

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2007 – 6:30 PM

Held in Municipal Building Meeting Room, 206 S. Market Street, Elysburg, PA 17824

Vice Chairman William Wetzel called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Responding to roll call were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie and William Wetzel. Supervisor Loyd Horne was unable to attend because of illness and Supervisor Howard Shaddock was absent because of work. Also present were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Bill Hoy, Manager Joseph Springer, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Howard Howal, Planning Commission Secretary Charles Shultz and Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin along with several interested parties.

Wetzel announced that an executive session was held on April 18th to discuss personnel matters.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Frank Berger was assured that the public would be allowed to address the Board during the Planning Commission's discussion on burning ordinance.

Madara/Wetzel motioned to ratify advertising for bids for 2007 street paving project.

Wetzel declared the bid process closed for 2007 street paving project. Bids were opened read and tabulated (see attachment). Payeskie/Madara motioned to table award to allow additional time for review and consideration of bids. On the question: a Special meeting will be held Tuesday May 15th beginning at 7 PM for the specific purpose of awarding contract. Motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES of April 10, 2007 Regular meeting were approved on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried. .

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as presented on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried.

BILLS were approved for payment as presented, including the \$2500 budgeted for Ralpho Youth Sports Association on motion by Payeskie, seconded by Madara and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Manager Joe Springer was authorized to represent Ralpho Township at the fuel oil bid opening at CSIU on May 15 on Madara/Payeskie motion and carried.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –WETZEL - the roads to be tarred and chipped will be selected by Roadmaster Bill Hoy.

- Delivery of the new truck is expected sometime late May.

BUILDINGS – MADARA IN HORNE’S ABSENCE

- New Office doors will be ordered shortly.
- Review estimates for needed repairs and/or maintenance to municipal buildings and property.
- Payeskie/Wetzel motioned to accept the proposal from Randy James in the amount of \$3065.00 for refinishing the hallway hardwood floors. Motion was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY –PAYESKIE

- Accepting and executing \$5000 DCED contract document and Payment Requisition was authorized by Madara/Wetzel motion and carried.
- Christian J. Dailey was promoted from part-time police officer to the rank of full-time Patrolman II on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried. On the question: he is expected to assume full-time position around May 23rd.
- Wetzel asked Police Chief to look into drivers going the wrong way on S. Walnut Street.
- Madara to direct the Haven Heights Furniture to restore the red paint on the fire hydrant near their store to it can be quickly located by fire department personnel.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – in SHADDUCK’s absence, Wetzel reported that 20 permits were issued and \$1655.73 collected along with some other fees.

- In view of recent request for refund of permit fees, solicitor was directed to prepare a Refund Policy Resolution for Board’s consideration at June meeting.

RECREATION – MADARA – maintenance issues previously discussed under buildings.

RECYCLING ongoing.

MANAGER’S REPORT - SPRINGER reported:

- Gym Access Control System will be installed around May 15th.
- Pressure Washer – Madara/Payeskie motioned to purchase Landa PG4 belt drive model. On the question: price is \$1887 plus shipping. Approval was unanimous.
- Attended DCNR grant workshop on May 1. Regional rep, Wes Fahringer plans to visit in June to review proposed bleacher and gym floor projects.
- As suggested by Dave Cowl, Anskis Construction is preparing specs for exterior gym refinishing.

- Insulating exterior walls using injected insulation will be considered. Springer was asked to have DCNR consider possibly adding the exterior wall refinishing and insulation to grant application.
- Maps – Rich Parsons is waiting additional information from Union County to complete the map update.

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PLANNING COMMISSION by Secretary Charles Shultz

- Burning Ordinance – lengthy discussion on possible changes - solicitor was directed to prepare less stringent revision than that proposed by Planning Commission.
- Sign Ordinance – Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to authorize advertising revisions to the Sign Ordinance; approval was unanimous.
- Vacancy remains to be filled
- Bebenek- Madara/Payeskie motion to accept Planning Commission recommendation and approve minor add-on subdivision of Frank J. and Elizabeth C. Bebenek to Mary Libbey carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – one matter for discussion at Executive Session immediately following meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

- Sunoco – McDowell – a review of DEP files is scheduled for May 15th; engineer was asked to invite DEP personnel to our June meeting to discuss the matter.
- Deerfield – Cardell - based on engineer’s recommendation, secretary was directed to send letter to Fine Line Homes advising that maintenance deficiencies in the detention basin need to be addressed within seven (7) days in accordance with the township stormwater plan.
- DEP permits - Happy Valley Road and Bear Hollow Road Culvert replacement – permits are expected to be signed within the next day or two.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Noting the limited savings and the increased exposure by increasing deductibles, Wetzel recommended that the vehicle insurance coverage be allowed to remain as is.
- Police Chief Appel reported that the approximate cost for security hardware to protect Township computers from potential hacking by library internet users would cost between \$500 and \$700.00. Madara/Payeskie motioned to authorize purchasing the hardware as stated plus four CYBERSitter business licenses at an additional cost of \$79.80; approval unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: - nothing for discussion.

CITIZEN INPUT – none.

Wetzel announced that an Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment to discuss possible litigation.

ADJOURNMENT: - meeting adjourned at 9:21 on Payeskie's motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin
Ralpho Township Secretary