

MINUTES- RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2007 – 6:30 PM

Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 30 S. Market Street, Elysburg, PA 17824

Chairman Howard Shadduck called meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Responding to roll call were: Supervisors Loyd Horne, Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, Shadduck and William Wetzel. Also present were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Township Manager Joe Springer, Code Enforcement/Planning Chairman Howard Howal, Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Bill Hoy, Township Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin, reporter from *Shamokin News Item* and two interested parties.

Mr. Shadduck acknowledged and congratulated the following for their recent athletic accomplishments at Southern Columbia Area HS:

- ❖ Boys' basketball team for their first District title in approximately 10 years;
- ❖ Josh Marks for finishing 5th in State Wrestling finals;
- ❖ Josh Marks and Henry Hynoski for earning full athletic scholarships to Penn State University and Pittsburgh University, respectively.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Nothing

MINUTES of February 20, 2007 Regular meeting were approved on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Payeskie/Horne motion and carried.

BILLS were approved for payment on Wetzel/Madara motion and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –WETZEL

- Salt Contract Participation Agreement due to be filed w/Department of General Services not later than March 31. Madara/Payeskie motioned to list our needs at 175 Tons; motion carried unanimously.
- Advertising for stone and oil supplies in accordance with Roadmaster's request, was authorized on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to adopt the list of Street Name changes as prepared by Howard Howal; approval was unanimous.
- Payeskie/Madara motioned to purchase 12 detailed maps showing revisions and 12 street maps also showing revisions; motion unanimously approved.
- Purchasing necessary street name signs and brackets from Bradco Supply Co. was authorized on Payeskie/Madara motion. On the question: Bradco charges \$38.00 per sign, regardless of the size. Motion unanimously approved.

- Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to cancel the contract for Street Department pagers and include the Roadmaster on the Nextel package. Motion carried.
- Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to pay street worker Wayne Horne \$20 per month toward air time use on his personal cell phone; approval carried.
- Wetzel explained that the trucking company mistakenly delivered a load of our deicing salt to PennDot; PennDot kept that load and we ordered a replacement.
- Reminder - Maintenance Bond on Deerfield improvements expires 3/28/ 2008. Engineer will confirm receipt of “as built” drawings; matter will be revisited again during June meeting.

BUILDINGS – HORNE

- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to install new doors to the MART, Tax and Supervisors offices at an approximate cost of \$1379.00. Approval was unanimous.
- Board members were asked to tour the building noting additional upgrades that are needed; such as, retiling entrance foyer; refinishing wooden floor in hallway, possible site for outdoor flagpole, etc.

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

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – SHADDUCK reported that one permit was issued; fee collected was \$75.00.

RECREATION – MADARA – discussion about the possible cause of the gym floor being slippery. Playground complex restrooms will be opened early to mid-April, depending on weather conditions.

RECYCLING – SHADDUCK – hours have been revised to 7-3:30 Monday thru Friday; and 9 to Noon on Saturdays. Dumpster remains locked on Sunday. Hopefully a second dumpster will be delivered soon; this would be used exclusively for newspapers.

MANAGER’S REPORT - SPRINGER

- Traffic Signal lenses – new lenses were integrated with the recently-installed LED lamps.
- Card-swipe system for gym – board requested additional information and prices for a system with tracking capabilities.
- Recycling Thank You’s will be mailed shortly.
- Shadduck/Payeskie motioned to purchase two chairs for \$195 each and a conference table for \$265. On the question: Wetzel requested information about the \$75 table. Shadduck and Payeskie rescinded their motion.
- Wetzel motioned, Payeskie seconded purchasing two chairs to match meeting room furniture at \$195 each and a used work table for \$75; On the question: no discussion. Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Vacancy remains to be filled

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- Solicitor was authorized to prepare a resolution adopting the New Sewage Enforcement Fee Schedule on Madara/Wetzel motion and carried.
- Resolution 2007-03 amending Section 1008 of the Township Code pertaining to the Township Drug and Alcohol Policy was adopted on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Happy Valley Culvert permit application is ready for signature.

OLD BUSINESS:

- "Sign Ordinance" proposed revisions forwarded to ZHB for comment. Howard Howal explained at length the various provisions of the proposed ordinance. Larry Whary and Frank Berger had questions and offered input concerning the ordinance as it now stands. Supervisors were asked to review the ordinance and be prepared to address the issue during April 10 meeting

Meeting adjourned for approximately 20 minutes for a medical emergency and awaiting ambulance to transport Supervisor Horne who was stricken ill.

- Note was made of the fact that Thursday, March 15th will be the 22nd annual Weather Exercise in conjunction with Weather Emergency Preparedness Week.
- Inland Marine Insurance – contractor's equipment list was reviewed.
- Payeskie reviewed the vehicle list showing coverage and premiums for the fleet of vehicles on our policy. Secretary was directed to have both Fire Departments, the Police and Street departments review the list and determine if it is advisable to lower or possibly remove collision coverage for any vehicle.
- Citing the situation just experienced calling the 9-1-1 center to dispatch an ambulance to our building along with ongoing dispatching problems for Ralpho emergency responders, Payeskie asked Secretary to set up a meeting with County Commissioners and Township personnel in an effort to resolve apparent problems.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Payeskie/Madara motioned to participate in the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council Fuel Oil Bid for the 2007-2008 Heating Season. On the question: Madara was told that "yes", there are different prices for different type deliveries. Motion carried unanimously.
- Shaddock mentioned that an Open House is being held on April 14th to honor Jim "Stecky" Williams for his 50 years in the barber business. Shaddock would like to designate Saturday, April 14th as Jim "Stecky" Williams Day in Ralpho Township.

CITIZEN INPUT

Frank Berger, 97 S. Market Street:

- 1) to Roadmaster and Supervisors, “Job Well Done” for recent snow removal;
- 2) Sign Ordinance – applauds Supervisors for requesting citizen input before taking action;
- 3) Commented on very pungent odor his Committee experienced during Christmas tree pickup in January. Odor persisted from about 10:30 AM until 2:30 PM – they were able to locate three lit burn barrels. Request the Supervisor review the burning ordinance.

Shaddock/Payeskie motioned to refer the Burning Ordinance to Planning Commission for review and comment. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for transaction, meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 followed immediately thereafter by an Executive Session for personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin
Township Secretary