

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 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., were all present. 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*; Ron Bittner Univest Municipal Services; and 15 interested citizens.

Kelly Shroyer and Martha Kahan, President of No-Nonsense Neutering, gave a presentation on No-Nonsense Neutering and Trap Neuter Return. Several residents and others that have tried to help with the epidemic of feral cats within the Township also spoke of the importance of having the cats neutered. They are asking the Board to support this TNR program. Board is going to try to budget \$1,500 for 2019.

Dan Spano from Dansway Inc. was present to ask the Township to do restoration of Reed Road in 2019 budget. The Board understands his concerns but is unable to commit to a restoration for the coming year. They have asked the Roadmaster to continue to monitor the road.

Ron Bittner, Univest Municipal Pension Services, gave a presentation on the Pension plans.

At 7:31 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel issues. The board reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

Minutes of September 11, 2018 regular monthly meeting were accepted as presented on Daubert/Madara Sr. 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 Williams/Madara Sr. motion, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Michael Baker International & Northumberland County letters regarding AT&T Fiber Optic Cable Relocation PADEP General Permit #5 Utility Line Street Crossing notice were received.
- PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust notice rate of .80% was received.
- Northumberland County Association of Township Officers Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, October 25th at 5:45 p.m. at Masser's Banquet Hall. RSVP is due by October 10th
- Letter from Dansway Inc. in regard to paving of Reed Road was received.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:
PLANNING – Harvey Boyer, Chairman

- Further clarification on the Kenneth D. & Elizabeth Snyder final add-on subdivision plan is needed prior to approval.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to rescind original motion from August 14, 2018 to reject Brookside Land Development. Motion carried. Williams/Madara Sr. motioned to give a 120-day retro-active extension to Brookside Land Development set to expire December 8, 2018. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Madara Sr.

- Report was received.
- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to advertise Leaf Collection Schedule one time in both The Shamokin-News Item and Press Enterprise. Motion carried.
- Madara Sr./Daubert motioned to hire Samuel Kranzel as a part-time snow plow driver at a rate of \$14 per hour. Motion carried.
- Pickup purchase for 2019 was discussed. Madara Sr./Williams motioned to purchase 2019 Ford F350 from Sunbury Motors for \$33,790. Motion carried.

BUILDINGS – Major

- Update on basement water problem was given.
- New LED canopy lighting was installed in front of building and two more fixtures outside will be replaced in the very near future.

RECREATION – Madara Jr.

- Playground bathrooms were closed today.
- Gym rent for the volleyball teams and Tiger Youth Basketball and CYO teams was discussed. Madara Jr./Madara Sr. motioned to charge CYO and Tiger Youth Basketball \$550 per team rent for gym. Volleyball for 2018-19 season will be \$150 per team rent for gym with the understanding that if they gain more teams and require more than one-night in the future it will go back to \$300 per team or other agreed upon amount. Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Williams

- 4 permits were issued and \$1,725 in fees were collected during September. 13 letters of correspondence were sent and 26 complaints were received for vehicles, trash, dumping, grass, dangerous structures, etc.
- Stormwater requirements are still being reviewed by Planning Commission, Solicitor and Engineer.
- September 20th Code Officer attended Blight Seminar with Northumberland County and it was handled and set up very well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Daubert

- Report was read.

RECYCLING – Williams

- none

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Madara Sr./Williams motioned to adopt Resolution 2018-09 authorizing the execution of the Green Light Go Grant Agreement and all future Grant Related Documents, as well as to authorize Manager Springer to sign acceptance letter. Motion carried.

- Madara Jr./Williams motioned for Manager Springer to move forward with advertising for engineering services for the Green Light Go Grant. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- none

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Report was received.
- Linda Sterling from SEDA-COG asked for a construction estimate for next CDBG project. Engineer will check with her to make sure that is moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Holiday decorations were discussed, still in the process with PPL. Chairman Major is asking Manager Springer to help out with trying to contact PPL during daytime hours.
- AYSO trimming update was given by Supervisor Madara Jr.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Confirmed advertised budget meeting will be Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Madara Jr./Daubert motioned to accept Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Union effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. Motion carried.
- PA One Call is now under the wing of PUC. They will now be charging fines if notices are not responded to by municipalities.

CITIZEN INPUT – none

ADJOURNMENT – there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at approximately 8:39 p.m. on Williams/Madara Jr. motion and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary