

MONTHLY MEETING - MAY 12, 2009 - 6:30 P.M.

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

Chairman Howard Shaddock called meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Responding to roll call were Supervisors Howard Shaddock, Blaine Madara, Ed Payeskie, Joe Shirvinski and Supervisor Chip Wetzel. Also attending were Township Manager Joe Springer, Township Engineer Michele Aukerman, Roadmaster Bill Hoy; Steve Major, Chairman Planning Commission; Code Enforcement Officer Howard Howal, Secretary/Treasurer Debra Olson, Byron Basset of CCSI, Jim King of Shamokin Area Industrial Corporation and 2 interested citizens.

Supervisor Chip Wetzel read a proclamation declaring the week of May 17-23 Emergency Medical Services Week in Ralpho Township to honor our fire fighters and EMS workers for the excellent job they do.

CITIZENS INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Jack Lakitis was at the meeting to discuss street lights he had brought to the board's attention at a prior meeting. Chief Appel looked into the matter and he agreed that we should have PennDot look into placing lights at Pearle Street and State Rt 487, Hemlock and Monastery Road and he also recommended a light at Mountain Rd and State Rt 61. Wetzel/Shirvinski made a motion to have the secretary write a letter to PennDot to have them do a study on possible street lights at those 3 locations in the township. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lakitis also asked about the timing of the signal and Chief Appel has spoke to a representative from PennDot and they are in contact with the company that services our light and it should be fixed in the next week.

Byron Bassett, CCSI Inc. stated that he would answer any questions in regard to his bid for boiler replacement.

Supervisor Shirvinski left at 6:55 p.m.

Payeskie/Wetzel made a motion to reject all previous bids for boiler replacement. Motion carried with Supervisor Shirvinski absent from vote.

Madara/Wetzel made a motion on the advice of solicitor because of a change of scope on the Boiler Replacement to change specs and re-advertise. Motion carried with Supervisor Shirvinki absent for vote.

Supervisor Shirvinski arrived back at meeting at 7:05p.m.

Bidding process for Paving and Seal Coat Contracts was officially closed.

Bids for paving contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to accept the apparent low bid of Meckley Limestone for the Paving

Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

Bids for seal coat contract were opened, tabulated and considered (see tabulation sheet). Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to accept the apparent low bid of Hammaker East Ltd. for the Seal Coat Contract. On the question: award is contingent upon bid meeting all legal, bonding and insurance requirements. Motion unanimously approved.

MINUTES of April 14, 2009 regular meeting were approved on Shirvinski/Madara motion and carried.

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

BILLS were approved for payment on Payeskie/Madara motion. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Jim King Shamokin Area Industrial Corporation/Keystone Opportunity Zone discussion to extend the current KOZ for 2 properties in Ralpho Township. Madara/Payeskie made a motion to pass resolution 2009-05 Keystone Opportunity Zone to extend the KOZ. Motion carried.
- DEP lack of funds for SEO reimbursement.
- Catawissa Lumber DEP Air Quality State Only Permit.
- Elysburg Fire Company Thank You for April 6, 2009.
- Kenneth Crowl, Inc. burn permit.
- 1st Quarter 2008 Investment Reports for pensions were received from TCG Investment and are available for review in the Township Office.
- Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to apply to host a summer youth worker through the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation in partnership with PA Careerlink of Northumberland County. Motion carried.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to send Debra Olson, Bill Hoy and Wayne Horne to West branch Council of Governments 10th Annual Equipment Show and Training Day on May 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION – Steve Major, Chairman

- Creekside Subdivision new plans and letter turned in tonight have not been reviewed by Planning Commission. Will possibly need another extension.
- Queen of Most Holy Rosary classroom building addition was discussed. The Planning Commission did not move on this because of storm water management which had not been approved by Township Engineer at the time of their meeting and because of a parking question. Madara/Payeskie made a motion that it be tabled until Township gets approval by Planning Commission in June and come back to Supervisors next meeting. Motion carried.
- Payeskie/Madara made a motion to approve the Edna M. Ehret Final Minor Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.
- Wetzel/Payeskie motioned to approve the Joseph A. and Sandra Shepard Final Major Subdivision with Component 2 sewage module. Motion carried.

- Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to approve the Grace Independent Chapel Final Add-on Subdivision. Motion carried.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Payeskie

- Grader repair will wait until more information.
- Street crew attended a flagging training in April.

BUILDINGS – Madara

- Roof repair will be discussed at a future date.
- Shirvinski/Payeskie motion made to do specs for painting of the gym and advertising for that project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Madara motion, Wetzel seconded to enhance the area around the flag pole area. Have the street department do it when they have time. Motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY –Wetzel.

- Police report was read.
- Madara/Wetzel motioned to start withholding medicare for Chief Appel and Sergeant Kreisher at .0145 of gross pay as the other officers receive. Motion carried.
- 3 police cruisers will be sent to Tire Ranch for maintenance and 2 police cars and 1 township pickup will be sent to Ray Snarsky's garage.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT read by Supervisor Shirvinski.

- There were 11 permits issued and fees of \$999.00 collected. Several Occupancy Permits were issued, several burn permits and several barrels removed.
- Amusement licenses were collected for a total of \$2,950.00.

RECREATION – Madara

- Looking into gym door replacement.
- Northwest Academy work detail took place April 23rd and April 24th. Thank you to the Street Department for working on the playground and it looks really good. Benches should be cleaned and repaired.

RECYCLING – Shaddock

- Program is working well at this point with new hours.

MANAGER'S REPORT - by Springer.

- DCNR Grant application deadline missed will apply again next year.
- Madara/Payeskie motioned to send Township Manager to attend training on Act 32 EIT collection for 2010 at a cost of \$20. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT –

- Solicitor Todd Kerstetter was absent because of an illness.

ENGINEER'S REPORT –

- Queen of Most Holy Rosary Building Project was discussed and since the planning meeting the storm water management has been approved by the engineer.

- Henry, William D. site development storm water plan, no developments from last meeting. Discussion of engineer doing actual work and bill the township and then the township will bill from escrow account. Motion made by Wetzel and seconded by Madara to have Engineer get a release from Solicitor to go ahead, motion carried, Payeskie and Shadduck voted no.
- Asked Michele Aukerman, Township Engineer, to bring her supervisor next month for a meeting prior to the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Auditors positions** - 1 position remains to be filled.
- **Municipal Authority of Sunnyside/Overlook**, 1 vacancy, 5 year term, term would expire January 2012.
- Retirement gift and celebration for Joan Baskin were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetzel/Shirvinski motioned to release the \$2,500 budgeted for the 2009 season to Ralpho Youth Sports. Motion carried unanimously.
- Shirvinski/Madara motioned for Secretary/Treasurer to attend Document Retention webinar at a cost of \$35. Motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT –

Chairman Shadduck announced that there would be an executive session to discuss personnel matters at this time.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:34 PM on motion by Wetzel.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Olson
Ralpho Township Secretary