

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 12, 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/Bill Seigel SEDA-COG; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; Larry Deklinski Shamokin News-Item; and 4 interested citizens.

Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, was present for FFY 2018 CDBG First Public Hearing. Hearing was opened at 6:33 p.m. and closed at 6:49 p.m. CDBG project selection will take place at July 10th public meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Barb Lamb, 384 Hemlock Lane, and her sister Diane Holleran, 7 S. Hickory St., were present to ask about lack of curb on Barb's side of the street and damage to her driveway and also the neighbors overgrown area causing danger when pulling out of her driveway. Code Officer will address the overgrown neighbor's yard with the homeowner and it was explained to Ms. Lamb that if she were to put a lip on her driveway it would help prevent water from running down the street onto her driveway. It was also noted that when that area is paved in the future rolled curbs would be discussed. The street is not on the 5-year plan for paving, it is unknown at this time when the road will require repaving.

Beth Else, 326 Hillside Ave, was present to discuss having chickens on her property, the Board told her chickens are only permitted in agriculture/forest zones within the township.

Phil Bueller, 222 N Market St, was present to ask for help with water run-off on his property, a memo explaining the findings of the county soil conservation officer was given to Mr. Bueller.

Minutes of May 8, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Madara Jr./Daubert motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Daubert/Williams 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

- none

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Yost Subdivision contingent upon developer's agreement and \$5,000 construction review escrow and \$1,000 per lot on-lot storm water escrow. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.
- Roadmaster updated on truck purchase. Will be paid for Thursday and Sunbury Motors will transport to Bradco Supply Company for all equipment to be installed.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Field trip upstairs after meeting.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Playground carpet was discussed. Going to ask a couple different people about care of the tree roots, etc. Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to purchase 50 yards for a total of \$1,321.30 from Zeager Brothers, Inc. and to have Whistle Stop Fence put an additional gate for equipment in the front of the playground not to exceed \$750. Motion carried.
- Quotes on cameras for surveillance for the building will be forthcoming.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams

- 11 permits were issued and \$868.92 in fees were collected during May. 11 letters of correspondence were sent and 29 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.
- Chief Appel updated the Board that the new cruiser has been ordered.
- Chief Boyer from Elysburg Fire Company was present to inform the Board they have asked the Ambulance Director to look for an ambulance to replace the oldest ambulance. Nothing will take place at this time but possibly in the future.
- Street light at Bottle Road has been installed.
- Chief Appel explained that one of the two tasers the police have is non-repairable. The taser model has been discontinued. Madara Jr./Williams to purchase 2 new model tasers at \$1,680 each from Axon Enterprises. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Madara Jr. thanked the Ralpho Fire Company for inviting the board to their open house and reported it was a very nice community event.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- AFSCME letter requesting negotiations was received. Chairman Major, Madara Jr. and Mr. Springer will meet with AFSCME possibly in August or September
- Nationwide update on Life Insurance and AD&D and Short-term and Long-Term disability was shared. No change at this time.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 16 organizations/businesses have offered to sponsor a holiday light:
 - Berger’s Religious Gift Store
 - Burch’s Drug Store
 - Burger King
 - Farnsworth Camping Center Inc.
 - First Columbia Bank & Trust
 - Great Dane
 - Knoebels
 - Law Offices of Dlugé & Michetti

McDonalds
Queen of Most Holy Rosary Church
Schlesinger & Kerstetter
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Wayside Inn
Ralpho Township Business Association
Knights of Columbus (2)

- Madara Sr./Major motioned to purchase 4 additional holiday lights from Rileigh's Décor at approximately same price as purchased 14 last month of \$495.35 each. Motion carried unanimously.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to have secretary send a letter to Rick Roughton, 10 N Scenic Drive, with information from engineer's recommendation after last month's meeting. Motion carried. Engineer and Solicitor will help with the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Consider Appointment for Vacancy Board
- Daubert/Williams motioned to have \$1,000 spending limit for department heads without prior board approval. Motion carried.
- After the meeting Board Members took a tour upstairs to decide on clean up and which rooms should be occupied by which organizations.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

At 8:26 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel issues and possible litigation. The board reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to authorize Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, and CDBG fund representative to send a letter to Mr. Winnick for completion of CDBG project on his property as recommended by the engineer. Motion carried.

Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to accept new gym key access form requiring Act 34 and Act 51 clearances. Motion carried.

Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to allow Elysburg Farmer's Market to use meeting room one Wednesday evening per month for a meeting of the vendors. Motion carried.

Daubert/Williams motioned to hire David P. Tomtishen as full-time Patrolmen II at a rate of \$22.75/hr., with one-year probation, effective today, pending his schedule availability. Motion carried.

Daubert/Williams motioned to donate \$3,250 toward the expense of bringing the 911 Memorial to the 100th Anniversary 2019 All Home Days community celebration. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary