

MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2007 – 6:30 PM

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

Chairman Howard Shadduck called meeting to order at 6:37 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Responding to roll call were Supervisors Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, Howard Shadduck, and Joseph Shirvinski. Supervisor William Wetzel is on vacation. Also attending were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Township Manager Joseph Springer, Code Officer Howard Howal, Roadmaster Bill Hoy, Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin, approximately a dozen citizens and interested parties.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Discussing Burning: Jean Crago, West Valley Avenue asked the Board to not eliminate Saturdays as burn days; Allen Horoshock of 259 Mountain Road asked that the distance for placing burn barrels from neighboring properties be increased.

Kase Street – Heartland Development: Joe Humprey and Rick Deitrich said that the ditch along Kase Street in the Heartland Development is not sufficient to carry stormwater and causes problems with water in basements.

MINUTES of June 12, 2007 regular meeting were approved on Payeskie/Shirvinski motion and carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted as presented on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried.

BILLS were approved for payment as presented on Payeskie/Madara motion and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received copy of Howard Shadduck’s letter resigning his seat on the Municipal Authority of Ralpho Township effective July 9.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –by Roadmaster Hoy

- Paving Project should be completed tomorrow (July 11)
- Line painting - Payeskie/Madara motioned to accept the lone quote of Interstate Road Management, as follows: 21,277 LF 4” double yellow @ \$0.12 = \$2,565.24; restripe existing parking lot, including police parking, handicap symbols, fire lanes and layout and paint new parking lot w/approx 46 parking stalls = \$1250.00 for a project total of \$3815.24. Approval was unanimous.
- New truck might be ready to pickup this Friday.
- Township cannot assist Lori Olshefski, 140 Sunset Drive with water problem involving swale on private property.
- Secretary was directed to send letter to an Overlook resident who is suspected of marking newly-paved street with bucket from heavy equipment today shortly after resurfacing was done today.

BUILDINGS –MADARA

- New Office doors are in - will be installed in near future.
- Supervisors must select tile for hallway project; still waiting certificate of insurance.
- Shadduck appointed Supervisor Shirvinski to the Buildings Department; Madara agreed to assist Shirvinski.

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

- Properties – Sight problems – Chief Appel spoke w/property owners in question; they agreed to allow Street department personnel do the work. After Solicitor approves the liability release and property owners sign off, work can be done.
- Based on Police Chief's recommendation, Payeskie/Madara motioned to authorize solicitor to prepare an ordinance making Kase Street "One Way" traveling from Hillside Avenue to Route 487; motion unanimously approved.
- Payeskie/Madara motion to authorize Chairman to sign a letter to PennDot requesting a traffic study on Airport Road carried unanimously.
- Payeskie/Shirvinski motioned to authorize Solicitor to prepare an ordinance establishing 25 MPH speed limit on Bear Hollow Road. On the question: Roadmaster was requested to order appropriate signs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Payeskie reported that the \$5000 check was received for the DCED grant Representative Belfanti helped obtain for the Police Department. It will be used to purchase new side arms and holsters as well as surveillance cameras for the police parking lot and station. Secretary was requested to send Mr. Belfanti a Thank You letter for his continued support.
- Payeskie/Shirvinski motioned to make a \$500 contribution to the Ralpho Township Library in memory of Loyd Horne as well as presenting the Horne family with a certificate in appreciation of Loyd's many years of dedicated service to Ralpho Township. Motion carried unanimously.
- As requested by Payeskie, a certificate will be prepared for presenting to Dr. Rodriguez in recognition of his 55+ years of medical practice.
- Chief will be contacted regarding status of hiring part-time officer(s).
- Madara/Payeskie motioned to contact Northumberland County Commissioners and 9-1-1 personnel requesting a meeting at earliest possible time to discuss a recent situation.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – SHADDUCK reported that 12 permits were issued and \$1748 fees collected.

RECREATION – MADARA

After consideration of information gathered by township manager and the information requested by insurance carrier, no further action will be taken regarding a skateboard park at this time.

A maintenance log will be established to document when the playground equipment is checked and serviced.

RECYCLING – SHADDUCK stated that recycling has really taken off. Unfortunately there is an ongoing problem with people mixing green glass in with brown. A solution is being worked on.

MANAGER’S REPORT - SPRINGER

- Gym Access Control System has been installed; access cards will be distributed.
- Lettering on entrance door now depicts the enhanced 9-1-1 address of 206 S. Market Street.
- Bid – painting exterior gym walls is estimated at \$44,000 with the better grade finish. Another option being considered is vinyl siding - not ready to advertise for bids yet.
- Township map update by Parsons as his schedule permits.
- Act 904 Recycling Performance Grant will be filed to meet October 1 deadline.

PLANNING COMMISSION – since the regular meeting date was the July 4th holiday, Commission will meet July 11.

- Vacancy remains to be filled
- Burning Ordinance will be considered during July 11 meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: - Nothing to report

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

- Sunoco – McDowell – Madara/Shirvinski motioned to send a letter with a copy of our ordinance stating they are in violation and the grass needs to be cut.
- Happy Valley /Sugar Hollow DEP permit received

OLD BUSINESS:

- Deerfield – Detention Basin & Swale – Fine Line Homes wrote advising that the work on the swale has been completed; engineer will be asked to check out the work on her next visit to the area.
- Payroll Direct Deposit – in progress w/PLGIT

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheryl Mazeikas, Vice President of the Meadow Brook Manor Homeowners Association spoke on behalf of the Homeowners Association. Requested the ditch along N. Scenic drive be cleaned out; claimed water is causing problems at the deck areas of condo property owners. Homeowners Association asked whose responsibility is that? Ms. Mazeikas was asked to bring back copies of the development plans as recorded in the Court House; board will study the matter further.

CITIZEN INPUT nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT adjourned at 8:29 on motion by Payeskie.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin, Secretary