

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - AUGUST 14, 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; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Harvey Boyer Planning Commission Chairman; and 10 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Rick Roughton from 10 N Scenic was present to discuss the water problem on his property. Jason Reed from 8 N Scenic also commented on the water. Supervisor Madara will follow up with adjacent property owner and report back next month.

Boy Scouts Troop #247 and leader Caroline Lobos were present at the meeting to attain a merit badge for attending a Supervisor meeting and taking notes.

Tom Waltman from 18 Hillcrest Drive was present at the meeting to discuss a way for him to have a barbeque stand within the Township. Currently the ordinance for a transient merchant license is prohibited within the Township on Sundays. After much discussion the Daubert/Madara Sr. decided to move forward with amending the transient merchant ordinance to be allowed 4 consecutive days with a 3-day break, Supervisor Williams voted against. Hearing for public comment will be held at September meeting.

Minutes of July 10, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- All Home Days welcome and request for sponsorship of Vera Bradley Purse Bingo was received.
- PA State Shotgunning Association notification for General Permit Registration was received.
- Pension Investment Summary Reports for period ending June 30, 2018 are in the Supervisor's office for review.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman**

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to reject Brookside Land Development plan. Motion carried. Rejection letter with deficiencies will be forwarded to developer.

**STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.**

- Report was received.

- Supervisor Madara thanked the street department for all their hard work with the recent flooding rains, etc.
- Supervisor Madara Sr. received notice via telephone that Southview Drive Aqua repaving will be taken care of prior to end of season.
- The summer paving in the Township is in progress and should be complete by weeks end. If necessary it will carry over into the weekend.

#### **BUILDINGS – Major**

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to award fuel bid for August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019 to Miller Gas and Oil, Inc. for \$.199 handling charge bid price per gallon (amount over cost on day of delivery). Motion carried with Supervisor Daubert abstaining from discussion and bid.
- Lighting upstairs is being worked on by Matt Gillespie and should be completed within the next week.

#### **RECREATION – Madara Jr.**

- Playground mulch was spread in the playground.

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

- 9 permits were issued and \$2,449.25 in fees were collected during July. 12 letters of correspondence were sent and 20 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 Planning Commission meeting again in September for guidance.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$1,626.74 to Shamokin Coal Township Joint Sewer Authority. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$1,498.60 to Geisinger Land Development. Motion carried.
- Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to return remaining balance of escrow \$4,379.67 to Sheetz, Inc. and to release Surety Bond for \$495,926 for improvements as well. Motion carried.

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

- Report was read.
- Chief Appel explained that Officer Filarski had an incident with the Explorer cruiser and insurance has approved the repairs at Jeff’s Autobody.
- Madara/Daubert motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-07 authorizing sign placement for Fire Department Haunted House signs to be placed in 6 places within the Township. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Daubert thanked everyone for the support during the period when his Mother passed.

#### **RECYCLING – Williams**

- none

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- On July 12<sup>th</sup> Green Light Go Grant was announced to be awarded to the Township for an update to the traffic signal. The process will possibly be slow. More information will follow. The amount of the grant is \$399,295 and the Township will match approximately \$99,824. Secretary Olson commented that she wants the Township residents to know that the Board of Supervisors made good decisions to do traffic studies, budgeting, etc. and to move forward with Manager Springer, along with Jessie Smith from Drive Engineering, to complete the grant application to

be able to obtain this grant. This will hopefully help alleviate some of the traffic congestion at the intersection of State Rt 54 and State Rt 487 within the Township.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned authorizing CDBG payment to Sikora Brothers for fence at 131 N Market St at an approximate cost of \$5,300 contingent upon Engineer's approval. Motion carried.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Report was reviewed.
- Short report on paving at Hornberger Subdivision. This will be followed up and inspected by Engineer when it does take place. Engineer and Roadmaster viewed location and right now mud is ankle deep so paving will not happen quickly.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Holiday decorations were discussed further.
- Supervisor Major gave an update on the upstairs clean up.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to accept donation of 4 picnic tables and 4 benches for the baseball field near the park from the Knights of Columbus. Motion carried.
- Williams/Madara Jr. motioned to donate \$25 to Ralpho Township Library in memorial to library for Supervisor Daubert's mother, Someko "Paula" Daubert. Motion carried.

### **CITIZEN INPUT – none**

At 8:22 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel issues. The board reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-08 authorizing the execution of an agreement with officer Christian Dailey to honorably discharge officer Dailey from service with Ralpho Township and approve disability retirement in accord with the Ralpho Township Police Pension Ordinance. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:36 p.m. on Williams/Daubert motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson  
Ralpho Township Secretary