

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 11, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.**

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman William Wetzel who led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Responding to roll call were: Supervisors Ed Payeskie, Howard Shadduck and Wetzel. Supervisor Joe Shirvinski arrived at approximately 6:35; Supervisor Madara was absent. Also attending were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Township Manager Joe Springer, Roadmaster Bill Hoy, Code Enforcement Officer Howard Howal, Township Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin, several residents and interested parties.

No citizen input was offered on agenda items.

Bidding process for oil and stone supplies was closed. Bids were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Payeskie/Shadduck motioned to accept the apparent low bids of Corson Quarries for the stone supplies and HRI, Inc. for the oil supplies. On the question: awards are contingent upon bids meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

MINUTES of February 19, 2008 Regular meeting were approved on Shadduck/Shirvinski motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as presented on Shadduck/Shirvinski motion and carried.

BILLS were approved for payment as presented, including invoice from Randy James but EXCLUDING statement from 3-B on Shadduck/Payeskie motion and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSATS – Annual Membership Update for CDL Program was noted.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –Wetzel

- Deerfield Maintenance Bond expires March 28, 2008 – engineer sent letter to developer telling of the sealing work that needs to be done.
- 2008 Paving Project - Payeskie/Shirvinski motioned to authorize advertising 2008 street paving project which include base repair, wearing course and asphalt joint and crack sealing for Hillside Avenue. Repairs to Catman Hollow and Windom Lane will also be included in bid. On the question: bids will be opened during regular meeting of April 8. Motion unanimously approved.

BUILDINGS –Shirvinski

Estimate for automatic opener for door at top of ramp was received for approximately \$2,000, not including necessary electrical work. Accordingly, Supervisors deduced that

the having an automatic opener on the second door would double the estimate and possibly require obtaining telephone bids. Township manager was requested to obtain telephone quotes for installation of automatic openers on the two glass doors.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Payeskie read report of police activity for month of February.

ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT – Shadduck reported that six (6) permits were issued; fees collected were \$720.99.

RECREATION – report by Wetzel in Madara’s absence.

- Gym /wrestling match is being planned for June 7.
- Resurfacing tennis court material costs were submitted to Madara for review.
- Basketball rim/net and tennis court net purchases costs also given to Madara for consideration.
- Shirvinski/Payeskie motioned to authorize use of the gym to hold a benefit basketball tournament for the Derek Crowl Memorial Scholarship. On the question: dates are April 19 and 20th. Further on the question: all participants in the tournament will be required to sign a waiver in case of injury. Motion unanimously approved.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Shirvinski

Solicitor advised that while the Supervisors can financially support an Historical Commission, it should be formed by residents who are sincerely interested in preserving historical sites and information about Ralpho Township.

RECYCLING – Shadduck reported that beginning April 1st, Saturday recycling hours will be from 7 AM to 1 PM; times for Monday through Friday remain 7AM to 3 PM.

Shadduck has registered our Free Dumpster Day with Pa Great Clean-up that runs from April 19 to May 3. Our Dumpster Day will be Saturday April 26 from 8 AM until noon or when the three dumpsters are filled (whichever occurs first).

MANAGER’S REPORT - Springer noted: Recreation grant it is process; bid package being assembled for storage building; library lock was changed and rear gym door repaired.

Manager suggested he be added to Township CDL program.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Chairman Howard Howal recommended some language changes in Part 11 of our Code as it pertains to add-on subdivisions.

Two subdivisions (1 major and 1 add-on) for Frances Y. Leisenring Estate and sewage planning modules were approved as recommended by Planning Commission on Payeskie/Wetzel motion and carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Tabled from February meeting:

- FEMA sent info re updating Flood Insurance Rate Map – Ralpho must adopt Floodplain management regulations in accordance with NFIP regulations prior to July 16, 2008 .
- Refuse bank adjacent to Bottle Drive – no action required .
- Mutual Aide Agreement/Catawissa Borough/Ralpho Township – no action required at this time.
- Drainage Issue – awaiting reply from Hoffman/Fitzpatrick.
- Krushinski - Solicitor understands that the Engineer has provided them with survey data.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

William Henry financial escrow has been received; no stormwater management plan submitted.

Creekside Development – plan review awaiting financial escrow being established.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Payeskie/Shadduck approved a fire hydrant installation at SR 54 and Bear Gap Drive in conjunction with Aqua PA water main replacement project being planned for SR 54. Motion carried unanimously.

Vacancies Remaining to be filled:

- Auditor position
- MART position and
- MASO position.
- Shadduck/Shirvinski motioned to ratify accepting insurance proposal from Gannon Associates for March 5 renewal. Total premium for Package Policy, Workers Comp, Public Officials Liability and Police Professional Liability is \$64,062.00. Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: - Nothing for discussion.

CITIZEN INPUT

Joe Krushinski asked Engineer what was on the CD she gave him. Does it contain answers to his son's specific questions? Reply: CD provides survey data; elevation of service. It does not include information about inside service in the homes, the numbers of bathrooms or where they are located. It gives floor elevation for where the service is being provided. Concerning additional questions being directed to Ms. Aukerman, it was explained that she was not involved with this MASO project and therefore does not have the answers to questions being posed by Mr. Krushinski; work was done by a different engineer in their firm who has supplied the requested survey data.

Robert Clark for Clark's Feed Mills told Supervisors about plant upgrades currently being considered. Plant is located in Industrial Zone and has been in business since 1929.

Bruce Eyre of Catman Hollow Road spoke at length about drainage problem they recently experienced. Mr. Eyre was told to obtain a driveway permit application from Secretary and replace his existing 4" driveway pipe with 15" pipe in accordance with our ordinance. Roadmaster would be on site to offer guidance and input.

Bob Katalenas asked about the advance of LST receipts the ambulance association has received; with the loss of LST taxes now that Paper Magic is closing, how will ambulance association deal with the decrease in revenue?

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters will be held immediately following conclusion of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – there being no further business to be transacted, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion by Shadduck.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joan E. Baskin
Ralpho Township Secretary**