

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2007 6:30 pm

Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 30 South Market Street, Elysburg, PA

Chairman Shadduck called meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Responding to roll call were: Supervisors Loyd Horne, Ed Payeskie, Howard Shadduck and William Wetzel. Supervisor Madara was absent because of family commitment. Also attending were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Code Enforcement/Planning Chairman Howard Howal, Manager Joe Springer, Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Bill Hoy, Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin. Two residents attended along with SEO Jim McDeavitt.

Chairman Shadduck stated that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Also, the Board went on record congratulating the Southern Columbia Area football team, coaches and staff on their unprecedented 5th consecutive State championship. Supervisor Madara is looking into an appropriate plaque for the team.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS - nothing offered.

MINUTES of December 12, 2006 regular meeting and January 2, 2007 Reorganization meeting were approved on Payeskie/Wetzel motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Payeskie/Wetzel motion; approval was unanimous.

BILLS were approved for payment as presented on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried. The position of Planning Commission Chairman will be listed as one of the two full-time planners on the PSATS membership dues and subscription bill.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following were noted and accepted into the record:

- ❖ Invitation to attend Public Officials Day luncheon at the PA Farm Show on Jan 11, 2007;
- ❖ Thank you letter from Ralpho Township Business Association for allowing them to conduct their monthly meetings here.
- ❖ Trollinger Consulting Group was authorized to pay \$1,000 from each pension plan to cover consultation services and preparation of 2007 Act 205 actuarial reports on Payeskie/Wetzel motion. Approval was unanimous.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –WETZEL

Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to accept the quotes from Manderback Ford for 2008 Ford F-550 4 x 4 truck chassis with 6 speed manual transmission for \$34,106.70 and from

Bradco Supply for truck equipment package in the amount of \$34,982.99 (total price = \$69,089.69. On the question: purchase will be made under the PACC Contract with the City of Harrisburg. Motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDINGS – HORNE – everything seems to be in order.

Responsive to a request from Supervisor Payeskie, Secretary will obtain prices for flag pole for the Municipal Building.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY –PAYESKIE read the December monthly activity report.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – SHADDUCK reported that 4 permits were issued and \$125.00 in fees collected during December.

RECREATION – in MADARA’s absence, Shadduck stated there is nothing to report.

RECYCLING – SHADDUCK said the drop-off bins are being used; however, to make more residents aware of the recycling opportunity, they will be publicized.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Awaiting copies of revised Heartland Village prints from Mr.Catino.
- Bebenek to Libbey Add-on was tabled to allow surveyor to place appropriate “Not for Development” notation.
- 2007 Meeting Dates – regular meetings will continued the 1st Wednesday beginning at 6:30; work sessions will be the 2nd Wednesdays also at 6:30.
- Vacancy remains to be filled.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Nothing

ENGINEER’S REPORT: - Nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

Manager’s Bond was set at \$25,000 on Wetzel/Horne motion that carried unanimously. Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to appoint three auditors as listed in Secretary’s memo; namely Cathy Kessler, Dave Noll and Betsy Medon. Motion carried. Vacancy remains to be filled on MASO.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2007-01 - waiving member contributions to Police Pension Fund for 2007 was adopted on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and unanimously carried.

Resolution 2007-02 – setting forth Order of Succession was adopted on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried unanimously .

CITIZEN INPUT

Mike Slotterback, Happy Valley Road asked to discuss the drainage pipe there. Engineer confirmed that a DEP permit is needed to replace the pipe. The permitting process is extensive with a hydraulic analysis needed for DEP as well as an erosion and sedimentation plan for County review. Engineer was requested to review their estimate for the work; Roadmaster was asked to contact other firms as well.

Deb Houseknecht of Heartland Village was told that the street will probably be taken over by the Ralpho if and when it meets Township standards. Ms. Houseknecht was referred to MART for answers concerning availability of sewer connections.

At 7:30 PM Chairman convened an Executive Session for personnel matters to meet with SEO.

Meeting was reconvened at 7:52 PM.

Payeskie/Horne motion to table appointing an SEO until a later date carried 3-1 with Shadduck opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM on Payeskie motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin, Secretary