

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - JULY 10, 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; Larry Deklinski Shamokin News-Item; and Patrolman David Tomtishen.

Linda Sterling, SEDA-COG, was present for 2018 CDBG Project Certification. Williams/Daubert motioned to request that Northumberland County, on behalf of Ralpho Township, submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the Township FFY 2018 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funds for the following activities: West Center Street Flood Mitigation 82% of entitlement application; and administration 18% of entitlement Allocation. Motion carried with supervisors Madara Sr. abstaining from the vote.

The Oath of Office was administered to Patrolman David Tomtishen

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of June 12, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. 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 Madara Jr./Williams motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Annual Notification Shamokin Bulk Plant for Superior Energy Services Inc. was received secretary will share with both Fire Companies.
- Ralpho Township Annual All Home Days program booklet advertising letter was received. Supervisors will purchase ½ page advertisement by each donating \$10
- PPL notice of meter replacement was received.
- PA One call notice of credit of \$91.29 to account was received.
- DEP letter was received for Permit Amendment No. 2 for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- none

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Major/Madara Sr. motioned to have MA Landscape from Shamokin do tree and Shrub trimming around municipal building for \$865. Motion carried.
- Daubert/Madara Sr. motioned to advertise the fuel bid, with bids to be opened at the August 14, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Madara Jr. will contact Barry Swank to install the water fountain in the playground with the help of Wayne Horne.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams

- 3 permits were issued and \$150.00 in fees were collected during June. 7 letters of correspondence were sent and 21 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, grass and dangerous structures.
- Stormwater requirements will be reviewed by Planning Commission; and Solicitor and Engineer will attend a future Planning Commission meeting for guidance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Manager is checking frequently on Green Light Go Grant site for any word on the grant.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to reapprove the Via Dante Subdivision to give time for recording plans within required time frame. Motion carried with Madara Sr. voting against.
- Madara Sr./Madara Jr. followed the recommendation of the engineer and Linda Sterling of SEDA-COG and motioned to place 3-rail split-rail fence on property at 131 S. Market St. at an approximate cost of \$5,300 in CDBG funds. Motion carried.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to appoint Doug Gessner for Township Vacancy Board. Motion carried.
- Holiday decoration tentative locations were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Liquid Fuels Audit for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 was received with no findings.
- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to allow use of the back-parking lot October 24th through 26th for parking while away on a bus trip. Motion carried with Supervisor Williams abstaining.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m. on motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary