

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 13, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.**

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

Chairman William Wetzel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Attending were: Supervisors Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, Howard Shadduck; Joe Shirvinski and Wetzel. Also attending were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Township Manager Joe Springer, Code Officer Howard Howal, Roadmaster Bill Hoy and Township Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin. No reporters or citizens attended.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS – nothing offered.

MINUTES of April 8, 2008 Regular meeting were approved on Shadduck/Payeskie motion and carried.

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

BILLS were discussed and approved for payment on Payeskie/Shirvinski motion. On the question: 3B Cleaning will be contacted and adjustment taken on their statement for February 8 services to gym floor. Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE - Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers forwarded increased rates which would take effect with their June billing. Board voiced displeasure with proposed mid-year increase. Madara/Shirvinski motioned to table action on letter to allow Ms. Aukerman to gather additional information.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –Wetzel

- Weight Limit - Yuchas Road was discussed. Madara/Payeskie motioned to advertise weight limit. On the question: Solicitor to consult with Police Chief concerning possibly including Turkey Hill Road. Motion carried.
- Additional Paving – Payeskie/Madara motioned to accept lowest telephone quotes; motion carried.
- Truck Repairs - action tabled until next month to check on products being used by each shop for undercoating frames of 2001 Ford and/or 2004 International trucks.

BUILDINGS –Shirvinski

Automatic door openers/electrical wiring – signed acceptance form submitted to Reliable Glass; Wayne Horne will be asked if he would be comfortable doing the job; if not, other arrangements will be made.

Madara and Hoy checked generator status; red light was not on and hours were advanced from previous inspection.

Letters about heat conservation will be distributed in early September to groups using the gym, meeting room and offices.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Payeskie read Police activity report. Aqua Pa. plans to install new fire hydrant with Sturtz connection at Pine & Pearle Streets; township requests hydrant also be relocated from resident's yard to location nearer ROW of one of the streets.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Shadduck reported that 13 permits were issued and \$1110.75 in fees collected.

RECREATION – Madara

- Gym /wrestling match - Certificate of Insurance naming Ralpho Township as additional insured has been received.
- Resurfacing tennis court referred to Manager Springer.
- Basketball rim/net OK; tennis court net purchase also referred to Springer.
- Madara/Payeskie motioned to obtain estimate from Whistle Stop Fence Company for playground for gate repair & replacing fencing w/gate. Motion carried.
- Secretary was directed to contact DMS to inquire about wood carpet for playground.
- Basketball court lights were reported as not working properly.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Shirvinski

- Establishing Historical Commission – Dave Dyer letter setting forth names of five persons interested in serving on Historical Commission. Shirvinski/Shadduck motioned to approve the Township's paying necessary incorporation/registration fees and associated costs; approval was unanimous. Solicitor's firm will donate their services.
- PPL poles/banners - Secretary believes there is a map available depicting PPL poles in Ralpho Township - will try to locate it to help identify poles for placing banners.

RECYCLING – Shadduck stated that Dumpster Day was extremely successful; 188 vehicles were served; 72 burn barrels were received; 6 dumpsters were filled in addition to the one for metal. After receipts for metals and paying hauling and disposal costs, net cost to the township was \$761.30. Thank you letters will be sent to the volunteers who worked so diligently to make the day so successful.

Second dumpster is on line to accept plastics; the second dumpster for cardboard will be put on line after it has been painted.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Springer said: recreation grant was submitted on April 23rd covering new gym floor and bleachers. Total project costs are \$89,900.

- Pole building for storage building was discussed; Supervisors do not want any space between new and existing buildings. Springer was directed to prepare bid specs for pole building.
- Comprehensive planning process was discussed with John Boback; Springer attended grant writing workshop on May 7th as well as May 12 meeting on alternative bid for heating oil.

PLANNING COMMISSION had no plans for consideration. Sewage planning module for separating the old stone house from the residual tract or the Frances Leising Estate was approved on Madara/Shaddock motion and carried unanimously.

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. Madara/Shaddock motioned to authorize advertising necessary changes to Ralpho's Flood Plain Ordinance to meet NFIP regulations. On the question: note was made of July 16, 2008 deadline. Motion unanimously approved.
- Madara/Shaddock motion directing Solicitor to write to Daniel Honaberger explaining status of plans for Creekside Development carried unanimously.
- Joan Ciecchiello complaint about a building permit purportedly issued to another party to construct a 3 car garage on her property will be reviewed with Code Officer.
- Awaiting reply from Ethics Commission.

ENGINEER'S REPORT -

- Received nothing on William D. Henry site for stormwater review.
- Forwarded information and sample ordinance language to Supervisors and Zoning Officer regarding wind energy facilities (windmills).

OLD BUSINESS:

Vacancy remains to be filled on MASO.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heating Oil – CSIU bid process – being re-bid; Manager will report back additional info as available.
- Act 7 of 2008 takes effect May 16.
- SB 1063 (currently in House Finance Committee) was noted. The bill proposes establishing a county-wide earned income tax collection system.
- Mossy Point Campground – Holding Tank security bond expires May 27. Reminder sent. Supervisors authorized looking into proposed ordinance dealing with camp sites.

CITIZEN INPUT - no one in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT - meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on motion by Payeskie.

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters followed immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin
Ralpho Township Secretary

