

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

A moment of silence was held for all of those affected by the terrorist attacks on 9-11 seventeen years ago.

Attending were: Supervisors Vincent Daubert, Stephen Major, Daniel Williams and Blaine Madara Jr., Blaine Madara Sr. was absent. Also attending were: Township Manager Joseph Springer, Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson; Code Officer Mark Lyash; Police Chief Stu Appel; Roadmaster Howard Shaddock; Larry Deklinski *Shamokin News Item*; and 3 interested citizens.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Christopher Hager, 254 E Center St, concern with pipe near his property not working properly with large rain event. He stated the pipe that has collapsed is not on his property but the large amount of water ends up blowing out on his property. The Township Engineer reviewed the site and gave guidance to the Township.

Minutes of August 14, 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 Williams/Madara Jr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Penn Dot acknowledgement of banner resolution was received. The resolution is considered a perpetual resolution and does not need to be passed yearly.
- PA Liquor Control Board notice was received for Covered Bridge Brewhaus LLC at 160 S. Market St.
- Municipal Pension Reporting Program Distress Determination was received. Pension consultants directed Secretary how to fill in the form and asked that it be signed at meeting and then mailed to their office and Department of Auditor General.
- Housing Authority of Northumberland County sent an invitation to Fight Blight Initiative meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018.
- Shamokin AYSO letter was received to request help with ditch mowing on Weis soccer fields. Supervisor Madara Jr. will check into this further.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Patricia A. Williams and Barbara Thomas add-on subdivision plan. Motion carried.
- Williams/Daubert motioned to table a request by Joshua Hoagland on behalf of his client Tire Ranch for waiver of development planning for SALDO requirements. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Paul’s HVAC will be doing fall pre-season service on both the heating systems in the municipal building and the maintenance shed Friday.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Trees are trimmed at baseball field and look really nice.

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 are still being reviewed by Planning Commission, Solicitor and Engineer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- The renewal for the current health insurance plan will take place November 1, 2018. There will be an increase of approximately 16% in premiums.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Hearing to consider Ordinance No. 189 to Amend Transient Retail Merchants Ordinance took place with some discussion. Daubert/Madara Jr. motioned to adopt ordinance No. 189. Motion carried with Supervisor Williams voting against.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

- Report was reviewed engineer was absent from the meeting.
- Madara Jr./Williams motioned to return balance of Gary Houseknecht’s stormwater review escrow upon receipt of Larson Design invoice. Motion carried. Code Officer Lyash will ask Mr. Houseknecht to record the change with the County Recorder’s Office. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday decorations were discussed, still in the process with PPL.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2019 MMO’s – Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. Motion to approve MMO’s as follows: Police Pension Plan = \$90,278 and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan = \$22,261 was made by Daubert/Williams and motion carried.
- Daubert/Williams motioned for Trick or Treat night in Ralpho Township to be on Wednesday, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m. on Daubert/Williams motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary