

**MINUTES - RALPHO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR
MONTHLY MEETING - JUNE 10, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.**

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was let by Vice Chairman Ed Payeskie. Responding to roll call were Supervisors Blaine Madara, Payeskie, Howard Shaddock and Joe Shirvinski. Supervisor William Wetzal was absent. Also attending were Solicitor Todd Kerstetter, Engineer Michele Aukerman, Code Officer Howard Howal, Township Manager Joe Springer, Police Chief Stu Appel, Roadmaster Bill Hoy and Township Secretary/Treasurer Joan Baskin, several citizens and News-Item reporter.

CITIZEN INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- ❖ **Mary Schramm**, 4939 Route 54 - the time delay in obtaining permits to burn was explained.
- ❖ Shirvinski/Madara motioned to appoint Doyle Horne as assistant Code Officer. On the question: appointment would be at his current rate of pay; duties will be as selected by Supervisors. Motion unanimously approved.
- ❖ **Joshua Snyder**, 268 E. Valley Avenue told of sewer odors that at times emanate from his toilet; it was suggested that Mr. Snyder take his concerns to MART's meeting this coming Thursday.
- ❖ **Joe Krushinski** read a letter from his son Kevin about basement sewer service to Kevin's home on Emworth Avenue.

MINUTES of May 13, 2008 Regular meeting were approved on Shaddock/Shirvinski motion and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as presented on Shaddock/Shirvinski motion and carried.

BILLS on the bills list and addendum were approved for payment on Shaddock/Shirvinski motion and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **Trollinger Consulting Group** sent 2007 Financial Statements for each pension plan.
- ❖ **Ralpho Youth Sports Association** request for financial support, and purchasing advertising signs for ball field fences was noted.
- ❖ **Eastern Industries, Inc.** announcing fuel surcharge and asking municipalities to contract state and federal representatives challenging them to evaluate our national needs and to develop a sound energy policy in line with our national interests. Madara/Shaddock motion to send letter as requested carried.
- ❖ **Kevin Krushinski** ltr proposing solution to basement sewer issue to his property was discussed earlier under "Citizen Input on Agenda Items".

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

STREET DEPARTMENT –Wetzel

- ❖ Solicitor conducted hearing on proposed ordinance imposing Weight Limit on - Yuchas and Turkey Hill Roads; no citizen input. Ordinance 168 was adopted on Madara/Shirvinski motion and carried.
- ❖ Paving in addition to our contract is completed. This included repairs to Yucha Road and Bear Hollow Road as well as near recycling dumpsters.
- ❖ Tabled from May meeting - undercoating frames of 2001 Ford and/or 2004 International trucks. Secretary was asked to contact both Bradco and Sunbury Ford for clarification concerning the products they would use.
- ❖ Necessary yearly traffic signal maintenance work was completed today.
- ❖ Roadmaster told of problem with drain pipe on Persing property along Rte 54. Pipe replacement could exceed \$2000 and there is the potential need to redo driveway. Township manager and roadmaster were asked to meet with property owner to see if anything can be worked out to lessen the expense.

BUILDINGS –Shirvinski

- ❖ Automatic door openers are installed.
- ❖ Shaddock/Shirvinski motioned to offer the old office doors to any township employee who wants them. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY – Payeskie read report of monthly activity.

Responsive to Police Department notification that their contract will expire on Dec 31, 2008, Payeskie appointed Springer and Madara as Supervisors' negotiating representatives with Payeskie as alternate.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT – Shaddock reported that Howal issued 14 permits; fees were \$1090.70.

RECREATION – Madara

- ❖ Gym /wrestling match on June 7 was successful.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Shirvinski

PPL poles/banners being worked on.

Possible participation and theme for All Home Days discussed.

RECYCLING – Shaddock said participation continues very strong; however, there were problems recently with plastic containers from oil-based products. These contaminate the entire content of the dumpster and continued violations could result in termination of the plastic recycling.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Recreation grant awards for gym floor and bleacher project will be announced sometime during the State's 2008-08 fiscal year.

Madara/Shadduck motioned to accept alternate heating oil bid from Joint Purchasing Council as explained by manager Springer. Today's price was \$3.86 with 27 cent IMEX adjustment for a total of \$4.13 per gallon. On the question: price is subject to adjustment either every 3 or 6 months during the contract. Motion carried unanimously. Madara/Shirvinski motioned to purchase two (2) tennis court nets from George Ely Associates at cost of \$312.00. Approval was unanimous. Playworld is supplying a no-cost repair kit for the playground bench caps and vinyl coating.

PLANNING COMMISSION had no plans for Board's consideration.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- ❖ Solicitor convened a hearing on proposed revision to the floodplain management ordinance. Hearing no objections, Shirvinski/Shadduck motioned to adopt Ordinance 169 as advertised; motion unanimously approved.
- ❖ A sample Camp Ground Ordinance was directed to Planning Commission for their review and comment.
- ❖ Solicitor met with Dave Dyer; formation of the Ralpho Township Historic Preservation Committee has begun, but it will be a lengthy process.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - submitted report to Planning Commission on the Sabo conceptual plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ❖ MASO position remains to be filled.
- ❖ Tabled From May meeting Uni-Tec rate increase - Uni-Tec send second letter explaining their position and the need to increase rates.
- ❖ Mossy Point Campground – Holding Tank security bond continuation form was timely received.
- ❖ William D. Henry – stormwater review - solicitor filed citation with Magistrate for Henry's failing to comply with Ralpho's ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2008-04 supporting strong trade policy and asking our representatives to discontinue unfair trade practices was adopted on Madara/Shadduck motion and carried.

CITIZEN INPUT - None

At 8:15 PM an executive session was convened to inspect site for proposed pole building construction and for personnel matters. Regular meeting reconvened at approximately 9:30 PM.

Shadduck/Shirvinski motioned to advertise for bids for pole building. On the question: bids to be opened at July 8 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Officer Christian Dailey was promoted to Police Officer III on Madara/Shadduck motion. On the question: promotion to be retroactive to May 24. Approval was unanimous.

Madara/Shadduck motioned to authorize township manager to perform a financial review of Ambulance Association in conjunction with Act 7 of 2008; approval was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT - there being nothing further for discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan E. Baskin
Ralpho Township Secretary