Klinger, 167 Orange Street, was also present to ask for Township help. The Solicitor explained that the Township is not able to help with paper streets.

Dylan Kramer, 45 Adams Ave, was in attendance to gain a signature for support for his Eagle Scout project to take place at the Township Playground. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to authorize signature of the documents after review by Township officials. Motion carried.

Minutes of April 10, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- PennDot letter regarding Right-of-Way Encroachment and Outdoor Advertising Sign Control was received.
- Investment Summary Reports for period ending March 31, 2018 are in the Supervisor's office for review
- Meadowbrook Manor Homeowners Association letter was received to ask the Township to consider paving Pocahontas Lane.
- Northumberland County Conservation District General Permit Notification Penn Ave Stream Crossing Watermain Replacement letter was received.
- Letter from GHD regarding Aqua PA submitting notification to use General Permit 5 for a utility line stream crossing of an unnamed tributary to Shamokin Creek for Watermain Replacement was received.

- Letter was received from PennDot in reference to letter sent about height of drain boxes on State Highway 54. They found the inlets to be approximately ½ inch to one inch lower than the pavement. The inlets are constructed in this way to ensure proper drainage and the width of the roadway allows for traffic traveling in the cart way to have sufficient room to avoid the inlet grates.

#### **COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to give 90-day extension to Yost Subdivision. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to give 90-day extension to Brookside Land Development. Motion carried.

##### **STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.**

- Report was received.
- Southview Drive Aqua paving area was discussed. After review of Aqua engineering report and Township Engineer report, Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to send letter to have the area milled and repaved by August 15th, and to include in the letter the name of the vendor that is doing the summer paving project for the Township. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motions to have Ehrlich do weed spraying within the Township not to exceed \$1,500. Daubert/Madara Sr., motion carried.

##### **BUILDINGS – Major**

- none

##### **RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned for basketball and baseball teams to pay \$20 per day for summer use of the gym as an extension of their rents for their regular season. Motion carried.
- The Board decided to not allow the use of the gym for an amateur wrestling fundraiser.
- A water fountain/bottle filling station for the playground was discussed. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to purchase an Elkay Bottle Filling Station drinking fountain for the playground not to exceed \$1,200. Motion carried.

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

- 10 permits were issued and \$3,474.16 in fees were collected during April. 12 letters of correspondence were sent and 10 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, livestock and dangerous structures.
- Stormwater requirements will be reviewed by Solicitor, Code Officer and Engineer for future updates.

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

- Report was read.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to purchase 2018 Police Interceptor from Kovatch Ford at price of \$29,794.18 and for Keystone Communications to install required equipment for \$10,393.50. Motion carried.

##### **RECYCLING – Williams**

- Jeff's Recycling will no longer haul glass recycling to Sunbury. Dan Shangira will be hauling it in the future.

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

- AFSCME letter requesting information. Information will be provided. Chairman Major appointed Madara Jr. and himself along with Mr. Springer to be on negotiating committee. Madara Sr./Williams motioned. Motion carried.

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

- Letter to request rezoning for The Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Monastery was received. Letter to be sent back to them asking for a map, etc. as to what they actually want rezoned.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to authorize Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, to do a change order with contractor for CDBG Stormwater project with curb stop or wooden fence to be placed on said property. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to approve check writing policy as follows:
  - One (1) elected supervisor and either the Township Secretary or Township Manager, OR
  - Two (2) unrelated elected SupervisorsMotion carried.

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

- Report was reviewed.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to release remaining escrow balance of \$531.45 for Dollar General Land Development. Motion carried.
- Discussion took place on the process needed to go through in order to limit heavy loads on Township roads. Solicitor and Secretary will send letter to Anthony Yost who has property on Roadarmel Lane.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to purchase 14 - 5' star snowflakes from Rileigh's Decor at an approximate cost of \$6,934.90. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Consider Appointment for Vacancy Board

#### **CITIZEN INPUT – none**

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:28 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary